Hills Garlic Festival roots uncovered – how it flowered into the huge event it is today

by Jan McEvoy

Will school start as scheduled on September 2?

"I honestly don’t know. Anything can happen," said Ric Barbato, the new Arrow Lakes Teachers' Association president.

The government has announced "Temporary Education Support" of $40 per day to parents of children under 13 for every day that schools are not open due to the labour dispute. Parents can register for the one-time payment starting in September. The payment will be provided within 30 days after the month that schools re-open. More information is at bcparentinfo.ca. "I would really like our teachers to be in the classroom on September 2. That’s one desire here at the BCTF. The main goal is to reach a negotiated fair deal. We’ve asked for mediation and Vince Ready is on deck to do that. It’s just a matter of having the two parties come to the table and make a fair deal. We want better working conditions for teachers, which means better learning conditions for students," concluded Barbato.

The Valhalla Pure store is moving uptown

The old gas station and restaurant building at the corner of Hwy 6 and New Denver’s main street is coming down to make way for a brand new Valhalla Pure store. Full story coming soon.

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Debate ignites over smart meter-related fires in British Columbia

by Jan McMurray

Shortly after Saskatchewan’s smart meter program was put on hold due to eight of the meters catching fire, the BC Coalition to Stop Smart Meters (BCCSSM) has released a report called, The truth about Smart Meter Fires and Failures in British Columbia.’

The coalition’s report documents evidence of several incidents of fire, sparks or smoke associated with smart meters in BC.

To gather this evidence, BCCSSM researchers made Freedom of Information requests to the Office of the Fire Commissioner, the BC Safety Authority, and BC Hydro. They asked about smart meter-related fires that have been reported in the media, as well as about smart meter-related fires and other incidents they learned about from victims.

In response to the coalition’s report, Sbirta Loicero of BC Hydro points out, “The documents that smart meter opponents are circulating show there isn’t a single case of a fire caused by a BC Hydro smart meter. In fact, there is no evidence that a BC Hydro smart meter has ever been the cause of a fire in British Columbia.

It is interesting to note that the eight fires in Saskatchewan have not been found to be caused by smart meters, either. The fires in Saskatchewan are under investigation. Meanwhile, the Saskatchewan government feels that the safety concerns are significant enough to order SaskPower to change out all 150,000 smart meters the company has installed in the province with analogue meters.

On June 17, in response to the BC Coalition to Stop Smart Meters’ Freedom of Information request, BC Hydro provided the coalition with a list of 26 “significant electrical events” that happened during smart meter installation, a few days after installation, and more than three months after installation. The BC Hydro letter accompanying the list of events states that “…none of the incidents included in the table have been ‘attributed’ to the presence of a smart meter, or to the installation of a smart meter as distinct from any other type of meter.”

Here are some examples of the BC Hydro list of events: “Faulty breaker and blown fuse cause loud bang and smoke immediately after meter installed.”

“Preliminary investigation indicates excessive consumption load overheated socket and created fire.”

“Troublelesh – reported a house fire, Fire Department called the fire in. Crew comments that house and meter destroyed by the time the FLT arrived. Crew comments do not specify a cause of the fire.”

BCCSSM also received reports of fires and similar incidents connected to smart meters from the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner and the BC Safety Authority. The BC Safety Authority’s 2012 Incident Summary implicates smart meters in ten incidents.

This month, a BC Hydro commissioned study found out if there has been an increase in house fires in BC that could be associated with smart meters was released. The study analyzes the Office of the Fire Commissioner’s data from June 2010 to July 2014. The study showed a continued decline in electrical fires at homes during this period.

However, BCCSSM found out in the course of its research that the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) does not receive reports of all fires. Local authorities are supposed to file reports to the OFC on all fires, but they sometimes fail to do so. Only fires causing “substantial” damage have to be reported, so the OFC does not have information on smaller fires.

The BCCSSM report’s executive summary concludes: “The evidence is clear. Smart meters are fire hazards and as such put into jeopardy the life and property of those who live in BC. It is incumbent upon all elected officials to act on that evidence by removing the smart meters and replacing them with analog meters (analogs are available in the US). They should fail to demonstrate the same degree of responsibility and care as do the governments of Saskatchewan and Portland, Oregon, then they will be held responsible morally and legally for the consequences.”

Find the BCCSSM report at www.citizensforastechnology.org and the Coalition to Stop Smart Meters at www.smartmetersbc.org.

Find the BC Hydro commissioned report at www.ufc.ca/media/assets/3r5zAssessingtheFireSafetyofSmartMetersInstallation.pdf.

Seniors’ resources on one website submitted

The Kootenay Seniors Website (www.kootenayseniors.ca) is the place to go if you’re looking for information about seniors’ services, resources or activities.

Finding accurate and up-to-date information about seniors’ services can be a challenge. Now seniors and their family members have an easy-to-navigate website where they can find information about everything from health services and accessible transportation to caregiver support and senior social activities.

“In the past, a daughter looking for help with her Mom’s dementia might have had to make a dozen calls.

I would like to wish all workers and their families a safe and relaxing Labour Day.

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Sinixt language class was held in Nakusp, August 16 and 17

by Jan McMurray

A two-day class in the native language of the Sinixt people was held in Nakusp August 16 and 17, following closely on the heels of the August 14 Columbia River prayer vigil.

“We’re bringing the language back, and wanted to hold a class in the Arrow Lakes area,” said Virgil Seymour, Arrow Lakes Chief for the Colville tribe, Seymour lives in Ichelium, the Sinixt village on the Colville reservation in Washington state.

Seymour decided to hold the language course in Nakusp largely because he had met Janet and Crystal Spencer at the Columbia River Treaty forum in Spokane last year. Several of the First Nations people visiting Nakusp for the prayer vigil and language course stayed at the Spencer farm.

“It’s significant that we ended up here at Spencer’s, because the same thing that happened to our people have happened to the Sinixt people,” said Seymour, referring to the declaration of the extinction of the Sinixt people in Canada in 1956 and the flooding of much of the Spencer farm during the construction of the Columbia River Treaty dams.

The language course was to have a maximum of 15 participants, but 22 showed up and all were welcome. Some of the students were Sinixt, some were from other First Nations, and most were non-aboriginal from Nakusp, New Denver, Revelstoke and Nelson. The class was held from 10 am to 5 pm both days at the NacMo’s Wellness Centre, with teachers LaRae Wiley, a Sinixt woman from Spokane and Shelly Boyd, a Sinixt woman from Ichelium.

“We hope this is the first of many language camps and classes that take place in the northern part of Sinixt territory,” said Chris Parke, the white Irish American man who did the curriculum for learning the Sinixt language along with teacher LaRae Wiley (his wife), and elder Sarah Peterson.

Both teachers of the Nakusp course – LaRae Wiley and Shelly Boyd – learned the language as adults.

“LaRae is grandparent experienced such violence and prejudice that they didn’t want their children to go through that, so they didn’t speak the language with their children,” explained Parke. There’s a whole generation that doesn’t speak their native language.”

LaRae Wiley became determined to learn the language when she attended her great uncle’s funeral and heard someone lament about losing another fluent speaker and about the imminent loss of the language.

After three years of studying with an elder and frustrated with poor results, Columbia River Basin. “I am hoping to see this in my lifetime,” he said.

This was one of 17 multi-faith prayer vigils held along the Columbia River in August to pray for the health of the river, the return of salmon to the upper river, and the health of all citizens. The vigils were meant to draw attention to the public interest in modernizing the Columbia River Treaty to ensure a functioning ecosystem throughout the Columbia Basin.

Prayer vigil for the Columbia River held in Nakusp

by Jan McMurray

About 50 people attended a prayer vigil and information gathering for the Columbia River in Nakusp on August 14, including several Sinixt people from the Colville Confederated Tribes reservation in Colville, Washington and one person from the Spokane reservation.

Was Towsle, Nakusp citizen and Catholic layperson, opened the ceremony with a prayer. He described a pastoral letter entitled, The Columbia River Watershed: Caring for Creation and the Common Good, written by the Catholic bishops of the Columbia River watershed on both sides of the border in the late 1990s. Towsle served on the pastoral letter project committee at the time.

The pastoral letter states: “We, the Catholic bishops in the international watershed region of the United States and Canada, write this pastoral letter because we have become concerned about regional economic and ecological conditions and the conflicts that take place in the watershed. We address this letter to the Catholic community and to all people of good will. We hope that we might work together to develop and implement an integrated spiritual, social and ecological vision for our watershed home, a vision that promotes justice for people and stewardship of creation.”

Shelly Boyd from Ichelium, the Sinixt village on the Colville reservation, and Barry Moses from the Spokane reservation, each said a prayer and offered a song in their native languages. Boyd said she feels a strong connection to the Nakusp area, as Sinixt people are identified as Arrow Lakes people, and Sinixt means ‘place of the bull trout.’

Moses spoke about a dream he had where the salmon came back to the river.
**Letter to Minister Lisa Raitt re: Salmo post office**

I am writing to bring to your attention concerns that have been expressed by my constituents in the village of Salmo, British Columbia.

Canada Post is considering a change to the hours of operation of the Salmo post office by no longer offering Saturday service. Minster, Salmo is a small community that is a 45-minute drive from the nearest urban centers (Nelson and Trail) where Saturday service might be available at a Canada Post franchise outlet.

I am attaching copies of a letter from the Village of Salmo and emails from several members of the community, which outline their concerns about the proposed change. I have also received phone calls from Salmo residents who are understandably upset by the idea of cutbacks to postal service in the community. To ensure they are not left out, additional consultation by Canada Post has been done to gather community feedback on the proposal change in hours.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could please review these constituents concerns and respond directly to my office. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Alex Atamanenko, MP
BC Southern Interior

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**Opinion**

I don’t believe that the position of others to normalize marijuana, to make it more available to young people, is the direction you will ever see coming from our government.

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**Report dead fish sightings in Lemon Creek and Slocan River systems**

Since the 2013 jet fuel spill in Lemon Creek, community groups have been monitoring and testing for the presence of benzene in the Lemon Creek and Slocan River systems. Sampling results from spring 2014 showed detectable levels of benzene in both water and sediments.

