Nakusp Rotary recognizes 2014 Citizens of the Year

Katrina Sumrall was recognized by Silverton Mayor Jason Clarke as the Volunteer of the Year.

Katrina Sumrall named Silverton Volunteer of the Year

by Jan McMurtry

Katrina Sumrall was honoured with the Silverton Volunteer of the Year Award at the Memorial Hall on April 17. Silverton Mayor Jason Clarke presented the award. “I think that any of us would be hard pressed to find someone in this area who has not been impacted by Katrina and her efforts in some fashion,” he said.

Katrina, a teacher at Lucerne, is all about the kids. Volunteerism and community-mindedness are integral to who she is, and she teaches these values by example to everyone in her classroom and beyond.

The grad advisor for the last several years, Katrina has been described as “an inspiration” by grad students at more than one graduation ceremony.

As a teacher, she takes her students on week-long bike and canoe trips that create lasting memories. She is constantly organizing fundraisers for these special trips – her garage is set up as an ongoing bottle drive depot.

To ensure that healthy recreation programs are offered in the community, Katrina is active in the soccer program, sits on Recreation Commission No. 6, and is a driving force behind the Valhalla fine arts programs.

Katrina has a strong environmental ethic, and is responsible for the exemplary recycling and composting programs at the Garlic Festival and at the school.

“Without Katrina, half of the things that go on in these communities wouldn’t happen,” said Julia Greenlaw, another volunteer extraordinary at the school. “Without her, the kids wouldn’t have near the number of activities they have now.”

Kevin Murphy, retired Lucerne teacher, wrote a poem for Katrina called “Appreciation” and read it aloud at the event. Here’s one of the best lines: “We’re full of appreciation, but let’s stop short of suggesting outright beatitude.”

Congratulations to Katrina, a very deserving volunteer of the year!
Naomi Klein talk garners record attendance

by Art Joyce

People will travel a long way for hope. Naomi Klein’s talk at the Brilliant Cultural Centre April 11 proved this – the 1,000 in the audience broke the centre’s record for attendance at their speakers’ series. Tickets were sold out two months in advance. Klein’s presentation was hosted by MidCentre for Peace director Randy Janzen, with an introduction by Peace Studies student Margaret Ann Murphy and an opening prayer by Saint representative Billie Jo Gray. Doubtkiller spiritual leader Ir Verigin welcomed the audience on behalf of the Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ (USCC).

“As a young woman in my twenties I’ve come to be extremely concerned about climate change,” said Murphy, “and have questioned the wisdom of having children because the future is so uncertain. Naomi Klein’s book tells us we need an entirely new economic model.”

Verigin noted that Klein’s family has had a prominent role in the Centre’s speakers’ series, with her father-in-law Stephen Lewis inaugurating the series, her brother Seth Klein speaking there more than once and her parents being present for the war warriors’ reunion. Referring to Murphy and Naomi Klein, Verigin said, “Your presence here helps to power up these women and give them the strength to do what they do.”

Klein was visibly moved by the applause that greeted her before she even spoke. She noted the warm Kootenay welcome she’d received, joking that she’d already received offers of free yoga classes, massages, meditation retreats and an invitation to a coalition meeting of local NDP and Greens. She skipped over the ominous climate science in her book, This Changes Everything: Capitalism and the Climate, in favour of a conversational, anecdotal style of speaking. She began by applauding the courage of the young women activists who recently occupied a Shell Oil drilling rig headed for the Arctic. But she emphasized that not everyone can rural up an oil tanker and other contributions to the climate movement are just as valid.

“All of these actions, whether it’s fighting it at the point of extraction or pushing institutions to divest from dirty energy, or pushing for regional food sovereignty, are all part of a self-reinforcing network putting a squeeze on that psychopathic system.”

The oil companies have five times more carbon in reserves than the atmosphere can absorb, said Klein. The fossil fuel divestment movement, which didn’t exist just three years ago, has in the past six months convinced major universities such as Stanford to divest from fossil fuels. The biggest coup to date was the Rockefeller family divestment. The mayor of Paris recently came out in favour of divestment. New York City last year broke records when 400,000 people marched the streets to call for action on climate change. The day of Klein’s talk, 25,000 people in Quebec City marched to urge Canadian premiers to toughen action.

“Our so-called leaders left to their own devices will lead us straight over a cliff,” said Klein. “We have to fight as if our world depended on it because it does. It’s why 21-year-old students are scaling oil rigs instead of writing their term papers. It’s why young people are getting arrested on Burnaby Mountain, why over 1,000 people have been arrested for protesting Keystone.”

Her book makes it clear that we can’t solve the problem by using the capitalist system that created it. Klein said the values of competition and individualism must be jettisoned in favour of cooperation toward the common goal of a livable planet. Klein said that carbon trading schemes were nothing more than a scam that hasn’t reduced carbon output at all. Carbon taxes are better where she said, but need to be far more progressive than the one created by the BC government. Germany’s example is inspiring, with 30 percent of its energy grid generated by renewables.

The part of this story you don’t hear, she said, is that this was done partly by cities and towns across Germany taking privatized energy utilities back into public ownership. Klein’s book states that huge investments in the public sector will be needed for us to adequately respond to climate change — the very opposite of capitalist logic. Free trade agreements must be dismantled since they encourage the global movement of goods, increasing carbon output. To one journalist who said he didn’t like her message because it’s too radical, she said: “Too bad. The future is radical; one way or another, we’re in for radical change.”

Two degrees of temperature increase is dangerous but we’re headed for 4.6 degrees. The only threat we can compare it to in scale is nuclear weapons being detonated.”

Klein paid tribute to her parents’ generation, who were either “dropouts or activists,” many of whom didn’t wait for governments to change and just got busy building alternate systems. The wisdom accumulated from these experiences will need to be harnessed now. Youth are leading the charge but could benefit by their elders’ experience organizing movements.

Klein said she’s often asked what keeps her going in this difficult and often depressing work. “My heart is on the west coast, the Salish Sea where my family lives and where I wrote two of my books. The only thing that kept me going was the beauty of that place.”

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The Grand Opening of Slocan’s Wellness Centre was celebrated on April 11. RDCK Area H Director Walshe Popoff, Nurse Practitioner Donna Gibbons, Slocan Mayor Jessica Lunn, and MLA Katrina Conway cut the ribbon.
Legal opinion pending on Meadow Creek forest licence

by Jan McMurray

By the March 31 deadline, Meadow Creek Cedar had met some, but not all, of the requirements of a remediation order to pay its debt to the Crown and to bring its data reporting up to date.

“I have requested a legal opinion on whether the Crown should proceed with enforcement action on the licence,” reported Guth Wiggill, district forestry manager. “Essentially, we’re asking, based on what’s been done and not done, whether the Crown’s enforcement action has been effective and, if it is effective, are there additional grounds to proceed towards cancellation?”

Wiggill said the legal opinion should be in by the end of the week, and any decision around cancellation of the licence would be made by the regional executive director.

Wiggill said the ministry seized 11,000 cubic metres of logs that were being held in trust by MCC to pay its debt to government. Until the logs are sold, it is unknown whether the proceeds of the sale will cover the debt. “Both the Crown and the CRA [Canada Revenue Agency] are accessing funds through the court bailiff seizure,” reported Wiggill.

As for the reporting requirements, Wiggill said the ministry submitted most of the required data. “Some of it indicated there might be more issues out there, and some of the survey data is saying they might miss further obligations, so we’ve summarized all the data and I have requested a legal opinion,” said Wiggill.

“Everything else to the licence of a company that would then take over the outstanding obligations would solve the problem for all concerned; unfortunately, two earlier attempts at this by Blue Ridge Timber and San Group failed. Arnold says selling the licence and mill property together is what’s best for the community, but that will take time. Since the mill burned down last November, the insurance company has not yet made a decision on selling the company’s assets.

Arnold said in the 10 years Koomey had owned the company, only about 300,000 cubic metres have been harvested — less than 25 percent of the company’s quota over 10 years. “So the good news is in the 700,000 cubic metres not cut, there hasn’t been a problem. It’s a benefit for whoever takes it over.”

Wiggill reported that 80,000 cubic metres of this underwater is in the process of being sold to BC Timber Sales. He says the proceeds of the sale will go into a trust fund that has been established by MCC with a lawyer, and MCC will spend those funds according to a process approved by the ministry.

Wiggill said some of the funds will go toward the purchase of seedlings, and some will go toward wages for the office staff in Kaslo. If further funds are available, they will be used to pay the outstanding debts to contractors. “Whether there will be adequate funds to do that, I don’t know,” said Wiggill. He expects the funds to be transferred to the trust fund “within the next couple of weeks.”

Arnold says there are five people working in the Kaslo MCC office, and a sixth will be hired at the beginning of May. He says 20-25 people will be employed this summer for tree planting, road deactivation, and brushing.

Johnson’s Landing: Life after the Landslides Part 2

by Art Joyce

In the last issue of the Valley Voice, I wrote about how Johnson’s Landing residents were struggling to deal with the catastrophic landslides of July 12 and 13, 2012. Here I’ll add further impressions gathered from interviews with residents and comments on the community water supply.

For Deb Bosson, an accomplished artist, the slides catapulted her into a career as an environmental and social services coordinator for the regional district. She worked with Nelson Cranford Emergency Program Coordinator Brenda McDonald to develop a Community Assistance and Support Program, and has established a local emergency preparedness website. An emergency evacuation course was held March 5th at the new Kintla Emergency Services Centre. Some residents faired poorly and, and rescue authorities were rudely dismissive of locals, with the exception of RCMP officer Chris Buckos, who went beyond the call of duty to help out and was always approachable. Resident Eric Schindler wanted to locate Petra’s Place for his recovery crew but was turned away by a couple who sold it for two days. Bob Yetter watched crews digging in the wrong place for the Webber house before finally being able to get what he needed.