During the past month, reports of dead fish have been made by community members. Although the majority of reports come from the Lemon Creek and Appledale area, some fish have been discovered as far downstream as Salmo.

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**Microwave technology avalanche warning**

The avalanche of injury from microwave technology (cell phones, smart meters, etc.) started already years ago but now there has been so much damage that even the lawyers backed by big money in courts are simply no longer “always” winning.

SaskPower for example last month started taking out an ad, if you can imagine at the cost of $45 for the week and $45 for a different meter to a tune of an expected $15 million - (hey what a great way to spend our money, eh?) the 105,000 meters that were installed earlier this year due to the smart meters catching on fire – one at a post office! The cost already spent on Saskatchewan’s “smart” meter program was $37 million. This news prompted neighbouring Medicine Hat’s city government last weekend to “pause” its installation of the smart electrical meters.

Other recent “firsts” on our continent (Europe’s safety standards are already abroad) are the US Centre for Disease Control with a new policy on cell phone use, successful litigation for damages of excessive cell phone use linked to fatal brain tumours, and many local governments like Medicine Hat (Sask City noted, currently, included) having the guts to stand up and protect their citizens, and Women’s College Hospital in Toronto is organizing a symposium on the health effects of radiation from wireless devices on September 12, 2014 for medical doctors across the country. Finally, Nelson Hydro is allowing the use of smart meter covers on existing smart meters to reduce the radiation inside and outside the home, and the Nelson branch of Citizens for Safe Technology is offering a workshop to enable you to make your own! Industry cannot police itself. We saw that recently with the Polley Mine disaster. What this means, as wrong and illogical as it is, is that those who will be affected by an industry – us! – need to take the action necessary to protect ourselves.

In the case of the new global grid, by not accepting a smart meter, we can minimize local tumours, anxiety issues, disease and disability of human, animal, plant and insect damage that comes with this wireless technology’s price tag.

If the wireless part of the utility meter is not disabled (i.e. opt out) it will produce ‘electromagnetic,’ which is a proven health hazard. And with regards to your house catching on fire and Fortis saying of SaskPower’s house fires “they used Sensus meters, we use from meters” well, yeah, different brand, same smoke.

With regard to the surveillance/privacy issues of the smart meters, a university prof from the coast is giving a talk about that at New Denver Sunday. Check it all out!

Can’t we just sit this one out, and watch it from a distance and be able to say with a healthy yarn here in Fortis country, “We could’ve, but we didn’t!” because we made that call and said “no” to all smart meters as well as opting out. And then stepping out of the avalanche’s way.

Daphne Fields
Slocan
If we all pull together...

Enough of the opportunistic planted industries which have invaded our roadsides, trash, fields, into the forest and lakeside. The plants native to our West Kootenay region will have a chance to flourish by finding soil for their seeds or roots, and thus become less of a threat. Now that the soil is damp again, it is easier to pull the invasive species by the roots, and before their seeds have spread. Surely if more of us will learn to identify these invaders and then commit to pulling target species where we live or walk, there is a good chance to clear bit by bit and halt the further spread of the invaders.

Along the trails on the south side of the Kaslo River, in just three or four years, by pulling and bagging invasives carefully (donable plastic best, then to be collected with garbage or taken to the transfer station), my brother and I have been able to completely rid our regular walking area of knapweed, yellow lettuce, and I continue to pull and bag St. John’s Wort, and at least the seed heads of orange hawkweed. I’d be delighted to show any who’d phone me (335-7539) these species and others which are especially worse here, like Scotch Broom. As well, I’d fully plan to point out to anyone who’d phone to walk with me, the beautiful native species like the many wintergreens, the Bunchberry (lovely white spring blossoms and now red berries), Queen’s Cap, Pearly Everlasting, Wild Sarsaparilla, Foxtail, Twowolf (the most widespread boreal plant), the orchids and lilies, wild ginger, and so many more I’ve grown to anticipate annually and enjoy. I’m convinced that if we can rid ourselves of these, we can reverse the invasion and return, slowly but surely, any area we visit or hike, or where we live or camp, to species for the many native species to continue gracing us with their beauty.

With a grocery bag in your pocket, picking as you walk, or dedicating one walk of three to stopping to pull, you could really begin to make a difference in the places you like to walk. Let’s do it, friends!

Karen Pletko
Kaslo

On the education funding crisis

Our education systems, public and private, has clearly failed. The current funding crisis is an indicator of our collective confusion. We, the voting public, are victims of an educational system which has failed us, for example, that democracy started with the Greeks but neglected to have us learn that it ended when we chose to watch rather than participate. Our poor education system had us learn the names of the United States presidents (Executive, legislative, judicial) but failed to have us consider what we should do when one branch abuses its power by ignoring the legal decisions of another.

Our educations were superficial so we can hardly be expected to resist the political and commercial television commercials designed to have us react rather than reason. We have been encouraged to pick sides (BCIT or the Liberal Party of BC) as if it were a sporting event. We haven’t been taught to consider what to do when one side is caught cheating. Where’s the referee in all of this?

In the current education funding crisis, the referee (the judicial branch) has penalized the Liberal party leadership with unproportionate behaviour (deliberately trying to manipulate a teacher strike to provide an election issue). The Liberals are being penalized but they refused to recognize the referee’s right to insist on fair play. When one player is cheating, referees play to the rules and ignores the referee, what do we do? We haven’t been taught how to think this through. Do we raise our voices in outrage? Do we think we’ve need to be better informed? Or will we continue to vote for the cheaters again? Change the channel to look for a fair game. All of the above? It’s never too late to improve our own educations. Let’s not trust the cheaters in the Liberal party of BC.

Let’s look critically at the BCIT’s claims of how poorly BC is doing compared to other provinces and let’s try to discover why Premier Christy Clark harbours such a deep resentment towards public education. Perhaps she was caught in high school and blames the teacher who assessed a penalty? Probably not, but something isn’t right here and our students are going to suffer unless we get informed quickly.

Kevin Murphy
New Denver

Public health care threatened

Right now, there’s a dangerous legal attack before the courts that could turn Canada’s medicare system into a US-style system – without the public having a say.

The attack is driven by Dr. Brian Day, owner of a Vancouver for-profit clinic known for unlawfully billing for necessary care. Dr. Day is on a calculated campaign to replace Canada’s Universal Health Care System with a US-style system, and he’s using its courts to do it.

The case is being called the most significant health care challenge in Canadian history. And it’s going to trial in BC Supreme Court this September. If Dr. Day wins this case, we’ll lose the public health system that our country is built on. The two-tier system that will replace it will pose a significant threat to the health and well-being of Canadian families: doctors selling their own prices, huge costs to us personally instead of our MSP payment, longer wait times as doctors and nurses are shipped off to lucrative clinics. In 2011, Liberal leader Christy Clark was quoted as saying that health care costs were $4,522, compared to $5,808 in the US. Most US bankruptcies are due to medical bills, even when the patient has private health coverage, which for a family of four averages $23,215 annually.

The BC Health Coalition and Canadian Doctors for Medicare are intervener’s in this court case. Let’s all support them by letting government know that our values are important to us, that we want a health care system that works for all of us. Sign up at www.saveourcare.ca or email healthcares.com to keep up to date on the case.

Kate O’Keefe
Johnson’s Landing

The public is subsidizing corporations

Another Vancouver Sun article (Derrick Mungall, August 21, 2014) sums up the possible consequences of the Mt. Polley Mine’s disaster release of torrent of toxic waste into the Fraser River. It showed how the public is being made to pay subsidies for developments by big energy corporations, even while the government allows them to weaken our rivers.

Even though the Ministry of Environment warned the mine operators that the disaster could happen if the tailing pond was too full, the company ignored it, and the government allowed them to do so. Hydro developer Atco wants to affect the $7.5 million Northwest Transmission line, which in turn could kill all of us in the form of greatly increased electricity rates.

The transmission line was built by BC Hydro to serve potential mining and gas projects along its 344-kilometre length. But the Polley disaster quickly raised concerns from Alaskans and the US government, deploring the possibility that such mines will endanger Alaskan fish stocks and native people. Home writes:

“The minerals in those northwest that the province says it is too anxious to exploit are targets. And we all have an interest in this because the public, not the government, will be paying out that $7.5 million transmission line. BC Hydro has built to service mines that are now squarely in American crosshairs. If those mines don’t materialize or are substantially delayed, prepare for a major pain in the pocketbook.”

Another Vancouver Sun article (Derrick Mungall, August 21, 2014) tells us that this hugely expensive transmission line is “starting up in the middle of a global mining downturn, and the federal and provincial Ministers of Energy and Mines, calls this a “visionary decision,” and Katrina Bronco, CEO of the BC Mining Association, says it “gives investors more confidence.” This “certainty” really got me because, as the article reports, “It is the existing BC Hydro customers who will be paying to subsidize amortization of the line’s capital cost.”

Bill Bennett says of this: “While ratepayers (we who pay Hydro) may be subsidizing the project, the whole province benefits from the economic development it has the potential to support.”

What kind of benefit has the Polley Mine given back to the public by dumping a huge swathes of forest and dumping tons of toxic waste in the province’s major salmon rivers? The article quotes Jim Quinn, energy lawyer for Local 378; “electricity needed to service these new mines will be more expensive than the electricity generated from its heritage dams and won’t be recovered by the utility’s (BC Hydro’s) power rates. That ongoing cost will have to be subsidized by all power users.”

If, as a taxpayer, am subsidizing the transmission line for projects like this, how come I’m only learning about it now? Turns out, not only did the Liberals fast-track this subsidy for potential investors out of public funding, they cut the $30 Million transmission line from public review by the BC Utilities Commission,” the very thing it did with the smart meters. In addition, the huge cost over-run from $556 million to $736 million was not revealed by the Liberals until after the 2013 election, according to Adam Dix of the NDP.

Joined to the bullying ways BC Hydro has been pushing the smart meters in our valley, this makes me very angry. The smart meters are just one more way that the Liberal government is siphoning the pockets of the public to fund the huge subsidies BC Hydro is passing on to private industry. These Liberals are beyond shame, so bold are they for having won the last election. May they never win another.

Craig Pettit
New Denver

Rally sends off “Jumbo hero’s” to Jumbo Wild camp

Geizzly bears roared at the send-off rally last Tuesday, August 19 for the volunteers going up to the Jumbo Wild camp. The surprising appearance of four bears at the rally made the point that they need the unbroken wilderness of the Purcell Mountains to survive.