“Definitely local knowledge is invaluable to have, particularly in rural and remote smaller communities,” says Bosson. “Sometimes I think it just comes down to personality. They have a job to do and they don’t care anywhere here and it’s very difficult for everybody.”

Other businesses added insult to injury by offering no compensation for “an act of God,” highly ironic given that the industry has been at the forefront of assessing the financial implications of climate change. Angelo Ortega of Johnson’s Landing Retreat Centre thinks there’s an urgent need to advise insurance policies to ensure that unfortunate folks such as the Eddie Washington summer home – which was completely buried by the slide – was not covered by the disaster coverage, because it’s not a primary residence.

Gary Rory, a retired highway worker, says the slide zone continues to be monitored. The debris field has only shifted by a matter of inches in the three years since the slides, so he feels confident the danger is past. But loss of access to the beach (the road has been deactivated) is another sore on the residents’ back, as community activities had been held at a favourite gathering place for residents.

Now, simply don’t feel safe there anymore. For Rogers personally, it was fine until his kayak flipped on a log and he was swept away by river flow services restored after the slides. While his phone service was restored after a month, it took a year and a half to get hydro again.

“One thing I get really tired of hearing is Hydro and Interior Health saying, ‘Oh no, we couldn’t possibly go into the slide area and put our employees at risk. ‘People drive down here on a Saturday and stop and ask us, what’s happening here? I still notice planes more than I used to. We’re just not there, and it’s frightening.”

Interior Health considers privatizing laundry services

by Jan McMurray

Interior Health is considering privatizing laundry services, a move that could potentially affect 75 small communities in 11 communities across the region.

“We are facing significant challenges,” said Alan Davie, regional director of support services at IH. “We are having difficulty getting medical equipment for the sites, so we want to avoid the need to invest in capital equipment like washing machines and dryers. Medical equipment has a higher priority.”

Davie said it could cost as much as $500,000 to $1 million to replace the laundry equipment at the five large hospitals where most of the region’s laundry is done, in Nelson, Penticton, Kelowna, Kamloops, and Victoria. As health centres in the smaller communities, the laundry is done on site, as the centres are too far from the five main facilities.

These six communities are Golden, Princeton, 100 Mile, Williams Lake, Ashcroft, and Lillooet. Laundry from the Nelson, Kaslo and New Denver health centres would be moved to the five large hospitals.

“We’re looking for ways to avoid that capital expenditure cost out over the next 10 years,” Davie said, adding that an industrial washing machine in the Nelson facility costs over $1 million. Davie said it costs over $10 million a year to operate the laundry service.

“We’re doing an evaluation of what the private sector would charge us,” said Alan Davie, regional director of support services at IH. “We’ve gone to companies that provide the services and analysed their fees and what their bid is for the business for us.”

Davies expects that proposals from the companies will be submitted by the end of May, and IH will have a decision sometime in June.

Mike Old from the Hospital Employees’ Union (HEU) said IH has already made a big investment in laundry equipment at the various sites, so IH needs to make long-term, modest investments to maintain this good quality, efficient service that provides 117 jobs.

“Many of these jobs are held by women,” Old said. “We’re concerned about the loss of those jobs. I think Kootenay communities, like New Denver, Nelson, and Kaslo are quite pleased with the quality and dependability of the service they get from the Kaslo Lake Hospital laundry service, and that if it’s privatized, they’ll be hurting.”

IH has said that all of the private companies that have been asked for bids are from Alberta or the Lower Mainland. “We’re concerned that the money would be trucked out of the Province or down to the coast,” said Old.

Old said Kamloops City Council also supports the HEU position, and the union is reaching out to other city councils for support.

Big Air Band Competition ready to roll submitted

Contestants in the Big Air Band Competition have been working hard on their acts, and are ready to take the stage.

The event is happening at the Silverton Memorial Hall this Saturday, April 25. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30. Get your tickets now to take advantage of advance ticket prices. Tickets are on sale at New Market Foods, Silverton Retailers Supply, Mountain Valley Station and Wadwin Mini Mart.

“We had our main through of acts last Saturday, and there’s some stuff coming,” said Norma Kilpatrick, aka the Grande Dame of Hair, co-ordinator and emcee of the event.

Come out and see the 4 Shades of Grey, Danny & Shun, the Delta Cooteesans, and eight other great acts!
A chance encounter

I was walking down the street the other day when I was approached by a strange looking man who asked: “Hey man, you got change for a paradigm?” I wasn’t sure what was spoken, so I asked: “What do you mean?” The reply was rather lengthy, so I can’t quote directly. Essentially, he was saying that we have it all wrong, the way we do things, treat each other, treat the planet – our economic model. After further discussion, it became apparent that he was asking me personally if I was working toward making change to our current model (paradigm) on how we conduct ourselves on the planet. My face turned a bit red as I reflected on the reality that my thoughts, in that regard, were very modelled. I felt like a little frog in a big pond. That may be so, was his reply; but if you work collectively as a group, you can change the nature of the pond. His parting words were: “It can start with you…”

Ron Robinson Nelson

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EMF awareness

The language at this event was performed by entertainment troupe Lou Lou Wiley and Shelly Boyd, Colville Tribal members who claim Sinti heritage, and who are trained speakers of the Sintsa (Okanogan/Colville language). The Sintsa (Sint-sa) language is a distinct dialect, separate and apart from the Okanogan/ Colville Salish language.

This cultural fact would have been expressed in a professional forum featuring a museum and a BC College had not the sponsors featured an entertainment troupe, Colville Confederated Tribes representatives. This was, at best, performance art, an insult to Sintx ancestors. Prior to the event, an arrangement was delivered by an event representative that a Sintx territory spokesperson occupying our Sintx territory was unreachable.

Still, it may be deemed commendable to have Slisha speakers sharing their Okanogan/Colville language had it been disclosed honestly for that express purpose. It was unfair to the BC College and the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights not to feature the Okanogan/Colville language or any other language as Sintx; such an act is that of sheer cultural ignorance on the part of the entertainment troupe. Would the public know the dialect difference? I would venture the uninformed public would not.

It is very concerning to have public institutions colluding with public performances to maintain the dominance of the BC College to Sintx people. Make no mistake, Sintx extinction enabled and facilitated by public entities is a continuing government measure by BC and the Crown.

Colville Confederated Tribes representatives, now Selkirck College affiliates, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Okanogan Nation Alliance, one of the several tribal groups benefitting from the maintained extinct status of the Sintx people. Simultaneously, the Canadian government gives to the Sintx resistance and chooses to adopt those tribal groups, through the treaty process they have refused to accept, inclusive of the Sintx land claim document filed in 2007.

In the full strength of the government policies of oppression on Sintx people in which the government demonyms us as “extinct,” it must be understood as attempts towards ethnic cleansing. As ethnic cleansing goes, there are tools in the destruction of economic and political organization, with an intention of weakening the people’s spirit and actual thriving capacity, including demonizing the people. These are the bases of Canadian and US foreign policy, of which First Nations and tribes are foreign nations according to each respective government’s own interpretation. In keeping with, haciendo the boarding schools were and continue to be a more recent oppressive cultural destructive practice.

Government ethnic cleansing policies are disruptive to the respective First Nations and can cause devastation in the communities.

Please make your own contribution to end these acts of madness by colonial elites and ethnic cleansing.

Marsha James
Slocan Valley

Ethnic cleansing of Sinitx Nation people at recent event

The April 9 event hosted by Touchstones Museum and Selkirck College event—no one would think, would expect to display of collusion in ethnic cleansing of indigenous language and the Sinitx Nation people.

While the event was cited “to celebrate 35 years of Sintx presence” in the Kootenay, the event excluded the very Sintx people who have held the Sintx nation in the Kootenay, most people need to be explored about political motives in which a museum and a BC college would intentionally misrepresent the Canadian public about regional indigenous knowledge and culture.

Of primary cultural significance, the event sponsors imported false cultural information about Sintx people and Sintx territory, the very motives with which this event was held. Colville Confederated Tribes representatives are incapable of fostering the very work of those Sintx people were excluded.

A praying community member of Nelson and vicinity attending a Touchstones Museum and Selkirk College event—no one would think, would expect to be presented true depictions regarding the Sintx Nation. But who validates the authenticity of supposed true culture and language?

In the long run, it is no longer acceptable to maintain such a restrictive health effect and if such may players are drastically re-writing prior policy, you can bet that it won’t be long before it comes down to the smaller companies. Do you have insurance? If you do or don’t, once you look into it, you’ll be wanting some veritable assurance from Fortis BC. I could start a fire, or get you sick, wouldn’t you? Will Fortis take responsibility? If not, public opinion and the courts are perhaps the only thing that might force their conscience into open.

If you don’t order an “RF-Off meter” or somehow manage to refuse one entirely, then, by default, you get an “RF-ON” one, complete with microwave radiation inside your home, property and outside in your community space. Slocan Valley gets deployed with Castlegar and Creston starting in August and, according to their rules, you have to choose to opt out a month in advance if you don’t want the EMF Nation has its own system (and it’s not a system of the people, it’s not for the people, it’s not even for the people, it’s not even for the people, it’s not even for the people, it’s not even for the people, it’s not even for the people) and, in radiating. Even though Fortis’s main receivers aren’t yet in place—for example, the Trail infrastructure doesn’t complete till July—the meters are still transmitting radio frequencies, and, at the moment, they are still read mainly (poor naked suckers!).