Campers headed up the Jumbo Creek road the day after the rally to set up a monitoring station to keep an eye on any development by Glacier Resorts Limited, which is planned road work, and possibly more, on the 23-year old ski resort scheme.

West Kootenay EcoSociety’s executive director David Reid called the bears to the microphone at the rally in front of Nelson City Hall. But when the bears didn’t talk, he was forced to look for an interpreter: “Does anybody speak bear here?” Sure enough, a naturalist stepped forward and loosely translated the bear’s message of appreciation for protecting their shrinking habitat.

The bears (or nut) carried a sign that read “Grizzly's rest for bears.” They presented two (toy) cubs to accompanying campers up the valley.

David Reid also gave a short update on the EcoSociety’s court challenge of the Jumbo Wild camp. “It’s frankly, unlawful and, obviously absurd to have a municipality with no people,” Reid said. He explained that Glacier Resorts’ environmental assessment and development in the valley expires this coming October, and if no “substantial development” occurs, a new assessment will be required.

Nelson-Creston MLA Michelle Mungall was also on hand. “Maybe grizzlies should run in the upcoming municipal election slated for November 2015. Perhaps we should have a candidate from the local population,” she joked.

Mungall questioned the provincial government’s priorities when they have money for a “fake town” but no money to help the people left helpless by the Johnson’s Landing slide. Mungall also explained the volunteer campers are going to make sure the developer sticks to the 195 conditions of its environmental certificate that it must meet before starting any construction.

Keith Willy, who was at the camp last year, talked about how important it is to stop the real estate development. “These people are spending their time on camp. They are heroes to the defending nature movement,” he said.

The camp in the Jumbo Valley was established August 20 and will run until the construction season closes in October. More volunteers are very welcome to join the camp. To find out more, email jumbo4west@gmail.com.
KASLO & DISTRICT

by Jan McMurray

• CAO Neil Smith reported that

agreed to contract Chris Temple as project manager for 2014/15 City Hall project at a rate of $50 per hour, with the number of hours to be decided on an hourly basis. The Council also agreed to offer Rick Jones Contracting Ltd. the contract to demolish the old municipal hall for $11,875 plus taxes, subject to the necessary proof of insurance. The CAO said further invitations to tender, for projects after the fire hall demolition, are in circulation. “It is anticipated that the vancouver fire department will have vacated the building in ample time,” he said.

• The wording of the agreement with the doctor is also to be finalized. Once the agreement is signed, a Utilities Coordination Committee will be formed. KIN’s plans for fibre and equipment installation in the village will have to be approved by the committee.

• A $500 municipal grant was approved for the Old English Car Club of BC to help promote its 2014 Kaslo event. The grant will be awarded upon presentation of a communications plan and a letter of support from the Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce. The Kaslo and Area Old English Car Club will be asked to apply for the necessary street closures in advance, and provide copies of the insurance they carry for the event.

• The new public notice board was installed in the courtyard of the Kembell building. Council will send a letter of support of the installation of the board. Steve Anderson and all volunteers involved in the project. The Kaslo Trailblazers have been invited to consider a trail map for the other side of the board.

• Staff will obtain an updated guide for the engineering solution for the SS Moyie National Historic Site, and submit an application for RDCR Community Development Funds to finance the necessary geotechnical and engineering work.

• CAO Neil Smith reported that water consumption is about 38 percent less than last year. “The crew is to be congratulated on discovering the leak in a drained part of the system that was significantly contributing to Kaslo’s extremely high per capita water consumption figures,” he said.

• CAO Smith is drafting a Request for Proposals for the next stages of the Liquid Waste Management Plan.

• The road was agreement with the RDCR for the airport/transfer station road has been completed.

• Acting Deputy Clerk, Stephanie Patricia Hogg, was appointed as a Deputy Chief Election Officer.

• Councillor Lang was appointed the voting delegate for the 2014 Municipal Conference at the annual general meeting, with Councillor Hawat the designated alternate.

The Langham celebrates 40 years

submitted

The Langham is a name – a place – but more importantly, the Langham is an idea.

Since its inception in the 70’s, the Langham Cultural Society has both embraced its past and forged ever onward as a hub of arts, culture and heritage in the West Kootenay.

The various incarnations of the building – hotel, boat factory, Japanese-Canadian internment site, dressmakers’– have served to strengthen the resolve of those who have renovated, rejuvenated and repurposed the space over the years.

To sit on the shoulders of such a legacy, and house all that has transpired over time (the good, the bad, and the ugly) is both an empowering and an often difficult task.

The mandate of the Langham Cultural Society concerns itself with the building first and foremost, the physical care-taking of the iconic dornered roofline, and all that exists under it. This task has been taken up by numerous personalities, from Michael Goethe to Alice Windsor, to name just a few, and as a result, the building is in remarkable shape, inside and out.

The purpose and programming of the Society has been overseen by its membership, successive boards of directors, dedicated paid staff, volunteers and various government programs.

It has reflected the ebb and flow of personalities which have inhabited it, and it will continue to change.

The Langham 40th Anniversary Exhibition (August 22 – October 5) is a broad, broad strokes journey through the past and a celebration of how far we have come. This exhibition is meant to be a celebration of all who have been part of the Langham, what it stands for, and the myriad people, seen and unseen, who make such an impressionable legacy possible.

The Langham will continue its celebrations right through to the Thanksgiving Weekend in October when a reunion and celebration will take place with an open house and welcome, an old time dance, and a gala concert and open mike events, including a youth arts concert.

For more details, call 250-353-2661 or visit www.langham.ca.

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Village of Kaslo

Office Clerk
(Regular Full Time or Part Time)

Position: Provide routine clinical and secretarial assistance. Reports to Chief Administrative Officer.

Qualifications:
• Competent in current software (Microsoft Office and electronic accounting systems);
• Competent in payroll, bookkeeping principles and typing at 60 wpm minimum.
• High School Diploma or GED.
• Previous work experience in an office environment.

The successful applicant will ideally have:
• Some experience in a local government or public sector setting;
• The ability to work diligently and diversely in a small municipal office environment;
• The ability to follow directions and procedures with minimal supervision;
• Good communication skills, both verbally and in writing;
• An aptitude for mathematical calculations with speed and accuracy;
• A capacity to establish and maintain courteous, tactful, diplomatic working relationships as part of a small team.

Hours of Work: 40 hour workweek. 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. Flex time and a generous benefit package are offered with this position.

Salary: This regular full-time position is unionized (CUPE Local 338) and is compensated at a wage rate of $29.26 per hour (2014 rate).

Applications: Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application and resume, in confidence, clearly quoting Competition “Deputy Clerk-Treasurer” by 4:30 p.m. on September 19, 2014 in either MSWord or pdf format to cao@kaslo.ca, or to 512 Fourth Street, Kaslo, BC V0G 1M0, or by fax to 250-353-7767.

Village of Kaslo

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
(Regular Full Time)

Position: Coordinates all aspects of the Municipal Office. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Assumes responsibilities of the Chief Administrative Officer in his/her absence.

Qualifications:
• Competent in current software (Microsoft Office and Municipal Accounting Information System/MAIS);
• Competent in payroll, bookkeeping to trial balance and typing at 60 wpm minimum;
• A Diploma in Public Sector Management or five years’ work experience in an accounting or municipal environment with an equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to perform the work.

The successful applicant will ideally have:
• 5 or more years’ experience in a local government setting with progressive responsibility;
• The ability to prioritize duties and organize work schedules in a small municipal office environment;
• The skills and initiative to assist the CAO/CAO with new policies, procedures, corporate administration and project oversight;
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Applications: Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application and resume, in confidence, clearly quoting Competition “Deputy Clerk-Treasurer” by 4:30 p.m. on September 19, 2014 in either MSWord or pdf format to cao@kaslo.ca, or to 512 Fourth Street, Kaslo, BC V0G 1M0, or by fax to 250-353-7767.

Village of Kaslo

Accounting Clerk
(Regular Full Time)

Position: Provides routine clerical, accounting and secretarial assistance. Assists Chief Administrative Officer in all aspects of financial records. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Qualifications:
• Competent in current software (Microsoft Office and Municipal Accounting Information System/MAIS);
• Competent in payroll, bookkeeping to trial balance and typing at 60 wpm minimum;
• A Diploma in Public Sector Management or three years’ work experience in an accounting or municipal environment with an equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to perform the work.

The successful applicant will ideally have:
• 5-8 years’ experience in a local government setting with a good working knowledge of Municipal Accounting Information System (MAIS);
• The ability to prioritize duties and organize work schedules in a small municipal office environment;
• Good communication skills, both verbally and in writing;
• An aptitude for mathematical calculations with speed and accuracy;
• A capacity to establish and maintain courteous, tactful, diplomatic working relationships as part of a small team.

Hours of Work: 40 hour workweek, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. Flex time and a generous benefit package are offered with this position.

Salary: This regular full-time opportunity is unionized (CUPE Local 338) and is compensated at a wage rate of $27.56 per hour (2014 rate). Rate may change with potential reclassification.

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425 Front Street, Kaslo
Ph/Fax: (250) 353-2436
Founding meeting set for North Kootenay Sport and Recreation Council

by Ian McMurray

The North Kootenay Sport and Recreation Council—a resource for sports and recreation groups in the Nakusp, Kaslo and upper Slocan Valley areas—will have its first annual general meeting on October 25.

Most of the legwork for the formation of the council has been completed, and was presented to the public August 9th at the Kaslo Library. “We had a small turnout but great discussion,” reported Val Mayes, project coordinator. Mayes has been working with a volunteer team of six people since February to get the council up and running.

The team is calling for people to run for the board at the October 25 AGM, to be held at the Seniors Hall in Nakusp at 1 pm. Nine board members are required. “Anyone interested in community building and the sport and recreation sector is encouraged to attend,” said Mayes.

The working group is also planning to hire a coordinator for five to ten hours a week, and hopes to have the coordinator in place by the October 25 meeting.