So, if you’re a firefighter, or a house insurer, why talk? Talk to your American bros! American “microwave sickness” is well studied and documented, and we all know the connection between electricity and metal. Do you know anyone with any postal implants or pacemakers, etc.? Let them know, because they will not be happy campers post smart meter installation.

Daphne Field

Slocan

ESL important to provincial economy

Language instruction in BC, or English as a Second Language (ESL), for schools for international students, is directly responsible for one billion dollars in economic activity every year. It is the province’s fourth largest export industry and employs 24,000 British Columbians. Add in the economic activity that international students generate when they eat in BC restaurants, moved all over the province, and the “Home Stay” income received by thousands of BC families, and that figure balloons to more than three million dollars in economic activity for BC. For thousands of homestay parents, the homestay income helps to pay mortgages and put food on the table, and the relationships that U of W homestay parents have with students is a world little smaller. Thousands of students who visit BC to learn English and then go back to their home countries are walking back into their communities to tell others to visit our province —effectively mini ambassadors we send all over the world! It is important that all of us, as from the Slocan Valley, from Gregor Robertson and all of us as citizens, support the “International ESL Tourism” industry as it benefits our economy and encourages bright young people from all over the world to consider coming to BC to lend a hand. A resource we will come to cherish as our baby boomers retire!}

I want to thank the International Language Academy of Canada of Slocan

The West created this monster

"In We need Bill C-51," March 25, David Willis, MP, tells us that ISIS has declared war on Canada "simply because they hate our society and the values it represents."

I would question this assumption. ISIS is a radical, militant Islamic organization with aims on the ground and an international terrorist capability. Its platform is the usual one for such movements, utilizing inner contour for all non-believers, a liking for whipping, clipping off limbs and beheading, a penchant for vicarious horror and direct extermination of everything except its own beliefs. However, ISIS’s declaration war on Canada with its 2014 jihad, which was after Canada had declared itself part of the coalition militarily against ISIS on Sept. 19. I’d suggest that the Farinelli orchestrated coup of terrorists was the major factor prompting their decision.

How did a dreadful nightmare such as ISIS come into being? "Well, we were sold by our US president George Bush and that Saddam Hussein, then hoodoo of Iraq, had weapons of mass destruction he was itching to use on the West. He didn’t. Never mind, Bush said, the world is better off without Saddam anyway."

Now we have the murderous ISIS, which arose from the mayhem and misery caused by the bombing of Iraq and consequent destruction of infrastructure, deaths, displacement and sectarian violence. In response to ISIS’s call for all Muslims to go to battle to drive westerners they were doing and rush out and kill non-believers, only two men responded. This indicates that Canada is not seduced with murderous Muslims. Also, even our general population of homicidal maniacs seem to be picky about their reason to freak out. ISIS wants its dirty work done but it has to do itself. But will Bill C-51 do the job of stopping such terrorist attacks, and without creating a police state? Many Canadians have their doubts, as does a veritable crowd of former prime ministers and supreme court justices. It seems that CSIS (unreasonably similar acronym) will have much expanded powers under vague laws that they can exercise without tight oversight. Sounds like good old fashioned way of law or, hello police state.

As Naomi Klein points out in her excellent book, The Shock Doctrine, governments make use of times of fear and uncertainty to push through laws they want for other purposes. Canadians have to make sure this does not happen now. Only the federal government can address the menace of combating terrorism, and nothing else, should be passed.

Keith Newbery
Slocan
Lucerne School reopens Wi-Fi conversation at public meeting

by Jan McMurray

The conversation around hard-wired vs. wireless internet access at Lucerne School in New Denver has been re-opened.

At a public meeting at the school on April 27, principal and owner Nicki Suhr explained that responses to a district-wide survey on information technology indicate that parents want to re-visit the issue.

The first discussion on Wi-Fi at the school occurred in 2009, and as a result, the school has never installed a wireless system and is billed as a Wi-Fi free school on its website.

Suhr said the April 27 meeting was the first step in the engagement process. The next step is a confidential survey, available for each parent, staff member, and high school student to take. The results of the survey will be communicated in the May 4, 2015, newsletter and shared with the school district’s IT Committee and board of education.

Suhr assured people at the meeting that their names will not be connected to the survey if they wish to participate. “The survey is confidential, information is given, not to conduct a vote.”

The survey is currently being conducted and results will be communicted to the school stakeholders,” said Suhr. “It will be a respectful process.”

Superintendent Terry Taylor added that the board of education wants to make the decision.

Suhr explained that last year, the district IT committee decided to move away from the wired alone and added a wireless upgrade at Lucerne would be less expensive than a wired upgrade. When one parent asked if there was any problem with the current internet speed in the computer lab, the answer was no.

Suhr shared a couple of her experiences where technology helped her teach children who had difficulties reading and writing.

Superintendent Terry Taylor added that technology is a learning tool as part of a good lesson plan, and gave the example of students taking their wireless devices to the forest during a lesson on indigenous plants and learn about the wild land.

One meeting participant wondered if the wireless devices were really necessary during the lesson in the woods. Another made it clear that she has no problem with technology, but she has a problem with wireless technology.

Another parent asked if there were protocols for proper usage at the other schools in the district. Taylor explained that the network has strong firewalls, and the IT manager knows when there is inappropriate usage. When that happens, the Internet is shut down.

Suhr added that the IT committee is working very hard on digital literacy.

Yet another parent asked why the school would want to take on the management issue. “Once wireless is accessible on the grounds, it’s impossible to manage it,” she said. She also pointed out that the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils passed a resolution advocating for one WiFi-free school at every level (elementary, secondary) across the district, and has called on Boards of Education to cease to install wireless networks in schools where other networking technologies are available.

Two speakers attended the meeting electronically via Skype. Chris Rowan, occupational therapist from Siskind, shared the effects of technology on children’s development. Jerry Flynn, a retired Canadian Armed Forces captain with experience in electronic warfare, presented the health concerns of wireless technology.

Rowan has worked with children for 27 years, and started researching the effects of technology on children when she first noticed a difference in kids 15 years ago.

She is a member of an institute that works with the American Academy of Pediatrics to do this research.

Rowan said that the four critical things that children need to optimize their bodies and brains are movement, touch, human connection and nature.

Today, children are on screens for 10 hours a day on average, leaving little time for nature.

“The research community is very worried about the sheer amount of technology, but the other huge concerns we have is the content,” said Rowan.

She said that although there is an immense amount of promise in technology, we need to develop discipline and a framework for children to use technology, such as video games. It’s very difficult to ensure that kids are not using their devices for entertainment, the internet, and yet there is a stagnant commitment to management staff.

Rowan said that when children’s brains develop in a healthy way, there are synaptic connections to all areas of the brain. In kids who have technology connections in the frontal lobe the area of the brain that helps them to pay attention, see the big picture, and to understand connections and consequences as they get older and continue using technology for entertainment, the frontal lobe is still not developed, so the brain ‘preserves’ itself of these ‘unnecessary’ neural pathways.

Rowan said that one in 11 children has attention deficit disorder, i.e. video games, pornography, texting, and social networking. Forty percent of 10-year-olds watch pornography on a daily basis. The institute is finding that parents are also addicted to entertainment technology, and cautious schools against overusing technology in education because it is being overused at home.

“Pro-social content results in pro-social behaviour. Anti-social content results in anti-social behaviour.”

As technology gets faster, the brain can’t process it, so this is causing ADD [Attention Deficit Disorder].

Rowan said she has seen a huge increase in problems over the 27 years she has been working with children. One in three kids is entering school developmentally delayed. One in four is obese. One in six has a diagnosed mental illness. Anxiety and depression are very common. And when parents have problems, you want to connect them with the four essentials, not technology, she said.

“Education technology is a learning paradigm. The more you use, the less likely the child will learn. So take a step back and proceed with caution,” she concluded.

Jerry Flynn started his presentation on the health effects of wireless technology by explaining that all living beings are bioelectric beings. All living beings emit extremely weak electrical signals, and the stronger signals emitted from wireless devices such as cell phones and iPads are in conflict with the body’s natural frequencies.

One of Flynn’s slides showed the increase in man-made wireless radiation from 2000 to 2009. It starts at 1.81 and rises to 1.75. Flynn says this correlates with the increase in illnesses linked to electromagnetic radiation exposure, such as headaches, insomnia, nausea, heart palpitations, memory loss, tinnitus, skin rashes, etc.

Flynn listed several organizations and reports that call for the precautionary principle or the lowering of regulatory exposure limits to EMR. He said that the BioTerrorist Report, which is the most authoritative report on the subject, says EMR is a human carcinogen, and exposure levels should be three million times lower than they are.

Flynn says that the military has known about the adverse health effects of electromagnetic radiation since the 1960s. "Scientists and the military know it’s harmful to the human brain, central nervous system and reproductive system, and particularly harmful to pregnant women and children,” he said.

People who came out to the New Denver meeting participated in small group discussions on the goals of the agreement and the cultural programming delivered in the school.

The agreement is renewed every five years, and is up for renewal this year.

Columbia River Round Table calls for restoration of ecosystem function on the Columbia.
**Community**

**BC Ambulance supervisors pre-empt local paramedic's presentation to Slocan council**

by Barbara Curry McAloney

By the time Slocan council held its April meeting, its request to inflow paramedic Ruth Pierson for information on the new ambulance service had gathered much attention. Pierson came to the April 13 meeting and said Jason Twells, superintendent for East Kootenays BC Ambulance, would not attend the meeting, nor would his area director for Interior BC Ambulance, and Sara Rainford, unit chief of New Denver’s ambulance, would be present. With that, the meeting was held virtually, with 18 in the audience, many of them representatives from fire departments in Slocan, Passmore, and Tarrys.