After gathering input from the public at community meetings in Nakusp, New Denver and Kaslo in June and July, the project team has finalized the purposes and guiding principles of the council, formulated the membership structure and fees, and listed the benefits of membership. Mayes reports that the group at the August 12 meeting in New Denver spent time developing a list of priorities for the first year of operation.

First year priorities, although still in draft form, include assessing community needs, creating a list of great opportunities, coordinating training opportunities, and hosting events that display the council’s services and foster conversation about a local issue in the sports and recreation sector.

The council’s purpose is to improve funding and coordinate services for sport and recreation groups in the Nakusp, Kaslo and upper Slocan Valley areas, act as a voice for sport and physical activity, provide an information clearing house, identify gaps in service and facilities, and bring groups together for mutually beneficial projects.

Membership in the council will be available to both individuals ($10/year) and organizations ($25/year). Each member gets a vote at the general meetings. Members will enjoy access to funding resources; promotion of activities and events through the council’s website, Facebook page and e-Bulletin; and first access to training opportunities.

The North Kootenay Sport and Recreation Council Project was initiated and funded by the Columbia Basin Trust, and supported by the Kootenay Sufferer Society.

For more information, visit www.sport.asidb.ca, email nksrcouncil@gmail.com or call Val Mayes at 250-226-7399.

Get ready for Nakusp and District Fall Fair

submitted by Marilyn Boxwell

The Nakusp and District Fall Fair will take place at the Nakusp Auditorium, on September 6 (note the date change) from 9:30 am–3:30 pm. The fair is a colourful, century-old tradition which has its roots firmly planted deep in our culture. Its goal is to continue nurturing and promoting various aspects of community life which have represented “the best that we can be” through the successive generations of enthusiastic all-age participants.

In addition to showcasing numerous entries which are listed within the fair booklet or on the Arrow Lakes Arts Council website, two of the more recent special events will take place on stage over the lunch hour.

The World Famous Nakusp Kids’ Zucchini Races for those aged 12 and under, starts at 12:30 pm. Participants are asked to enter their own zucchini with a maximum 10" wheel base length in this fun competition which is co-sponsored by Erickson and Judson Produce Foods. The entry needs to be a maximum of 2 kg and the car must fit snugly on the track.

Notice of road closure/traffic delay

There will be traffic delays on Nakusp Hot Springs Road on Sunday September 14th between 10 am and 3 pm. The road will be open with an escort through every 20 minutes for local traffic only.

The event is the Rocky Mountain Moboglo featuring a timed race up Hot Springs Road with small vintage motorcycles. The event is run by the Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Group Rocky Mountain Section.

Nakusp & District Fall Fair Fall Fair

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 5, 2014

• All exhibits are to arrive at the auditorium for registration and setup between the hours of 3:00 – 6:00 pm – judging takes place beginning at 7:00 pm at the Arena Auditorium

Saturday, September 6, 2014

• Nakusp Fall Fair opens at 9:30 am until 3:30 pm
• General admission is $3 / person (children under 12 years of age free)
• Entries and materials must be picked up between 3:30 and no later than 4:30 pm

Exhibition Rules & Regulations

• No charge for entries.
• All entries must be the product of the exhibitor.
• Only one entry per class will be permitted (classes are numbered under division).

Arts, Crafts & Hobbies

• All articles must have been made in the last 12 months
• All articles must be the work of the exhibitor
• All paintings, drawings and photos must be framed or mounted READY TO HANG (if not, the entry will be disqualified)
• Un-mounted collections must be displayed on a firm base or tray so as to be portable as a unit
• No LATE entries will be accepted after 6:00 pm.
• No EXHIBITS to be removed before 3:00 pm on Fair Day – all exhibits must be collected on Fair Day between 3:30 and no later than 4:30 pm
• Fall Fair Committee is not responsible for loss, damage or theft of exhibits.
• General security is provided.

Nakusp & District Fall Fair inquiries please visit our website at: www.arrowlakesartscouncil.webs.com or call 250-265-4526

Just some of this year’s Fall Fair highlights . . .

Wide range of community group displays and information

Returning to Our Roots Growing for Tomorrow

Nakusp & Area Community Foundation’s Jail & Bail ~ 10:00 am to 12:00
Kid’s Zucchini Races ~ 12:30 to 1:30 pm
Trashion Show ~ 1:30 featuring Re-Stylin wearable items
Food Concession ~ 9:30 – 3:30 (Deb Guest)
Silvertown council, August 19: Fairbank Architects proposal accepted for Silvertown Gallery
by Jan McMurry

- Council accepted the Fairbank Architects proposal for a report on the Silvertown Gallery building for $12,000. The report will outline the work necessary to re-open the building for public events.
- Staff was asked to make appointments for Silvertown council members to meet with BC Hydro and Ministry of Energy representatives at the Union of BC Municipalities convention in September. Council would like to discuss solutions for the frequent power outages in the village.
- Council agreed to allocate $5,000 to the CBT Water Smart Program this year. CBT will contribute $10,000. This brings the budget for the program up to $30,000, after which the $15,000 left over from last year. The $30,000 will be used to upgrade the pumphouse control system.
- Isaac Carter (IcandyFilms) of New Denver asked for a $25 reduction in the Memorial Hall rental fee for a film night and his partner Ori will host September 5 at 6:30 pm. The event will feature films Isaac and Ori have recently made in and around the area.
- Unfortunately, the couple will be returning to Europe soon because Ori is not a Canadian citizen. They will be asking for donations at the film night to help with their journey.
- Council decided against the reduced fee in the interests of sticking to the policy. Mayor Povon commented on the generosity of the community when it comes to donations.
- Council agreed to pay the $30 registration fee for each of the four members of the Community in Bloom committee to attend the awards event in Trail on August 23.
- Councillor Charles reported that the number of visitors to the Visitor Centre decreased by 11.5 percent from last year.
- Councilor Johnson reported that the speed reader has arrived and will be set up soon.
- Mayor Povon reported that starting September 1, the City of Nelson would be providing financial services to the Village of Silvertown.

Councillor Main reported that she would be meeting with the elected officials who sit on some of the RDCK Recreation Commissions on August 29 to discuss the Enbridge Master Plan being developed for parks and recreation facilities in the Slocan Valley and in the Castlegar area.
- Councillor Main reported that there would be discussion on the Province’s push for a Unified Building Code at the August RDCK meeting. “It will make things a lot harder for small communities,” she commented. She said resolutions on the subject would be coming forward at the UCBC convention.

New Denver Council August 12
by Karine Campbell

- Council authorized spending up to $15,000 for the Village’s share of the repair costs for the siltation plume on Carrot Creek. The Village applied to Emergency Management BC last year for money to repair damage done to the rip-rap on the north side, east of Hwy 6. The damage was caused by the spring flood. Total cost is estimated at more than $51,000. Provincial Disaster Assistance funds were approved last September, for 80 per cent of the actual costs, or $40,800. The work was scheduled to begin immediately.
- Mayor Ann Blunka reported she met with the New Denver Silvertown Lake Trail Society. The group is working to create a trail between the two villages.
- Councillor Henning von Krugh reported that Public Works and Waste sends water samples to Kelowna for testing once a week, and has been charged $50 by the lab to send back the styrofoam containers the visits are shipped in. Since the containers cost $5, the Village has told the lab to keep them and save $45 per week by buying new ones.
- The new reservoir has adequate capacity and the pumps provide enough water to the tank for domestic consumption, but the system needs more pumping capacity to keep it full in case of a fire.

Reese McCrory and her family would like to thank everyone for their generous support to help get her to the International Invitational Hockey Tournament in Budapest, Hungary this summer!

The amount of support from Nakusp to Hills, New Denver to Silverton, and all the way down to Slocan was amazing and unbelievable. The words of encouragement were endless and uplifting. I will never forget the experience and the effort it took to get there.
Relatives of Johnny Harris visit Sandon
by Jan McMurray

The legendary Johnny Harris, the colourful protagonist in the history of Sandon, was the topic of many conversations last week when his great nieces and great-great nephew came up from the States to visit. Ron and Dan Davis, father and son, have been planning a trip to Sandon to learn more about Johnny for several years. Their schedules finally allowed for it August 19-21.

Ron Davis’ grandfather was Johnny Harris’ brother, so Johnny Harris was Ron Davis’ great-uncle. But why do they have different last names, you may ask? Ron and Dan explained that Johnny’s real name was Davis, and told the story of why he changed it to Harris. Here’s how it went.

When he was about 18, Johnny’s older brother, Arthur, was accused of murdering a man named Leonides Taplin. At the time, the family lived in Fairfax County, Virginia. Apparently, Arthur and Leonides had gotten into a fight over an argument about hogs. While Arthur was on trial for the murder, the lights went out in the courthouse. When the lights finally came back on, Arthur was no longer there. Somehow, he got himself to Spokane, where he changed his name to Arthur Harris and became a butcher. Johnny, who looked up to his older brother, joined him in Spokane and also took on the name of Harris.

Johnny then went to Wallace, Idaho, and got into real estate. In January 1891, Johnny confronted a man named Zachary Lewis who was illegally building a house on one of his properties. Guns were drawn, and Johnny shot and killed him. The grand jury found that Johnny was acting in self-defense, and he was acquitted. Fairly soon afterwards, in 1892, Johnny arrived in Sandon.

Ron and Dan thoroughly enjoyed their visit, and were especially pleased to meet Agnes Emary of New Denver, who knew Johnny back when she was the schoolteacher in Sandon.

Community pig roast set for September 13
submitted

The seventh bi-annual Slocan Valley Community Pig Roast is scheduled to go for Saturday, September 13 at Slocan Patch Hall. Only 150 tickets have been printed and in addition to the fine dinner, there will be refreshments served and door prizes.

Every other year, the Kootenay-Slocan Lions organize the popular full course dinner to raise funds for use in Slocan Valley communities. The pig is supplied by Legendary Meats. BC and Victoria will do the honour with the pig, while Lion members prepare the other foods. Roasting the pig is an all-day event and is a sight and experience in itself, and this year the teens will be genuine Tahor, Alberta!

In past years, the funds generated by the event have gone toward the purchase of FIrst Responder equipment for local fire departments, scholarships at Mt. Sentinel, support for school programs at WE Graham, Wallaw School, Brent Kennedy and the Whole School.