Twells said there had been “significant staffing issues” at the Winlaw ambulance station for at least eight months. Pierson is now the only attendant on call and she is able to be on call for only one shift weekly.

Passmore Fire Chief Gord Ielson called for fire department volunteers “front-line responders” and said with the “ambulance service down for eight months... it’s us that have to call in on our own time.” The communication with the ambulance service was “close to non-existent.”

“Without support” Slocan Valley youth bus project gets into gear with $15,000 grant

by Jan McMurray

The Slocan Valley Youth Bus Project has recently scored a coup with the approval of a $15,000 grant from the Valley Voice. The grant money is to be put towards the initial purchase of the bus.

“This is great news!” exclaimed Rhonel Euchuk, coordinator of the Community Directed Youth Fund (CDYF) projects at WE Graham Community Services, who has been working on finding a bus for the project since she was hired October 1 last year. She reports that March was “a big grant writing month” and she is very encouraged by the results of the CBT Youth Fund.

Euchuk says the very earliest the bus could be purchased would be this September. “September is the best case scenario,” says Euchuk. “I’m putting a lot of effort into looking for funding and ongoing support such as in-kind donations of maintenance, winter tires, etc.”

Euchuk is also contacting other youth centres that have buses, to learn from their experiences, and is connecting with other local groups that may be interested in using the bus, as well. “There are a lot of groups interested — transportation is really a valley issue,” she said.

The Community Directed Youth Fund program was approved for the Slocan Valley last summer. This CBT program will provide the community with $25,000 per year for four years to increase local activities, opportunities and other services for youth. WE Graham Community Service Society is administering the fund.

Priorities for the funding were set before Euchuk was hired. “There were several community meetings — they really put a lot of time and research into it,” she said.

Youth talent to be featured at ‘Nuit Blanche’ event in Slocan

by Jan McMurray

Euchuk says the centre in Slocan is sponsoring ‘Nuit Blanche,’ an evening featuring the artistic talent of the area’s youth. The event will take place in May at WE Graham School, and will be free for youth to attend.

Young people who are interested in performing live music or some other form of artistic expression are encouraged to apply by April 30 by email (slocanuthandle@gmail.com). Performers will be paid $150.

We’ve brainstormed with some of the youth and came up with the idea for Nuit Blanche. The youth wrote a CBT grant for that, and it’s been approved, so we’re really excited to be going ahead with the event,” said Rhonel Euchuk, CDYF coordinator at WE Graham Community Services.

The evening’s entertainment will include live music acts and four other live artists. Any art form is welcome — screen printing, henna, painting, etc.

Andi MacDonald, who works at the Slocan youth centre, is coordinating the Nuit Blanche event.

“We encourage youth to contact us with an idea for something they’d like to see happen,” says Euchuk. “We’re encouraged by youth with grant writing or a space to have their event.”

The youth centre is open 7-11 pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

**Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program**

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Please drop by and meet the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) Board members and Program Manager. Learn more about FWCP’s work across the Columbia Region and here in the West Kootenay.

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Slokan council, April 13: Resident calls for foreshore restoration at former mill site

by Barbara Curry Mulcahy
• Council discussed a letter from Denise Dufault requesting that council form a committee to create a plan for the Development Permit Area (the former mill site and CPR lands). The letter called for environmental protection and restoration of the foreshore of Slokan Lake “no recommended in the Official Community Plan.” Council instructed that since the land was privately owned, the Village could not make plans for it.

Mayor Lunn said, “The intent is there...the timing right now is the challenge.”

During public participation, Dufault brought the matter up again. She said, “No one owns foreshore rights internationally.” Dufault said that the foreshore had been leased to the mill to use only for its log booms. Now that it is no longer used for the foreshore for this purpose, she requested that the “foreshore rights be returned to the Commons.” Council expressed an interest in the matter. Councillor Jean Paterson said she’d like to see it returned to a public state, but noted that this would be too expensive a project for the Village to take on at this time. Connie Myers asked if the work could be done by volunteers. Councillor Joel Feltzen said, “If we take it on we’d be responsible for cleaning it up.” Dufault promised to look into this concern.

• A letter from Kathy Pryor, who has been voluntarily cleaning up garbage by the Tunnel Trail, prompted council to thank her and to direct staff to place a 45-gallon drum with lid, and a dog poop bag dispenser at that site. Public Works will pick up the garbage twice a week.

Council discussed a bear proof garbage can but balked at the $35.00 price tag. Mayor Lunn noted that a new ‘Bear Aware’ program expected to launch in the near future might enable the Village to get a bear-proof garbage can for $225.

• Ronniel Eurchuk, WECCS Youth Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Youth Bus Project. At CRT-led community meetings in 2014, youth throughout the valley said a lack of transportation means they can’t attend events or access programs and resources, and that getting a ride to 24-person bus or van was a top priority for them. Eurchuk said the bus could also be rented by local community groups. Sports groups and seniors have expressed an interest. The bus would have hired, qualified drivers and maintenance personnel. WECCS has applied for grants to fund the project and will bear results of the applications in May and June. Eurchuk encouraged council to provide letters of support for future funding.

• Expressing gratitude to Carol Barney for her offer to update and maintain the Village of Slokan business sign on the corner of Slokan Street and Giffin Avenue, council gave her the authority to do so.

• In her mayor’s report, Mayor Lunn thanked those who came to the grand opening of the Wellness Centre, and reported that the Slokan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society has exceeded their goal in the number of surveys being returned.

Lunn’s RDCK update included information on delegations from the BC Real Estate Appraisal Board and the West Kootenay Human Bear Conflict Working Group. She noted that “35 percent of bear conflicts originate from human activity.” She also noted that the Slokan Valley Economic Development Commission has agreed that the first stage of a grant application to the Community Development Fund will be a three-page letter of inquiry. Lunn attended a brief meeting with the Slokan council budget presented by Chief Financial Officer Colin McClure

Colin McClure, Chief Financial Officer, presented the draft five year budget 2015-2019 to Slokan council chambers on April 13 and again at council’s regular monthly meeting that evening. He said that there would be a five percent increase in mill revenue, which will result in $374,000 in 2015 in order to balance the budget. This follows last year’s 15 percent increase. Every one percent increase in taxation produces about $1,000 to $1,200. The five percent tax increase translates to about $28 for the average property. Water rates will increase by 2.7 percent, sewer rates are up 1.4 percent, and rates are used only to fund water expenses.

CFO McClure pointed out that “assessed values in Slokan have done slightly better,” but that this in itself would not create any changes to taxation. However, if your property value changes less or more than the change for the average Slokan property, “then you may be affected. Slokan has had a rate relief in 2015 and $252,000 in 2016. The Village expects to have operational revenue of about $700,000 in 2015. Revenues and expenses are less than last year, largely because the wildfire mitigation program has ended. In other words, the budget is on an even keel and will have a projected surplus of $55,000.

McClure noted that he had “put in the hydro project cost and funding in 2016 as if we got the Build Canada Fund grant for the project. The project is expected of McCain and would be expected to cost $3,637,000. The five year plan estimates $2,472,000 in revenue from conditional grants in 2016, and the bulk of this would be for the first year of the project. The plan also includes an $800,000 loan in 2016 for the project. McClure noted that the Village would not go ahead with it in 2016 if the grant was not awarded. Instead, the Village will look for other sources of revenue to fund project costs.

The five year plan includes microhydro annual gross revenues of $250,000 starting in 2017. Hydrointerest expenses of $20,000 per year and hydro generation operations of $73,727 are estimated to start in 2017.

The five year plan budget $25,000 per year for water line repairs and replacement. This year $10,000 has been budgeted for “other capital expenses.” The Village has been able to pick up short on such costs in the past, so it was noted, to ensure that the water line work. McClure said that the “utility of employees is paramount.” The Village plans to upgrade the campground to the tune of $16,000 in 2016, $42,000 in 2017, and $11,000 in 2018.

Moving in 2016, the Village will allocate $20,000 per year to an equipment reserve.

The five year financial plan bylaws were given third readings at the council meeting. Public consultation on the bylaw will be announced on the Village website, at the Village office, and in the Village newsletter. A special meeting to adopt the bylaw is expected to be held and the bylaw will be introduced in the fall. The bylaw is scheduled for May 5 at 5 pm in council chambers.

Music and nature in harmony at Cedar Hall in Nelson

by Barbara Curry Mulcahy

Director and cellist Jeff Farugah is bringing an evening of relaxation from the Mountainside Chamber Music summer programs for adult (16+) players of cello, violin, viola, and double bass.

Attend Cello Focus (July 8-10) and hone your skills during this three-day intensive workshop focusing on techniques with daily workshops, master classes, private instruction, and ensembles. Farugah will be joined by Judy Fraser, the highly sought after and distinguished cellist and faculty member at the Vancouver Academy of Music. Together, they will guide the students through an enjoyable and enriching cello journey. All cello players (16+) with a minimum of one year experience are invited to attend. Sessions will be arranged according to levels of experience.

Adult Chamber Strings (July 13-17) is a five-day program for intermediate and advanced adult string players. Groups will be formed and (music will be distributed) in advance of arrival to accommodate skill level. Students will be involved in small ensembles (trios and quartets) as well as a string orchestra with daily rehearsals and coaching. Master classes, clinics and private instruction are offered during the week by guest artists, clinicians and instructors to create a full and enriching musical experience.