School District #10 (Arrow Lakes)
CASUAL CALL-OUT EMPLOYEES

School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) is accepting applications for casual employees throughout the district in the following job classifications:

- Bus Drivers - Education Assistants - Custodians - Library Clerks - School Secretaries - Program Assistants - StrongStart - Noon Hour Supervisors

Please submit applications by September 30, 2014.

Successful candidates will have their names placed on the CUCP casual Call-Out List and are needed to replace full and part-time employees on an as required basis. A resume outlining qualifications, experience should be attached to your application. Only successful candidates will be notified in writing.

Employees currently on the Casual Call-Out list must re-apply by using the CUCP Call-Out Registration Form by September 2, 2014.

For further information please contact the School Board office at 250-265-3630 ext 3301 between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

Please Note: Prior to being placed on the casual call-out list, applicants must submit to a criminal record search.

Forms are found on our website: www.sd10.bc.ca

School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) 98 6th Avenue NW, PO Box 340, Nakusp, BC V0G 1R0

School District #10 (Arrow Lakes)
Local filmmakers to screen new work at Silverton Memorial Hall

by Art Joyce

Proving once again that great things often come in small packages, the village of New Denver has produced a filmmaker destined for great things. Isaac Ramana Carter and his partner Orsi Benkozi of iCandyFilms have been busy all summer and are eager to share their new work. A screening will be held at Silverton Memorial Hall Friday, September 5, 6:30 pm, with admission by donation.

Carter and Benkozi will screen a wide range of new material, including work done for clients to promote local businesses or real estate, wedding videos, artist promo, and a book promos. The pair will also screen a comedic film shot locally two years ago, “guaranteed to make you laugh.” A film made about the core tragedy this May will once again demonstrate the power of small communities when faced with crisis.

“I’ve thought long and hard about showing that publicly,” says Carter, “but I think it shows this community at its best, when it’s at its worst.”

Those who attended the iCandyFilms screening at the Hidden Garden Gallery this spring will recall that there was standing room only. So for those who were turned away from that smaller venue, some highlights of the films Carter and Benkozi made in Europe will be screened again, including something from the

Stranger Than A Wolf project with sculptor Elly Selepou.

“We’re sure that the audience is going to enjoy seeing those that they know and themselves in our shorts. This is also an opportunity for those people we have made films for to see in person the appreciation of the audience,” says Carter.

Carter says the highlight of the past few months of filmmaking has been the opportunity to take their work to a professional level. iCandyFilms was hired as the official videographer for both the 2014 Kaslo Jazz Fest and the 20th anniversary celebrations of the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre. Benkozi’s family lives in Hungary near Budapest and they’re looking forward to exposing European audiences to the amazing countryside and lifestyle we take for granted here in the Kootenays.

“The community has been huge in helping us and believing in us and honestly I believe our work shows that,” says Carter.

For more information or to view video shorts online visit www.icandyfilms.com or visit their Facebook page.

Slocan break and enter submitted

The Slocan Lake RCMP is calling for information from the public about a break and enter to an out building that occurred sometime overnight on August 22 in the Slocan City area. Several items have been reported stolen to police and this investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information in respect of this incident are asked to contact the Slocan Lake RCMP at 250-358-2222 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.
BCTF STRIKE UPDATE- AUGUST 22, 2014

Regrettably, we inform you that no resolution has yet been determined in the longstanding dispute between BC Teachers and the Government. While there is still time for an agreement to be reached in order for students to return to school September 2nd, parents are advised that they should be prepared for the very real possibility that school will not start as planned.

We encourage parents to listen closely to media reports regarding the strike, and also to check our website regularly at www.sd10.bc.ca and to monitor the Ministry website at www.bctinfo.ca

School District No. 10
(Arrow Lakes)

SCHOOL OPENING
2014/15
September 2, 2014 - all district schools will be in session 1/2 day only

REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS
(effective September 2, 2014)

**Edgewood Elementary School**
Monday to Thursday
Phone 250-265-3638
Hours: 8:05 – 12:20 and 1:15 – 2:53

**Nakusp Elementary School**
Monday to Thursday
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Hours: 9:00 – 12:15 and 1:15 – 2:53

**Nakusp Secondary School**
Monday to Thursday
Phone 250-265-3638
Hours: 8:50 – 12:11 and 1:15 – 2:53

**Lucerne Elementary-Secondary School**
Monday to Thursday
Phone 250-265-3638
Hours: Grades K-6
Grades 7-12

**Arrow Lakes Distributed Learning School**
Phone 250-365-3383
Hours: ALDL School in New Denver at Lucerne School

**ALDL School in Nakusp at Selkirk College ABE**

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SCHOOL ZONES: Motorists driving through School Zones between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. must use caution and restrict speed to 30 km/hr.

Bus Routes & Times
If you are a new bus student or family and you have not already done so, please contact your school directly starting August 25 to arrange for bus pickup at your child's stop and to register for bus transportation through the year.
Nakusp completes upgrades to the facility to generate hydro-electric power and a new water treatment plant.

by Katrine Campbell
Renovations to Nakusp’s Brouse Creek Water Treatment Plant are now complete, with help from the federal Gas Tax Fund.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Brouse Creek water treatment plant

"We are pleased that we received funding from the Gas Tax Fund for this project," says Mayor Karen Hunting. "Without it we could not have completed such an amazing project. Providing safe drinking water to our community has been a top priority of our council and being able to combine this with another innovative energy system made the project even more beneficial to the community."

The project cost $1.9 million, of which the Village paid $300,000. Hunting says the province now requires two methods of water treatment instead of one, making treatment plants more expensive.

The treatment plant upgrades included the addition of pre-filters and ultraviolet light treatment to help improve water quality. Monitoring system upgrades, a new back-up generator and a lined irrigation water storage hose were also added, ensuring continued access to safe, clean drinking water. Approximately two kilometers of water pipes, as well as new water meters and irrigation pumps, were also added to the Village’s system to reach and improve the community’s green spaces.

Bonnington hosts original one-act play

"You Are What You Eat" is a one-act play by local playwright and performer, Ty Klassen. The piece is co-created and directed by Amy Jones, whose experience with Mirror Theatre includes acting, directing and all aspects of theatre production.

Produced by Mirror Theatre and presented by the Arrow Lakes Arts Council (ALAC), the play will debut Friday, August 29 at the Bonnington Arts Centre in Nakusp. Showtime is 7 pm with a concession to follow. There will be a second show Saturday evening and a 2 pm matinee Sunday. Admission is by donation with proceeds split between ALAC and the Nakusp Youth Centre, monies from the concession go to Mirror Theatre.

The play contains mature subject matter and coarse language and is, according to Jones and Klassen, an entertaining, in-your-face social commentary, sort of conspiracy-theory meets-family-tragedy. The main character, Johnny Whistleblower, has been institutionalised for assaulting the CEO of a major chemical company with a spray of Rompil. Johnny has a mild case of Rosacea and can be an example of a person with a disability acting and speaking out against what he believes is injustice.

This production of ‘You Are What You Eat’ is made possible by the generous financial support of RDCK Area K director, Paul Peterson, and Mirror Theatre. Many thanks to the Youth Centre for rehearsal space ALAC for getting the project together and all the wonderful people helping make it happen.

It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of our mother, nanna and partner, Doreen Pearl Broughton. Doreen left us many incredible memories of a strong, beautiful, funny lady. A woman who could cheer us up with a funny comment, or take the stuffing out of us with a look.

Doreen was predeceased by her son Terence, mother Beulah, step-dad Edward Deits, brothers Gordon, Donald and Keith, and sisters Volma, Marj and Morlyn.

Left to mourn are her sons Jeffrey and Donald and their families, her partner of 35 years, Larry Grenson, and his children Steven, Laurie, Valerie, Jamie and their families, her sister Joyce and Rick Gill, many nieces and nephews, grandkids and great grandkids.

Doreen’s love of family and friends was boundless. We never heard a bad word from her about any of us, even when we deserved it. She was a strong woman and needed to be for much of her life, but she never lost her sense of humour.

Doreen would have wanted everyone to know that she was treated with love and care by the staff of the Slocan Lake Community Hospital and the long term care staff at the Pavilion.

On behalf of the family we want to thank the doctors, nurses and staff that took great care of Doreen to the end.

We also want to thank the many people who expressed their support and condolences during this time of sorrow.

Doreen touched many lives and was loved by many people. She will truly be missed.
Studio Connexion to feature new work by Betty Fahlman

by Art Joyce

Nakusp’s Betty Fahlman continues to make waves on the local art scene with her newest exhibition of paintings. Water. The work will be displayed at Studio Connexion from Tuesday, September 2 through Saturday, September 20. An opening reception will be held Friday, September 5 from 5 to 8 pm.

Kaslo Arena upgrades celebrated

by Jan McMurray

Cathy McLeod, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and for Western Economic Diversification, visited Kaslo on August 20 to celebrate the completion of Kaslo Arena upgrades. The upgrades were completed this spring and included a new chiller and renovated dressing rooms. They were made possible through a grant from Western Economic Diversification.

“... Our public arena is now very close to having almost all its mechanical equipment upgraded. The board of the Kaslo and District Arena Association, as well as all the users of the facility can now, more so than before, look forward to the community enjoying the social value of our arena well into the future,” said Joe Johnston, president of Kaslo and District Arena Association.

Johnston thanked the federal government for creating the program and helping small rural communities like Kaslo, which has been affected by the slump in the forest industry. He thanked the Village and the RDCK for helping to keep the arena operating, the community for building the facility, the boards of directors who have started replacing the aging infrastructure, and all the donors of labour and money over the years.

FOOD SPECIALS

We have Fresh Produce Specials available each and every week – Come in and have a look at our selection of fresh LOCAL & ORGANIC products –

| Co-op Gold Yogurt | 650g | $2.59
| Co-op Gold Pop | 2 L | $1.49
| Co-op Gold Mayonnaise | 890 ml | $3.59
| Nature Valley Granola Bars | 175g | $2.29
| Mott’s Clamato | 1.89 L | $4.19

A WORD OF THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS!