Faculty includes Farugah and violinist Jeff Pirotta from Calgary, who returns for the second season due to popular demand. Guest clinicians this year are Judy Fraser (strings master class), violinist, viola, and double bass and workshop leader. The workshop will be held in the beautiful setting of Cedar Hall, Overton Stoves and take place in time to escape Kootenay Lake with its calm and refreshing views.

Registration deadline is June 12, early bird ends May 15. Visit www.mountainsidechambermusic.com for details on programs, bios, registration fees and registration process. For more information, contact administrative assistant Susi Maetani at 250.358.2177 (ext 3) or email mountainsidechambermusic@gmail.com.
New Denver council, April 14: Plans afoot to improve and extend Mori Trail
by Katrina Campbell

The Village will apply to the Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund for up to $300,000 to offset the costs associated with improving the Mori Trail. The Mori Trail currently runs from the Inn at the Village, across the golf course and up the hill to the terminus. The trail is a popular hiking route for residents and visitors. The Mori Trail is named after the family who owned the land where the trail runs.

Councillor sendinig a letter of support to the Summit Lake Ski Hill for its application for a CBT grant. The Mori Trail is a potential recipient.

Councillor sentinig a proposal to have eight people enrolling in a six month job skills training program and another four employed through the Job Creation Program.

A Councillor sentinig a letter thanking the Mayor and Clerk for their support.

Boehler sentinig a letter to the Mayor and Council expressing concern about the future of the Mori Trail.

By Art Joyce
Silverton Village Council hosted its first Council Café at the Cup and Saucer Café on the afternoon of April 18. The purpose was to provide a forum for residents to discuss issues that affect their community and to provide a venue for residents to meet and socialize. The council meeting took place in the Cup and Saucer Café. The council members were interested in hearing from residents about the issues that they care about the most. The council members also heard from residents about their concerns about the future of the Mori Trail.

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Revised design for Edgewood breakwater presented

By Jan McMurray
A revised design for the southern breakwater at the Edgewood boat ramp was presented by BC Hydro representatives at a public meeting on April 14.

The revised design is an improvement over the original design, which was presented in December. The revised design includes a larger breakwater, which will provide better protection for the ramp and the surrounding shoreline. The revised design also includes a new access road, which will make it easier for boats to access the ramp.

The revised design was approved by the community, and construction is expected to start in the summer. The project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2022.

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Sinixt cultural event highlights language, song and history

by Art Joyce

There’s no better way to transmit and preserve culture than through

its language, songs and stories. A delegation of Sinixt from the Iselin

Band of the Colville Confederated Tribes provided a delightful presentation

on April 9 titled Celebrating the Sinixt: An Evening of History, Language

and Song at the Shambhala performance hall in Nelson. The event was

sponsored by Touchstones Nelson and Selkirk College. Local Sinixt

representative Sannin Demers of Touchstones Nelson welcomed

Sinixt representative Virgil Seymour, facilitator of the Arrow Lakes

Aboriginal Society, who introduced the event. The program was

received warmly by an audience of about 60 people.

The evening opened with a prayer acknowledging our connection with all

forms of life, followed by a traditional drumming circle. Virgil Seymour gave

a brief overview of Sinixt history, explaining that, “When we left here

we left to a wretched state because of all the medals and pax.” Sinixt

were dispersed to Okanagan territory on the west, Kinnuca on the east and

into the southern part of traditional Sinixt territory, extending south to Kettle

Falls. “We’re drawn here because our ancestors cared for this land, we

feel a responsibility to care for our ancestors’ bones in this country. But

we can’t do it without the support of local people.” Although he mentioned

the controversial extinguishment declaration of the Canadian government, he

spent more time talking about promising new partnerships being built with

schools and colleges to foster Sinixt culture. I was sitting next to Selkirk

College President dug up bones and arrowheads at the cemetery as souvenirs.

Next on the program was a film by Eric Kowz, A Journey Upstream: The

Precedence of an Extinct People, which featured interviews with Sinixt

representatives Marilyn James, Larae Wiley and Bob Campbell, as well as

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Wendy Burgoo, Eileen Delahunty-Pauktuk and David Aaron. The film attempted

to correct cultural misperceptions about the Sinixt fostered by early European

settlers. The traditional role of Salamun

Chief ensured that the salmon weren’t

overfished, particularly at certain times

of the year, but this was sometimes

misinterpreted as laziness by whites.

Campbell explained how the Sinixt

moved in a cycle between different canyons in the region to allow fish

berries and herbs to replenish. In 1899

a blockade was established to prevent

a road being built through the Sinixt

cemetery at Vallican. Until then, locals

had dug up bones and arrowheads at

the cemetery as souvenirs. Maintaining

a presence at Vallican since then has

gradually helped shift local perception,

for example through the reconstruction

of a traditional pit house at the site

in 2010. David Aaron explained that

fostering Sinixt culture has broad

implications in the era of global

climate changes. “We’re searching for the last

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pure moment when humanity had a

relationship with the Earth.”

Leni Baclark, an instructor of

anthropology and peace studies at

Selkirk College, provided a history

of the legal manipulations used to

disfranchise First Nations peoples,

beginning with the 1765 Royal

Proclamation. The Sinixt ‘extinction’

declaration was about avoiding

Canada’s financial obligations to them

under the Indian Act, said Baclark.

A 1911 legislation declared that upon

extinction, all aboriginal lands of
that tribe revert to the Crown. By

contrasting the landmark Supreme Court decision in 2014 affirming land title to the

Chulcot

nation in a positive development.

Robert Watt case, in which he lost his

bid for dual citizenship based on

Sinixt territory studding both Canada

and the US, “illuminates how states

sever their relationship and obligations

toward indigenous nations,” Baclark

explained. In Kowz’s film, Marilyn

James commented on the indissolubility

of a foreign court system over native

eights, noting that one judge admitted

they receive absolutely no training in

this area.

Eileen Delahunty-Pauktuk presented

the slide show The Sinixt: A Culture

Shaped by Salmon. She explained how

the peoples’ seasonal migration was

tied to salmon cycles – the Chinook

in June, sockeye in July and coho in

October. A Sinixt salmon chief told

the artist Paul Kane that at Kettle Falls,

up to 1,700 salmon were caught in a

single day’s fishing. This fishery was

wiped out by the Columbia River dam

system. Bull trout and kokanee in the

West Arm of Kootenay Lake were other

valuable sources of sustenance. She

noted other key elements that sustained Sinixt culture, such as canoes,

thimbleberries, huckleberries, soapberries, bear berry, salmon

berries and white pine bark for arrow shafts and canoes. “It took

food security to be able to settle here and build pit houses,” Deleahunty-Pauktuk

explained. She did her best to pronounce the Sinixt names of fish and plants.

Larae Wiley, an instructor with the

Salish School of Spoons, and Shelly

Boyd, with the Iselin Language

House, took turns telling their own

stories in the Sinixt language while the

other translated. “It takes a sacrifice to

learn the language, especially if you

have learned it as a child,” said Shelly

Boyd, and this was the case for Boyd.

Wiley had heard the language as a child but

had largely lost it by adulthood. She

tracked down an elder in Kemerovo to

teach her and is now instructing others in

Sinixt. Boyd said she doubted her

ability to learn the language but felt it

was a sacred duty. She then sang

Amazing Grace in Sinixt, followed by

Wiley doing Patty Cliff’s Crazy in Sinixt.
Studio Connexion Gallery goes for diversity

submitted

Now in its seventh year, Studio Connexion Gallery will expand its focus on landscapes to embrace diversity. The gallery’s season starts Friday May 15, the beginning of the Victoria Day long weekend.

Nakusp artist Holly Woods will present her watercolour and ink artwork. This is Holly’s first solo show, having shared an exhibit in the fall of 2013. Her whimsical and playful work is truly charming. The only photography exhibit this year by Nakusp native Jessica (Stevens) Gray. Jessica’s studio is in Kelowna, and she specializes in wedding and family photography. However, her recent involvement with the studio heART School has inspired her to take her photography beyond portraiture and she has begun exploring still life photography.

The gallery will host Rick Rogers from St. Albert, Alberta. Rick, one of the owners of the Dafoodi Gallery in Edmonton, will be bringing heavily textured abstract paintings.

Set in part of July and August, the ‘Moving Mountains’ exhibition by Edgewood artist Tim Andrew will be a first show with encaustic and burnished stainless steel paintings. It will be just in time for the Nakusp Medieval Days and the Columbia Basin Culture Tour. Sharon Bainter is coming back for her fourth appearance in a solo show at Studio Connexion Gallery. She is promising new soft pastel paintings including more often and more bees. Sharon has recently won two new awards in the International Competition Pastel 100 with the Pastel Journal magazine. Collectors are constantly pleased by her amazing impressionist style.

Briegte Desbois and Mirja Valala, both members of the Carlyle Group, will be exhibiting landscapes in oil and acrylic on canvas. A plein air painting course is in the works with Selkirk College sometime in September for part 1 and in spring 2016 for part 2.

To finish the season, Anne Beliveau is very pleased to showcase the enchanting work of New Denver artist Louise Ducharme, who has been active in education and art festivals for many years. Louise is bringing a vast experience with the beautiful ancient techniques of working with colours and wax.

Studio Connexion is truly delighted to again have Jennifer Chocolates for its opening reception. You can become a Friend of Studio Connexion Gallery by buying a $10 annual membership which will keep you informed about the artists and their exhibitions, along with special events. Members can rent the space for small gatherings. Plus, the gallery can place and hang your artwork in your home for a fee.