The new store in Slocan Park has experienced a fantastic summer! The great weather throughout this season helped to make this year one of the best ever. We would like to thank our members for their patronage. We also welcome all of our new members to our store. If you would like to learn more about the Slocan Valley Co-op, you can search us up online on Facebook, or our website at - www.slocanvalleycoop.ca -

Slocan Valley Co-op
3024, Hwy 6, Slocan Park
Ph: 250-226-7433

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Kootenay SUFFER FEST

Kootenay Sufferfest 2014
August 30 - September 1st

Pick Your Pleasure, something for every member of the family from beginner to extreme! Try hiking the 10k or one leg of the Duathlon. Or challenge yourself to do something extraordinary with the Loonie Toonie 200km Trail Run, a stage race taking place over all 3 days!!!

Saturday in Kaslo: 10k, 25k 50k Trail Runs and Kids Races
Saturday 7 pm in New Denver: MARIN Denim Crit

Sunday in New Denver: 7, 15, 40 & 100k Mt Bike & Idaho Mt Marathon

*NEW: Monday in Nakusp: 5k Fun Run, Duathlon (5k Run, 20k Bike, 5k Run) and Cyclocross (20k or 40k bike)

*RELAY TEAMS!!! Find a friend or two to share in the experience! The Duathlon (Nakusp) can be done as a relay

REGISTER ONLINE or for more info go to www.kootenaysufferfest.com or contact the Race Director Janis Neufeld at 250-265-8707 or janeuf@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT!!! We need over 200 volunteers to make the event a success. To be part of the exciting SufferCrew, please contact Janis at 250-265-8707 or janeuf@gmail.com. Receive a free lunch and t-shirt.

NOTICE: The event will be using most trails including Galena Trail, Waggon Rd, Kaslo River Trail & K&S, and crossing over highways and roadways throughout the region. Please take extra caution and obey marshals. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
'Scuse me while I kiss this pie!

I have often raved about the beauty of the drive from New Denver to Kaslo, and it's that time again. It's a drive through a wilderness corridor. Two wilderness lakes. The trip is stunningly beautiful. Happily took that trip last Saturday with a pal in order to visit BUDDY’S FRONT STREET PIZZERIA right in the middle of Kaslo’s main drag, aka Front Street.

I'm not sure where to start, so I'll start when we walked through the door. Inside Buddy's there is a piano, and that afternoon there happened to be two crowned classical pianists taking turns zipping through piano pieces that walloped my mind. These people played brilliantly, and one of them was reading her score, believe it or not, off an Ipad sitting on the piano. Never seen that before. My pal helped her turn the “pages.” I loved the place immediately. We sat at the comfortable bar and Aaron Muthers, owner, operator and proprietor bounced over to greet us. Aaron is not only a pizza maven but a hot jazz musician, husband and father. I'd met him before and already liked him. We both like old Jimmy Hendrix stuff. Therefore the headline of this piece. Aaron’s joke!

Logical story short: We ordered a large pizza - half “Meat Head” (pepperoni, seasoned ground beef, bacon, Italian sausage, and mozzarella), the other half “Artichoke” (roasted garlic, artichoke, fresh tomatoes, on an arugula pesto sauce, and mozzarella). I use bold face on “arugula pesto sauce” because it was, in pizza terms, “fabulousness itself.” That’s a real word! No jive. I've had basil pesto, oregano pesto, spinach pesto and several others, but never, until then, arugula pesto. It’s Heavens coloured greens, and the artichokes kicked the pie high into the sky. The Meat Head half of the pizza was gorgiwy and lip snackingly delicious. Period. I don’t know if I’ve ever had pizza that good. And the band played on!

Backtracking a little, Aaron let us watch him put this double barreled pizza together. There are some secrets I can’t divulge, but Aaron’s fervent about using just the right amount of each topping. Never too much, always just right. He actually throws the dough to stretch it. He’s good at it, and he has a monstrous gas fired oven.

Let's talk about crusts. Why not?

I've heard just about enough about the war between “thin crust” and “thick crust” camps. I picture a medieval battle with thousands of axe-swinging soldiers screaming, “Thin crust rules the world” while another couple thousand are chanting, “Thick crust or die.” We asked Aaron whether he was a thin or thick type. He sighed, smiled and said, “My crusts are neither thick nor thin. They are PERFECT.” No debate. I like Aaron.

One more crust item. When our pizza was seconds from being done, Aaron gave us a peck and asked if we wanted the crust “shaved.” This means, I think, “just a bit darker”... sharper. My friend was already drooling openly so we couldn’t wait for a sharper crust. It didn’t matter. A bit about Aaron. He and his lovely wife Cathy and their son Andrew are a real team. Many of the recipes are Cathy’s. She smiles a lot and makes fabulous floral arrangements. Andrew likes to fish and help out at Buddy’s. He has his own apron. Aaron confessed to us that he was trained as a French chef; he was also a champion dishwasher. (I did that too! AR Five or 40 years ago they were looking at the site where Buddy’s is and mused: That place ought to be a pizzaria, and there you have it. Aaron knew nothing about pizza, so he learned fast. Welcome to Buddy’s.

Other staff, all talented and hardworking, at Buddy’s are: Janet, Darrel, Erin Romel, John and Sage.

There are more than a dozen CLASSIC PIZZAS on the menu at Buddy’s and 30 toppings to choose from. Five hot-shot pastas and Calzone. Salads too. Kids menu (featuring Spaghetti and Meatball. Note the singular).

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SLUGS end busy season with three Kohan Garden fundraisers submitted

Tickets are still available for the Sloan Lake Garden Society’s coveted Garden Work Party. For a mere $5, you can win 24 gardener hours on your selected project(s) the fall or next spring, as well as two other prizes. Only four weeks left to purchase tickets. At the society’s Friday Night Market or Gala Night booth. The draw takes place at the Friday Market on September 12.

The SLUGS annual Fall Bulb Sale booth will be at Garlic Fest, September 7 – as before, #443 at the south entrance. Most varieties sell out early. By popular demand, SLUGS will have nine varieties of Allium and three varieties of Etersbus (FontaLLhy), both guaranteed deer proof. Barb Yeomans will ensure you with June photos of her eight foot high Fiatsells.

In addition to botanical tulips and over 2500 bulbs to choose from, the SLUGS' new offers will include white Muscari and Frillylilla, stunning Colen Bell’s narcissi and these other new narcissi varieties.

At Garlic Fest, the society will also launch its Thanksgiving Wood and Wheelbarrow raffle. These great prizes of fabulous firewood – dried, split and delivered - as well as a premium wheelbarrow, are all donated by Dick Callison. Only 75 tickets, $20 each, available at Garlic Fest, from SLUGS members, Friday Market September 12, and at KSCU lobby on October 9 and 10. Winners draw will be at 5:00 pm, Friday October 10.

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Annual Slocan Valley Art Show to be held at Hidden Garden Gallery

submitted
A very special art show is coming to New Denver’s Hidden Garden Gallery September 10-21. The Slocan Lake Gallery Society is putting on what has become an annual event: an eclectic group art exhibition showcasing artists from the Slocan Valley, and sometimes beyond. This year the show will be held at the Hidden Garden Gallery rather than the Silverton Gallery. Hidden Garden features the fabulous garden that will feature some outdoor sculpture, and, Ravencourt’s final concert features classics

submitted
Friday, September 5 will see an evening of classical music on violin and piano for the final concert of the season at Ravencourt B&B in Upper Providence. Beginning at 7 pm Martine denBok will be featured on violin and will be accompanied on piano by Kevin Hescheld with special musical guests appearing throughout the evening. DenBok moved to Nelson in 2013, after teaching and performing in the Victoria area for several years. When not performing with the Symphony of the Kootenays, the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra, Edinburgh’s Opera Nuova orchestra, or touring with Victoria’s Die Mahler String Quartet, she can be found teaching an ever increasing group of aspiring violinists in the area. Pianist/vocalist and conductor Kevin Hescheld has been a musical part of her life since she was 12 years old.

Some of the musical selections being played include Sonata for violin and piano by Jean-Marie Leclair; two Borodin by Bohm and German; show pieces by Monti, Elgar, Kreisler and Weiniawski; and Singing the Night Among Fishing Boats” by Li Guo Qian. It’s been an amazing series of musical events at Ravencourt this season and the final performance will likely be equally rewarding. They have been made possible with support from the Slocan Valley Arts Council. Ravencourt B&B is located at 4615 Upper Passmore Rd. (www. ravencourtbandb.com). Turn off Highway 6 at Passmore, cross the bridge and follow the signs to pure musical enjoyment. Refreshments will be available. For more information please phone 250-226-7801.

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Slocan council, August 11: Financial work to be contracted out to City of Nelson

by Barbara Curry Mukady

• Mayor Madeleine Perritte announced that the Village had agreed to contract our financial services with the City of Nelson. The contractor who has been doing this work for Slocan wishes to retire. For the City of Nelson to act as Slocan’s Chief Financial Officer (CFO), the Village must relase bylaw on officer positions with one that includes both a CFO and a CLO. The proposed bylaw received first and second readings.

• Councillor JessicL Lunn reported on the Western Screech Owl Walk and Tourism Enhancement Project. This project aims to develop and promote an Owl Walk in the screech owl habitat beside the rail trail, in the area formerly used as a fire crew camp. The site would be cleaned up and fenced, any unsold timber removed, rail networks constructed, ‘owl trees’ marked, an outdoor classroom space created, and outbuildings, picnic tables, benches, boardwalks, and outdoor classroom furniture built. As many as five unemployed people could be hired for up to six months. The Village has submitted a grant application to the Ministry of Social Development. The rail trail is contributing $14,000 for interpretive signage and the Village has offered to provide in-kind support and to cover the cost of dump tipping fees. If the Province comes through with funding, the project could start in February. Lunn called the project a “win-win.” The Village will revise its draft Asset Transfer Agreement with the Slocan Community Library Society to ensure all language that “refers to a revision date” and then, after consulting with the library, will transfer ownership of library assets (furniture, fixtures, books, and media items) to the Library Society. Previously, as part of the transfer agreement, the board had wanted the Library Society to agree that if the society folded, all its assets were to be given to the Village. Councillor Elliott pointed out that the Library Society Act requires societies at dissolution to give all assets to a charitable institution or charitable trust. If they don’t, the Province takes the assets. Councillor McRae voiced her continued opposition to giving the Library Society the assets, saying “there’s nothing that would be furthered by having them own the assets.” Councillor Lunn reminded McRae that the Library Society had been formed at council’s request. “Council does not want to deal with the ins and outs of the library,” she said. “They’d have to ask us every time they wanted to sell a book.” McRae was not convinced, and here was the sole dissenting vote on the motion.