Studio Connexion Gallery’s business hours are 11 am to 4 pm, Tuesday to Saturday. It’s located at 203 Fifth Ave. in downtown Nakusp, only 2½ blocks from Broadway St. To book private appointments, call Anne at 250-265-3588 or 250-265-8888. Follow us: www.facebook.com/studioconnexion.

Anne is truly looking forward to your visit or help you to find that special piece.

2nd Annual Nakusp Winefest bigger and better than ever

Wes Johnson and Gabrielle Vanlincourt from Gallie-Graham Wineries in Creston were among the 13 wineries represented at the annual event.

3rd Annual Nakusp Winefest bigger and better than ever

Sikon, Brian, Sydney, Ivy and Pico kept the food coming all evening.

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Annual General Meeting

The Slocan Valley Co-op will be holding its AGM Sunday, May 3rd at 1:30 PM at the Passmore Hall. A light lunch will be provided. See in-store for info or check our website: www.slocanvallecoop.ca

SERVICE CHANGES

We regret to inform that in order for the Co-op to accommodate the increased cost of doing business, as of Monday, April 27th, the Slocan Valley Co-op will be changing Gas Bar services to Self Serve for all fueling at the Slocan Park pumps.

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

Pricing effective April 24 - 30, 2015. While supplies last.

Sun 8 AM - 9 PM * Mon - Sat 6 AM - 9 PM
Celebrating 13 years of the Hike for Hospice

Submitted

On Sunday, May 3, Nakusp residents will join thousands of people across the country as they come together in order to raise funds and awareness for hospice palliative care programs and services. The Nakusp Hospice Society is excited to host a Hike for Hospice, for their second time, to be held at 1 pm, starting at the public beach.

While the event is coordinated nationally, due to the generous financial support of corporate sponsors, 100 per cent of the funds raised in the community remain here. The funds raised this year by the Nakusp Hospice Society will be used to help train volunteers.

Nakusp Hospice volunteers work closely with the dying, their family members, friends, community volunteers, physicians, nurses and other health care professionals to help clients live the remainder of their lives in dignity and comfort.

Many organizations across Canada use this event as a major fundraiser, but we would like our main goal to be to raise awareness of the many challenges faced by hospice palliative care programs and services. The phenomenal work that all volunteers and professionals in the field perform daily.

Hospice palliative care programs are still at least 50 per cent funded by charitable donations, and families must bear part of the cost of dying at home, or in longer-term care – almost anywhere outside a hospital. The money raised through the hike provides physical, emotional and social assistance to patients and their families and loved ones. The Nakusp Hospice Society is working toward ensuring that more Canadians, especially in our own community, receive the end-of-life care they wish for.

Please join us. The hike will be an easy 2 km walk in the downtown, on the lake (the corner between What’s Brewing and the Credit Union). The market will be from 9 am to 1 pm every Saturday from May 14 to Thanksgiving weekend.

Come check out a wide variety of vendors. Visitors can look forward to fresh produce in season, bedding, plants, homemade goodies, unique crafts and a fun time in a friendly atmosphere.

Prospective vendors please email nakuspmarket@gmail.com (preferred) or call Colete Boullieu 250-269-7336 or Ian van Hosten 250-265-3242.

Rita Moir presents Slocan Valley history project to the public, May 6

Submitted

Local author Rita Moir carried out an exciting project for the Slocan Valley Historical Society last year, funded by Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance – ‘Images of Change’ that seeks to record interviews and digitize photographs of life in the Slocan Valley during the period 1946 through 1975. This time period saw the break-up of the Japanese-Canadian internment camps, unrest in parts of the Dokshbor community, the electrification of the Valley and the paving of Duna’s school dance awareness programs (221 votes), Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Foundation’s urology campaign (210 votes) and Trail Traditional Karate’s program (115 votes).

Record numbers turn out for Community Initiatives vote in Nakusp

by Jan McMurray

A record 573 people turned out to vote for CBT Community Initiatives projects in Nakusp on April 12. The project with the most votes (505) was the Food Bank and Breakfast Program of Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services. The organization will receive $7,700 to continue delivering this valuable program.

Six large projects out of 12 will receive funding. The top four are getting $30,000 each, which is what they asked for. The top four large projects are: Nakusp and Area Youth Society’s project to transform the old Green Door building into a youth centre with a biomass heating system (301 votes); Arrow Lakes Search & Rescue’s primary response vehicle purchase (201 votes); the Legion’s building improvement (249 votes); and the Nakusp Ski Club’s Summit Lake Ski Hill Day Lodge project (234 votes).

The Nakusp & Area Trails Society’s Nakusp to Summit Lake Rails to Trails project and PALS’ Animal Rescue Program tied for fifth place with 215 votes each and will each receive $9,950. The trails society asked for $30,000 and PALS asked for $12,000.

Unsuccessful large projects included Halycon Assisted Living Society’s generator (189 votes); Nakusp Medieval Society’s Medieval Days Festival (178 votes); Nakusp Childcare Society’s new heating/cooling system (139 votes); Kootenay Sufferfest Society’s electronic timing equipment (107 votes); Nakusp Centennial Golf Club’s golf cart structure (102 votes), and the re-establishment of the Nakusp Figure Skating Club (102 votes).

Four small projects out of eight will be funded. ASLCS Food Bank & Breakfast Program will get $7,700 with 305 votes. The Arrow Lakes Historical Society will receive $2,661.15 for its archives building project (388 votes). The Nakusp Red & Gun Club got 308 votes for its $4,900 project to improve the archery range. The Arrow Lakes Fine Arts Guild asked for $2,284.12 for Art Walk Feather Signs, but will receive only $1,139 (290 votes).

Unsuccessful small projects included Arrow Lakes Historical Society’s eaves troughs for the new building (272 votes), SD&G’s Lakefront Pathway Project to create a new pathway (254 votes) that was cut short by the mud season. A new project for the Slocan Valley Society for the Environment’s Great British Columbia clean up of litter in Slocan lakes was turned down (252 votes). The Nakusp Children’s Book Festival will have to resubmit its application for next year.

Nakusp Farmers’ Market returns May 16

Spring has sprung and the season for local markets is fast approaching. The Nakusp Farmers’ Market will return to its usual space under the trees starting May 16.

You will find the market in the heart of downtown, on Fifth Avenue from Broadway south towards the civic centre, on the Slocan Valley Welcome Committee sign.

The Slocan Valley Farmers’ Market is host to many local vendors and food producers from the Slocan Valley. You can expect to find locally grown produce, fresh bakes by local bakers, preserved and pickled goods, home-baked breads, jams, jellies, preserves, fresh flowers, eggs, honey and much much more.

Local vendors include: Brie’s Breads, Frie’s Flowers, Lindy’s Chocolate, Milo’s Mills, Ptarmigan Pastures, Smith Creek Farm, Snow Lake Farm, Silvertips Farm, Taffy’s Flowers. New vendors this year include: Morel Moos, and a new baking company, Slocan Valley Sweets.

The Slocan Valley Farmers’ Market is a non-profit society that is a member of the Vancouver Farmers’ Market Inc. and as such, is committed to supporting local small-scale farmers and food producers in the Slocan Valley.

For more information about the Slocan Valley Farmers’ Market, please visit their website at www.slocanfarmersmarket.ca or follow them on Facebook.

The Valley Voice April 22, 2015
Affordable water treatment proposed for Dog Creek system near Nakusp

by Jan McMurray

A water system upgrade is in the works for a small water system in Barkley Sound just off the Nakusp Highway, estimated cost of only $90,000.

“Our understanding is that $90,000 is a modest budget for a water system on the water treatment system,” said Bob Toews, one of the 18 members of the Dog Creek Water Users Community (DCWU).

Some new regulations for water treatment came in, water user groups on small surface systems have been struggling to find affordable ways to stay in business. Composed to the $850,000 price tag of the new treatment system in South Slocan, $90,000 would certainly be a bargain.

The proposed new Dog Creek system has not yet been approved by Interior Health, but the group is fairly confident that it will be, based on discussions with IH officials.

Toews explained that the Dog Creek Water Users Executive came up with a plan to modify the existing system, working with a company in Ontario to use Enviroguard. Enviroguard will supply the treatment loop as a package, and an Enviroguard engineer is certifying the system to meet IH requirements. “We have a professional engineer, but he’s only responsible for the treatment loop itself,” Toews explained.

The existing distribution system and two holding tanks will remain in place. The new system will require a new pump, the new treatment loop, and a new tank. The new pump will be installed at the first one of the existing holding tanks to pump water into the Creek Water User Community decided not to hire an engineer to oversee the whole project. This is the first time that a group has ever attempted to get approval from IH for a water treatment system without having a professional engineer on site. “Our fear was that an engineer would want to re-build everything,” he said, making the project unaffordable.

Toews explained that the Dog Creek Water Users community has worked hard to make this happen, and other communities want to follow our lead, so we should share our experience or provide advice,” said Toews.

A new fee paid by Dog Creek water users was raised from $300 to $350 per year for the approximately 10 homeowner fire departments. Hauling encouraged everyone on council to attend because “he will speak on the decision and the implications for us,” said Gaums.

Columbia River Treaty: Local Government met with regional First Nation government in Nelson. The purpose was to understand interests related to the Columbia River Treaty and to identify shared interests, share information about salmon restoration activities, identify potential joint actions and next steps and establish and build relationships.

2014 Citizen of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award and Youth Achievement Award

Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Legion Hall

This year we honour Len & Kathy Smith, Ken Williams and Taylor Aichele

Tickets are at Hub/Barton Insurance $25.00 (Dinner included)

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Dinner served by the Legion Auxiliary at 6:00 pm.