• Council agreed to write to the RDCK supporting the Slocan Valley Historical Society’s (SVHS) request to change the scope of its grant proposal. The SVHS has been given funds to buy World War I soldier files for its archives but after buying half the records, learned that the remaining files will soon become available for free online at the Library and Archives website. The SVHS has now asked to use the remaining grant money to obtain records for the seven soldiers from the Slocan Valley that were killed in World War I.

• Information about the Slocan Valley Seniors Housing Society (SVSHS) AGM in Passmore will be placed in the Village newsletter. The public can view draft plans for the proposed Slocan housing project at 6 pm on September 23. The SVSHS AGM will follow at 7 pm and the membership will be asked for a mandate to proceed with planning the project. Those interested in voting can buy a membership in the SVSHS before the meeting. Councillors will try to attend.

• Tim Hill, Public Works Supervisor is researching what to do about the breakwater and gangway, and in September will report on his findings. During the hot weather, water use increased greatly, though Hill said everyone was good about following the watering guidelines. Because of the high demand, the water plant needed two clean-ups a week. Normally it needs only one or two a month. The Public Works crew has set up a volleyball net on the flat sandy area that the Unity Music Festival put in. Councillor Elliott reported that a windsurf blust erried into the Village. Because of that and all the traffic, Main Street is “quite sandy and dusty,” she said. Hill said that the street would be swept.

• In his RDCK report, Councillor Elliott asked the public to take part in the process which the Economic Development Commission will be organizing to determine how to spend $30,000 of CBT Community Directed Funds for valley initiatives. Elliott also called for public input into planning for valley recreation and parks. She asked that people send the Terms of Reference for the Master Plan at the RDCK website. The RDCK has passed a morele bylaw regulating unauthorized and overnight moorage, towing and littering. Elliott will look into the possibility of partnering to regulate Slocan’s waterfront.

• Councillor Hillary Elliott will email council with details about what public constitution was done by the Village concerning Slocan’s proposed withdrawal from Services 633 (Parks) and 788 (Recreation). Once council approves, staff will forward the information to the RDCK.

• Information about the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society (SLSS) one-hour campground storytelling theatre and its ‘Love Your Lake’ contest will be placed in the Village newsletter. Jeff Pride, a New Denver actor, will tell the natural history of Slocan Lake and stories of two of its endangered species, western toads and Pacific sturgeons. The Slocan RV campground at 7 pm on August 30. ‘Love Your Lake’ contest forms will be available at WTCOSS, the gas station, and grocery store.

• Staff from the Ministry of Transportation met with Village staff in July. No major highways projects are proposed for the Slocan Valley this year. The maintenance plan includes annual centre line painting, new asphalt and wider shoulders for bicyclists and pedestrians is a priority long term project.

Help Slocan dress up for Christmas submitted

A group of volunteers want to dress up Slocan for the Christmas season. In support of this project, Jeff Pride of the Slocan Valley Legion on Friday, August 29 at 8 pm. The group includes John Cresswell, Alli Anderson, Brian Waller, Rick Taylor, Rob Moore, Larry Anderson and Christine and Steve Sadik will supply the music. Tickets for the dance, which will include a chow down lunch, are available at Mountain Valley Station, or call Karen at 250-355-2812, or Carol at 250-355-2673.

The support raised from the dance will enable the committee to purchase lighting for the 20-30 foot tree to be put up in front of the Wellness Centre on November 30 at 6 pm. We invite everyone to come and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas gathering.

Mayor Madeleine Perritte will flip the switch to light the tree, followed by everyone joining in the carolling. Children are invited to bring their letters to Santa as well as a homemade ornament to hang on the tree. Santa will arrive at 7 pm. Mountain Valley Station has donated street decorations to be set up throughout the town. Anyone interested in helping with the street decorations and the tree light-up please contact Karen at 250-355-2812.
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Silverton Municipal Campground - Silverton
(250) 358-2477 www.silverton.ca At Lavelle and Turner Streets. 4 sites, $25/regular rate and $27/teakettle site - open May 15 to September 30. Tent and RV sites, firepits, boating, pets must be leashed.

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**Laradee Valley Historical Society Museum - Meadow Creek**
museum.hhs@gmail.com (2156) 3578 51st St. (corner of Meadow Creek Road). Meadow Creek, BC. Visit the UMTRI Unit site in Meadow Creek and experience the history of the “Laradee”. Housed in the historic General Store that has been transformed into the museum collection interested in the rich and cultural past of people and places of north Kootenay Lake and the Laradee and Duncan Rivers valleys. Open weekends Wed to Saturday to September.
Whole School reaches its goal to buy school property

Submitted
Over two years of dedicated fundraising has come to a successful conclusion with the Whole School achieving the goal of buying its school property this August. Since the school’s Build a Legacy Campaign launched in June 2012, the school community has held numerous fundraising efforts from garage sales to the Valentine’s Art Extravaganza that culminated in raising just over $55,000 towards purchasing the property. The Whole School would like to thank everyone who gave so generously with public donations from far and wide, in addition to business donations from Gaia Tree Whole Foods and Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative (SIFCo). We would also like to acknowledge the vital contributions of the Columbia Basin Trust (Community Initiatives & Affected Area funding program) as well as the Regional District Area H Community Development Grant program and the wonderful support of RDCX Area H Director Walter Popoff.

For over 40 years, the Whole School has long succeeded in creating an incredibly unique, open and nurturing learning environment for children. The Circle of Courage 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 Wi-Fi and careless phone signals at the school. It is extremely encouraging with the success of this fundraising campaign to see so much affirmation of what the Whole School has created and sustained over the years.

The Whole School is now accepting Kindergarten and elementary registrations for the 2014/2015 school year; no family is turned away for financial reasons. For more information contact the school at wholeschools@gmail.com or call 250-226-7737.

Slocan Valley baby in Children’s Hospital with serious bone infection

by Jan McMurray

A Slocan Valley family is in crisis. Their two-month-old baby, Calia Rose, has been diagnosed with osteomyelitis and is in BC Children’s Hospital in Vancouver. Calia Rose was first taken to hospital in Castlegar, then transferred to Trail. She was moved to the Vancouver hospital on August 21.

Osteomyelitis is a bone infection, most often caused by bacteria.” She is in severe pain, and the bone infection was mainly in her femur, hip and knee. During a surgery last night (August 22), it was revealed that her femur has been mostly affected by the infection, and it has now spread extensively to other parts of her body,” said Baby Calia’s aunt, Tracy Remple of Meadow Creek.

Remple reports that Calia will be at the BC Children’s Hospital for the next six weeks, undergoing several surgeries and intense treatment.

“My sister Chaittle Moron, her husband Dylan Madison, and their other children, Mylayla and Koa, are in shock and are struggling to cope with this sudden onset,” she said. “Please pray and send light and healing vibes and support.” Chaittle and Dylan are from the Kootenays. They lived in the Peace River area for many years and then bought their dream home in Crescent Valley in June.

A fundraiser has been set up through the yarning website at www.yarning.com/fundraiser/case-for-calia/226582.

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Smart Meter Scandal

BC Hydro, enabled by Liberal Government, uses exorbitant-out-of-pocket fees and threats to cut off electricity, to force smart meters on citizens, while ignoring evidence of health risks and safety hazards.

by Richard Caniell

BC Hydro rightly receives much of the blame for its Smart Meters on British Columbians; but the primary responsibility rests with the Liberal government, which used the Clean Energy Act to force BC Hydro to switch to Smart Meters against the advice of the BC Utilities Commission (BUCC) from reviewing the Smart Meter Program, and this blocked the public consultation that would have accompanied a BUCC review.

Smart meters use wireless transmission to send meter readings direct to BC Hydro. They have allowed Hydro to dismiss nearly 300 meter readers. Meter readings are why we pay our hydro bills — yet when the meter readers are fired, do hydro bills go down? No, they are going up. In 2004, the cost of the smart meters on its customers.

The increase in electricity bills is expected to hit 26% by 2016, and this is because Hydro invested millions of dollars in vegetation management to ensure that Hydro will be selling electricity to those individuals who pay more than what it will pay to acquire the power from public sources. According to the Vancouver Sun, BC Hydro is now paying electricity at double the cost of its industrial power rate. (Calvert, Cohen, Sept 5, 2013) We will pay the deficit.

Meanwhile, BC Hydro is raising funds by “efficiency” measures such as firing 300 meter readers and shifting the cost of the smart meters on the consumers. Anyone who refuses a smart meter, due to concern about health and safety hazards, is then slapped with yet further exploitative fees, forcing them to pay the cost of having their meters read. Low-income people who have no hope of paying the extra fee must then accept the threat of a fine.

Exorbitant Meter-Reading Fees: Doing the Math

Statistics provided by the COPE union [V. Sun, Sept 26, 2013] indicate that 389 meter readers (only half of them full-time) formerly served approximately 1.8 million households.

Of these households, 19,380 have chosen to keep their old analogue meter. These people must pay $532.40 monthly, or $6,389.00 per year to have their meters read. Those people must pay $20 monthly, or $240.00 per year. In total, BC Hydro is making $4,647,000.00 a year to read 19,820 meters.

According to the Union, BC Hydro retained 70 meter readers. Our meter reading fees would pay each of them $109,240 per year, or about $9,000 a month! Since this is inconceivable, it appears Hydro has spent the rest of the money on false advertising and punitive, designed to force people to accept a smart meter.

In Canada, Ontario’s ombudsman has received 7,900 complaints against Ontario’s Hydro One regarding irregular billing connected to smart meters.

50 Doctors Confirm Health Risks from smart meters

When I sent a letter to BC Hydro expressing concern about the potential effects of Smart Meters on health, BC Hydro replied:

“Planetworks Consulting, a North Vancouver engineering firm, has conducted independent testing confirming that BC Hydro’s smart meters communicate for about 1.4 seconds per day. In fact, the exposure to radio frequency from a smart meter — over its entire 20-year lifespan is less than a single 30-minute cell phone call.”