Sponsored by the Nakusp & District Rotary Club
COMMUNITY

Langham Cultural Society presents series dedicated to water

Submitted

This spring the Langham Cultural Society in Kailo is presenting a new series dedicated to water and the Columbia River Basin. The popular Café Langham-inspired eBook Speaker Series will host three talks and a field trip to kick off our series of talks and events that inform, engage and educate the residents of the West Kootenay region.

This series is inspired by, and dedicated to, aboriginal artist Marianne Nicolson’s exhibition WATERLINE, on display in the Main Langham Gallery from April 17 to May 31.

Ms Nicolson’s work currently explores the emergence and provision of the Columbia and Fraser Rivers and by extension celebrates the life and spirit of all river systems. The society acknowledges Ms Nicolson’s seminal work in this time of regional preparations for the renewed initiatives of the Columbia River Treaty and also the vital importance of water as a life-sustaining element.

“A symmetrical gesture, the artwork seeks to illuminate and make visible the drowned images of Aboriginal presence,” she says. “It is about bringing a once submerged story to the surface.”

The Langham Gallery is hosting the WATERLINE exhibition to the Kootenay Gallery in Castlegar, June 19 – August 1.

* The Columbia Basin Youth

Cool Eaters of the West Kootenays

with Andy Rhodes

Mama Sita, Mama Sita, how I love you!

There’s really a lot to say about MAMA SITA’S CAFE – the latest restaurant to grace the corner of Highway 6 and the Slocan, across from the Mini Mart, since 1971. It’s been known by many names such as the Duck Stop and the Hungry Wolf, and now it is MAMA SITA’S, and I love the place. So will you! I’ve known Sita Cotter and her partner Doug Woning for a long time. Fifteen years ago they ran a restaurant in Slocan Park called Mama Bistro, well known for its sushie, oysters and other fishy food. Their friend (and mine) John Delaney used to drop them in on sushie nights. Then they created Moe’s Meats, which operated out of their commercial kitchen in Penticton for seven years, purveying oysters to go and other delights. Doug refers to this as his “practice period.”

Now they are the proprietors of MAMA SITA’S CAFE – an almost perfectly square restaurant that’s been right there on Highway 6, in the heart of Winlaw, across from the Mini Mart, since 1971. It’s been known by many names such as the Duck Stop and the Hungry Wolf, and now it is MAMA SITA’S, and I love the place. So will you! I’ve known Sita Cotter and her partner Doug Woning for a long time. Fifteen years ago they ran a restaurant in Slocan Park called Mama Bistro, well known for its sushie, oysters and other fishy food. Their friend (and mine) John Delaney used to drop them in on sushie nights. Then they created Moe’s Meats, which operated out of their commercial kitchen in Penticton for seven years, purveying oysters to go and other delights. Doug refers to this as his “practice period.”

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Herbal Musings

by Coleen Emery

An ode to nettle

Many, many moons ago, a dear friend introduced me to this herb on an epic journey to Vancouver Island during a wet, early spring that would become the site of my venture down the herb learning lifestyle. Earlier that day, I had boarded a plane and flown in 30-degree weather down to Victoria in a temperate 10 degrees and unrelenting rain. I met my friend, and we had a very long walk through the woods, both very happy and soon we were docked on Salt Spring Island. A quick ride and a short hike later, we arrived at what she called the best nettle field in all of Canada. When she showed me the patch, she said, because I wasn’t local and therefore wouldn’t be coming back to harvest again. Curious about all the stories, I wondered what the big deal was about nettles.

As the rain let up for a few minutes, the clouds allowed a crack of sun to escape, and mist and fog rolled up and down the mountainside. I took my breath away. “Check this out,” said my friend, as she pointed to a gnarled, spotted plant that seemed fairly barren. Looking closer, I saw the small, green-coloured heads of several dozen jagged-edged plants. Putting a bag over her hand, my friend began to pick just the tops of the leaves, into her bag. “Why the bag?” I asked. “Toouch them and see,” she said.

So I did! And discovered the sting of the nettle stung. Intrigued, I touched them again, and then again. The tingling, then the numbness had me curiously. I felt as though each time the nettle stung me, it had another message for me, imparting more wisdom, sharing more insight. I truly felt that I had made a friend that day, prime plus 3 percent to prime plus 5 percent, depending on the dollar and dollar amount of the loan. “We can be creative with repayment,” Wilkey said.

A newer Community Futures program is the North Okanagan-Cariboo residents program (BBA). Established in 2001 and delivered by a company out of Cranbrook for 13 years, the BBA program was taken over by Community Futures in July 2013. This is a free one-on-one confidential business advice service for revenue producing businesses. There are four advisors in the region, based in Nelson, Revelstoke, Trail and Cranbrook. Advisors come to the place of business, and generally spend a total of 10 hours working with the business owners. If it’s determined that a specialized business consultant would be helpful, 60 percent of the cost of the consultant can be mostly covered by the program. The BBA program can also support social enterprises. Business Advisors have helped businesses with a wide host of topics, including succession planning, marketing and branding.

Community Futures also offers 45-minute business counselling appointments. Appointments can be made with either the Nelson or Nakusp (ASLC) offices.

Training is offered through Community Futures. Sessions usually an in-store community of herbalists. We would go on that day, my friend and I, to the most delicate spikenard leaves with the fresh baby nettle leaves. I was hooked. Nettle season always be harvesting this medicine with much fondness.

Nettle is a common botanical, native to Africa and Western Asia. It has since become naturalized across the globe and can be found in many wild parts of the world. It grows in temperate climates, preferring shady regions with moist soil. Stinging hairs cover the live plant, helping to protect it from herbivores production. When touched, the hairs cause stinging due to the content of formic acid. While the stings can be painful, they don’t last long and cause no serious harm. In fact, breaking the stem in half and squeezing the juice on the sting will relieve the stinging and resolve the pain.

In certain situations, the stinging action of the nettle is used to stimulate blood flow and reduce stagnation. This technique, called urticação, is known to many native and has been used for thousands of years. The Roman soldiers are said to have brought their own nettle to the British Isles to treat their tears, painted their leg, and to protect them from the cold and wet climate by urticação, thus stimulating the circulation.

The harvested leaves are a favourite source of medicine and have also been used for centuries for food and fabric. The healing powers of nettle are steeped in the folklore and traditions of various cultures. In one fairy tale, “The Wild Swans,” the heroine is tasked with weaving shirts of nettle leaf in order to cure her 11 brothers who have been turned into swans by their evil stepmother.

Nettle greens can be steamed for a delicious leafy vegetable with a flavour that is often compared to spinach. The leaves are a wonderful take place in Nelson, but can be offered in Nakusp and online. The ‘Me Inc.’ workshop, which helps people decide whether or not to become entrepreneurs, is being held April 14 in Nakusp and May 26 in Nelson.

The Self Employment program supports new entrepreneurs, including up to 48 weeks of financial support. This is the new Community Futures program with EI attachment. People with disabilities can also access this program; the definition of ‘disabilities’ is expanded. A program especially for youth (Youth Mentor Business) will be piloted soon.

Wilkey also spoke about the Kooskia website, where investment opportunities in the region are showcased and Kootenay businesses can register themselves. Over 1300 people have signed up on the website as investors.

BBA and the Community Futures are there to help communities with economic development. A not-for-profit organization, Community Futures provides funding for the federal and provincial governments, and the BBA program for CFI. The organization has a board of directors, the board members are elected. Contact the Nelson office at info@futurebc.ca or 250-352-1933, the Nakusp office at Nakusp Source of Nettles, containing a number of essential minerals including iron, calcium, magnesium and potassium. To capture this medicine for storage, I suggest creating a nettle acetum. This cost effective preservation technique is not only easy and inexpensive, but incredibly delicious and easy to integrate into your daily culinary and medicinal practice.

What is an acetum? An acetum is a liquid preparation made by extracting various herbs with various vinegars. This simple to prepare medicine is valuable to our health for many reasons. The acetum is capable of extracting many minerals and vitamins that an alcohol extraction is incapable of. In this case, we prepare a nettle acetum using apple cider vinegar. Remember when making medicine to use the highest quality, organic, ingredients available to you.

To prepare a nettle acetum, you’ll need a mason jar, nettle leaves to loosely fill the jar, apple cider vinegar. Loosely fill your mason jar with the nettle leaves and then pour your apple cider vinegar over the nettle. Fill the jar label with the date and contents. Allow to macerate, capped, for at least two weeks, optimally six weeks. Shake every day and use as a tincture or as a syrup.

When ready, strain layers of cheesecloth and bottle into an amber bottle. Average adult dosage of this vinegar is 1-3 teaspoons in a small glass of water. Excellent ingredient in salad dressing recipes or in rice meals with tuna.

Join Colleen at the upcoming Healthy Child Day Event, Friday, April 24 from 10 am to 1 pm, at WE Graham Community School in Slocan.

Colleen Emery, Master Herbalist and Star White Sturgeon, is passionate about offering access to information that enables individuals and families to self-sufficient and take charge of their personal wellness.

The display

Juvenile Sturgeon Release Events!

Tuesday, May 3, (3:00 pm to 5:30 pm) Gyro Park, Trail

Thursday, May 7, (11:30 am to 1:30 pm) Shelter Bay

Come and join members of the Upper Columbia White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative (UCWSRI) to learn more about these amazing fish, touch the “ancestors of the deep”, and release your very own juvenile white sturgeon.

For more information, call 250 352 1300, or visit uppercolumbiasturgeon.org.

Events are hosted by the UCWSRI and organized by the Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program with funding support from BC Hydro, Columbia Power Corporation, FortisBC, and Teck.