This summation may be true, but it omits crucial details pointed out by Dr. Dave Carpenter, former founder of the School of Public Health at the University of Albany. His letter, printed in La Malbaie, for the first time, was signed by more than 50 international experts in EMF radiation.

Although wireless smart meters typically produce a relatively potent and very short pulsed RF/microwaves whose biological effects have never been fully tested. They emit these millisecond-long RF bursts on average 9,600 times a day, and the maximum of 19,000 RF emissions and a peak level emission two and a half times higher than the stated (US) safety signal. Thus people in proximity to a smart meter are at risk of significant long-term exposure to RF/microwaves.

Dr. Carpenter’s letter said claims that research has proven smart meters to be safe are false. He stated: “In fact, only a few such studies — two dozen case-control studies of mobile phone use, amongst thousands, have reported no elevations of cancer, and most were funded by the wireless industry. In this review, these reassuring studies contained significant experimental design flaws, and the results are likely to be flawed.”

The industry funded studies have clearly demonstrated a significant increase in cancer cases among individuals who have suffered from prolonged exposure to low-level microwaves, transmitted not by radio antennas.

“A wireless smart meter produces radiofrequency microwave radiation with two antennas in approximately the same frequency range (900 MHz to 2.4 GHz) as a typical cell tower. But, depending on how close it is to occupied space within a home, a smart meter can cause much higher RF exposures than cell towers commonly do. If a smart meter is located on a common wall with a bedroom or kitchen rather than a garage, for example, the RF exposure can be the same as having a cell tower 200 to 600 feet away from the residence of a cell tower with multiple carriers.”

Saskatchewan revokes smart meters for causing fires

After ten fires originating from smart meters, the Saskatchewan Minister responsible, Rick Strankman, ordered an investigation. That led to a stop to smart meter installations and further revealed that 10,050 smart meters already installed be removed and replaced with the old meters.

The following problem occurs in Pennsylvania (2012) where they had installing meters replaced due to 29 fires. The manufacturer for the meters in Saskatchewan and Pennsylvania, Senrus, claimed that the problems creating the fires are specific in the area.

The proof of his statement is that fires have also been reported from other brands of smart meters; for instance, Ontario’s fire service was called to attend fires in which 70,000 smart meters because of fires. Smart meters have been linked to 11 incidents reported to Ontario’s Fire Mar- shal from 2011 to 2013, which included 13 small fires.

BC’s negligence in failing to track smart meter fires

Close and Mail: July 31, 2014

"BC Hydro ... said there has been no evidence of fires started by smart meters.

“BC Energy Minister Bill Bennett said he’s not aware of any problems with the meters.”

According to a recent investigative report by the Coalition to Stop Smart Meters, the 2012 Incident Summary of the BC Safety Authority actually implicates smart meters in ten fire incidents.

The Coalition documented a scandalous failure of the BC government to track fires caused by smart meters. The use of the Clean Energy Act to exempt smart meters from oversight by the BC Utilities Commission left the public with no protection from these dangerous, excessive, amount within 24 hours.

The persons to whom I spoke, fearing the $335.00 reconnection fee, gave in to Hydro’s extortionate threat. Those on disability assistance, unable to pay the $335.00, borrowed the money to pay Hydro.

This disgraceful situation demands the widest possible exposure and denunciation. We must continue to fight for a 82-year-old man recovering from a cancer operation, on the basis that I will refuse to pay what Hydro admits is an uncertain and excessive charge? My re- fusal, aware that the meter is on the outer wall of the room in which I spend most of my time, means to protect my health based on health and fire hazard reports. The Government does not have a monopoly on truth, and they are not the only one to challenge the wisdom of the government’s decisions.

Final gun-to-the-head: electrically cut-off notices

Some residents who have refused a smart meter have been charged the monthly fee to have their meters read since December, others since April. But the smart meters weren’t working correctly. Hydro used past records to estimate what the smart meters owners owed, yet continued to charge the fees to those who opted out. Yet it quickly became apparent that the old meters weren’t being read either. Many people refused to pay the extra meter-reading fee.

BC Hydro acknowledged the problem, and declared that it would credit people for months in which their metre wasn’t read (Valley Voice, 16 July 2014). However, talking out of two sides of its corporate mouth, BC Hydro sent written letters to the electrician to service to those who deducted the legacy fee.

In recent weeks, some of these people received an automated telephone message stating “your electricity will be cut off in 24 hours” — and the fee Hydro is charging for connect electricity is $335.00! While acknowledging that the penalties are excessive, they said that a rebate may be due. Hydro was threatening those who didn’t pay it with electrical cut-off and a punitive fee to re- connect it!

In the five instances in which I learned of persons who received this 24- hour notice, an additional time was allowed. Then, within a day of this threatening phone call, these parties receive the written notice stating that credit may be owed them for as much as nearly half the sum demanded. No one knew exactly what they owed or many times their meter had or had not been read, but BC Hydro was demanding an amount of money far in excess of the amount, within 24 hours.

The persons to whom I spoke, fearing the $335.00 reconnection fee, gave in to Hydro’s extortionate threat. Those on disability assistance, unable to pay the $335.00, borrowed the money to pay Hydro.

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The full scope of research on wire- less transmission yields two contradictory results, with the majority of evidence indicating serious health risks. Because of this, BC Hydro and the Liberal government are in no position to assure anyone that smart meters are safe. Hydro’s position is entirely self-serving and willfully blind in completely ignoring substantial adverse science as to smart meters. Instead it tells us, “Don’t worry, trust us.”

It doesn’t have to be this way. In 2012 the legislature of the state of Vermont passed a law forbidding utilities from charging for opt-outs. People can decline a smart meter and even have one removed and replaced with an old-style meter for free.

Despite Hydro’s false assurances and threats, including their extortionate charge of $335.00 to reconnect electricity. I won’t pay their fee. Now then, we desperately need legislators, investigative reporters, and other persons concerned with equities to protect an unprotected public which includes myself.

This article has been privately prepared and paid for by contributors opposed to smart meters.
COMMUNITY

FATCA lawsuit filed in Federal Court

A group of citizens is challenging the Canadian government’s implementation of the United States Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA). The group seeks to prevent the government from handing over some Canadians’ confidential banking information to the United States government.

FATCA, an American taxation law adopted by the US Congress, will have extra-territorial effect in Canada and could impact many constituents in the BC Southern Interior.

The lawsuit, filed on August 11 by the group Alliance for Canadian Sovereignty and Democracy against the government, states that the legislation violates a number of provisions in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, including sovereign rights, and that it undermines justice and equality of law, as well as the United Nations Covenant. It also bases on the principle that “Canada will not forfeit its sovereignty to a foreign state.”

Nathan Cullen, NDP Finance critic, and Murray Rankin, NDP National Revenue critic, strongly recommended to the Finance Committee that the government delay implementation to allow time for further study, said Alex Atamanenko, MP for BC Southern Interior.

“[For me] it’s simple – no Canadian should have personal banking information on their Canadian earnings in their Canadian accounts given to the US government,” said Atamanenko.

The legislation implementing FATCA within Canada was enacted as part of the Budget Bill C-31 on June 19, 2014. This legislation, now known as the Economic Action Plan 2014 Act, No. 1, could render Canadians liable to US taxation.

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Single ramp is throwing Galena-Shelter Bay ferry off schedule

by Katrina Campbell

The new ferry on the Shelter Bay/ Galena Bay run is working well, but delayed construction on doubling the ramp at Galena (Nakusp side) is slowing down service and putting the MV Columbia off schedule.

WaterBridge Ferries Regional Manager Dave Holm says the ferry

Nakusp student participates in Rotary Youth Exchange

by Jan McMurray

Silken Jones from Nakusp is off to Brazil very soon on the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

"I've been wanting to go on an exchange program ever since my father told me about them when I was in grade 9," she says.

Her father, Weselyla Jones, regrets missing out on an opportunity to participate in an agricultural exchange program when he was young, and instilled the passion in Silken to have a learning experience in another country.

And passionate she is. Silken was

Coach needed or skating club could close submitted

Children in Nakusp and area are in danger of losing one of their favourite activities – figure skating – if the club isn’t able to secure a new coach soon.

The previous coach left at the end of last season, the club hasn’t been able to find a new one and hopes qualified coaches in the region will step forward to help.

“At this point we’re willing to be flexible and would love to speak with anyone interested in coaching for us, even temporarily,” said Kelly Waterfield, club president.

The club doesn’t need to live in Nakusp, our last coach travelled once a week

was designed and built for double lane loading and unloading.

"To make it work the way it was designed, you have to have double lane load and offload. The construction at Galena Bay should have been completed before the ferry went into service, but it didn’t start until afterwards," he says.

The system works well at Shelter Bay, where two lanes travel on and off the ferry morning the loading and unloading takes half the time. But when the Columbia reaches Galena Bay, only one lane of traffic can exit and climb the hill, slowing down the process. In addition, the construction often blocks the passing lane.

"Vehicles go single file up the hill," Holm says.

Put a heavy transport truck into the mix, it climbs slowly and slows the unloading," says Holm.

He acknowledges the difficulty the construction crews face, as they can only work effectively when the ferry isn’t there.

"To be fair to the contractor, they’ve got traffic control working on site and they’re doing the best they can. They can’t let traffic go until the traffic is off the ferry."

Holm notes that the three- to six-hour waits that have angered drivers in the past are over. The longest wait this summer, on a long weekend, was two hours.

"We’ll get through it. There’s a few little bugs but the performance of the ferry is fine."

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure was asked for a response to complaints about the ferry’s delays. They were more precise in their statistics.

“The new ferry has not missed any sailings, but may have been a bit late on some of its turnarounds as crews familiarize themselves with the vessel. From the Thursday before Canada Day to the Thursday after BC Day this year, only one per cent of trips had overflow traffic. Over the same period last year, 26 per cent of trips had traffic overflows.

Last year during that time period, four per cent of trips had sailing waits of two or more and three per cent had waits of three or more. This year, only 0.3 per cent of crossings involved two sailing waits and there were no waits for three or more sailings.”

“As the crews become more proficient with the operation on the vessel during the summer, their efficiency will improve.”

The ministry did not mention the problems caused by the ramp construction, or why it had not ensured the work would be done before the MV Columbia was put into service.

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