Economic Development Commission and the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce, as part of the Business Retention and Expansion project.
Mosquitoes create buzz at meeting on Duncan-Lardeau Conservation Properties

by Jan McInerney

Waterfowl and their impact on the Lardreau Valley mosquito abatement program was the main discussion topic at the second annual public update meeting about the Duncan-Lardeau Conservation Properties, which took place in Agassiz on April 8.

Representatives from all three agencies that are involved in the management of the conservation properties were in attendance: Angus Glass from the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program; Irene Macleay, wildlife biologist with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations; and Rob Neil of The Nature Trust.

Macleay briefly outlined the work that was done last year, and plans for the coming year.

Last year, a wetland restoration expert, Tom Bebighaus, was brought in and facilitated wetland planning for two of the conservation properties (lot 881 and the south field at the Lake Ranch property). Wetland plans were also completed last year for a private property, owned by Terry and Michelle Hallaran, and those plans were implemented. This year, Macleay said they want to continue with the wetland restoration plans on the two conservation properties. They intend to build flume to get the lot 881 (adjacent to the Hallaran property) and to do a more complete plan for the south field property.

Area Director Aimee Watson was concerned that the creation of wetlands would result in an increase in mosquitoes, affecting the abatement program. Sonja Franz, who is hired to carry out the Lardreau Valley mosquito control program, echoed those concerns. "We already have enough wetlands and mosquitoes in the area. A new mosquito abatement program," Franz said. Watson also pointed out that these properties are prime farmland.

Macleay explained that in natural wetlands, mosquitoes are not a problem because their predators also thrive there. She said on agricultural properties, with their short wet seasons, predators don’t have a chance to develop. They tend to be breeding grounds for mosquitoes. "Seasonally flooded areas are the biggest problem for mosquitoes, so if we have a functioning wetland with a variety of plants, there will be a benefit to the mosquito problem," she said.

Macleay also said they would monitor those fields for mosquito larvae, so they would be able to come back with data. "If there’s no larvae because their predators are controlling the population, that’s great. If there is larvae, what then?" Manley and Neil agreed that this was a good question and said they would discuss it. "I can’t say for sure what we would do," Macleay replied. "We have to see how it goes with Terry Hallaran’s wetlands.

A sore point with some residents is that they feel they are being asked to allow mosquito abatement on their properties. Some residents feel this compromises the effectiveness of the abatement program.

Global warming has caused the creation of wetlands to become a threat because it is driving the processes. "We managed to set a precedent in the province by being allowed to do point-of-entry filtration. That had a lot to do with Wardy Starchek’s efforts. The water needs here can be quite high, it’s not just drinking water, it’s water for farming, gardening, and fire suppression. If you had to treat all that volume it would be a huge issue, so having a point-of-entry treatment is a really big win. That part is nearly complete. It’s using a UV filtration and sand filtration plan a micro filter. Point-of-entry means water is filtered at the point where it enters the house, avoiding the need to treat water for outside use."

Part of the problem with funding the Cowl Creek water users’ system has been that most funding organizations won’t cover services normally provided by government, explains Watson. She has approached the CBT, Okanagan Foundation, the BC Real Estate Foundation and the Southern Interior Development Initiative (SIDI), all with the same reply. The regional district placed a moratorium three years ago on taking on more water systems due to the prohibitive costs. Watson also explored the possibility of borrowing the funds through the Municipal Finance Authority but the municipalities simply didn’t add up. Area D is one of the largest electoral areas but its taxation base is thin, with an estimated population of only 25 persons per square kilometre. She didn’t think it fair to spread the cost of the water system to Area D residents who wouldn’t be using it. Local government has covered about $120,000 of the cost and residents have covered the $30,000 required to hook up the point-of-entry filtration systems, leaving a shortfall of $125,000-130,000. They’re looking for community developer funds and figuring out how much I can take away from other areas. I’d rather have them get grants and own them themselves and I’ll just do what I want to fund them rather than have the RDCD own it so we’re not giving up, there’s other strategies we’re working on, but I don’t want to jeopardize them by taking about those yet.

Computer scam targets the Langham Cultural Centre

by Art Joyce

Langham Cultural Centre director Arin Fay has reported that the society’s computers were recently ‘hacked’ by a virus. The centre is now on high alert.

This scam software can lock up your hard drive, demanding that you pay money to have it ‘unlocked.’ The ransom is supposed to be paid in bitcoins, which are untraceable.

“We took it to the Kootenay Lake Computer store here in Kaslo and Sam was able to retrieve everything on our desktops and ‘unlock’ the virus,” said Fay. “The message then tells recipients to pay $1000 via a payment service provider so their computers can be unlocked. These warning messages claim to come from the RCMP or other Canadian government agencies, but they do NOT and it is important that you DO NOT open them. These types of messages, commonly known as Ransomware or ‘Scareware’ are designed to create such shock and anxiety that victims respond by sending money. In these messages, you are given a bank account that you ‘cannot be unblocked’ if you pay the money and you will never get your money back.’”

Accordingly this type of ransomware is a serious threat to computer technicians but a second type known as a ‘cryptolocker’ software can be even more difficult to get rid of. The best strategy is to have multiple external backups of all the material on your hard drive. Disconnect your external hard drive as soon as possible if it is detected on your computer. Then the hard drive can be erased and reused from your external drive. You may want to employ a computer technician to do this for you.

The RCMP anti-fraud website offers the following advice: Never click on a pop-up that claims your computer has been infected. Check your computer software often and scan your computer for viruses regularly. Don’t click on links or attachments in e-mails sent to you by someone you don’t know. Turn off your browser’s pop-up blocking feature. Never download anti-virus software from a pop-up link sent to you in an email.

If you’ve received a ransomware or scareware message, please contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (1-888-495-8501). It will serve to keep you informed of how to protect yourself in case of future events. You can also get advice from a computer technician or a technician who specializes in computer security.

The message originated. “We all have films from the Centre on our personal laptops so we were able to recover everything.”

According to the RCMP, ransomware is a frightening trend. “Most people are afraid of pop-up messages that sometimes claim your computer has been frozen for the purposes of a police investigation. According to the RCMP website, ‘in some cases the pop-ups provide a list of possible exceptions, while in other cases the pop-up may list a specific exception such as ‘child pornography’ or ‘illegal gambling’. Any instructions to ‘unblock’ the system can be blocked on all our files.’”

"It is a quick way to make money, and it’s much more difficult to stop than other types of malware," said Fay. "The internet is a very attractive way to make money, and it’s much more difficult to stop than other types of malware, but it’s much more difficult to stop than other types of malware."

HELP WANTED:
SUMMER STUDENT POSITION available at the Visitor Centre in New Denver for the 2015 season. Must be a student. Ideal candidate is friendly, personable, helpful and knowledgeable about the area’s attractions and tourist attractions. The Visitor Centre is open from the May long weekend to Labour Day, 7 days a week in July and August and fewer hours in May and June. Send resume and cover letter by May 1 to SDX Chamber of Commerce, Box 448, New Denver, BC V0G 1S0 or email to chamber@stlcandale.com.

KOOTENAY SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY LIVING supports individuals with developmental disabilities and/or spectrum disorders. We are looking for supportive housing providers who have experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities and who have

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the desire to provide a safe and welcoming home that offers individuals the opportunity for inclusion. For more details visit our website at www.kootenaysociety.com. To apply, please forward your resume by email to homeservices@kootenaysociety.com or fax 250-355-9679.

TEACHING POSITIONS:
1. The Whole School, a kindergarten to Grade 7 Independent School, is hiring two elementary teachers for the 2015-16 school year - a full-time maternity leave and a part- to full-time teacher. Desired applicants must have current BC/CEC certification along with a passion for alternative education. Experience in multi-aged classrooms, as well as French and French immersion education are assets. Looking for an independent, creative, collaborative individual with strong mainstream and communication skills. For further information, please contact Principal Annmarie Lang at languageschool@kootenaysociety.com. Parents can be enrolled at parents@kootenaysociety.com or email fo@kootenaysociety.com.

IN MEMORIAM
In loving memory of Randy Earl Drumm July 17, 1926 - April 24, 2015
I thought of you with love today, but that was nothing new; I thought of you yesterday, and the day before that too
I think of you in silence as I often speak your name.
All I have are memories and a picture in a frame
Your memory is my keystone with which I’ll never waver.
God has you in His keeping
I have you in my heart

-Love Mom, Jan, Amande, Trevor, Madison, Megan and Kayleigh and families

NOTICES
FOR INFORMATION ON AA, NA, OA, ACA OR ALANON MEETINGS contact in New Denver: 305-7940 or Box 1510, New Denver. 250-755-4216, Kellogg 355-2688; Stoddart 355-2805, South Slocan 226-7770; Playmate Junction 359-7130.

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REAL ESTATE
HOUSE FOR SALE - Choice waterfront lot on Kootenay Lake for sale. Call 250-756-8018. Acreage in needs renovation. Contact 250-756-8018


YOGA AT THE INN:
FREE 30 MINUTE INTROS: This massage therapy with Tyson in Nelson at Front Street Wellness. Free intro Feldenkrais in Winlaw. 250 226-6682 * Tyson@ thatinno.com

YOGA, YOGA, YOGA! THE INNWARD JOURNEY: Monday morning 9-10:30.

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AVA’S
Hair Studio OPEN YEAR-ROUND
358-7769
For right entrance of the VFD near building in Revelstoke.
Kaslo Trailblazers start construction on Unity Bridge, footings poured April 7

We’re always looking for friends or family from all areas of Canada—and the rest of the world—who can help us get this bridge paid for. For more information, or to become a sponsor, please look up our website at www.kaslotaillblazers.org. See you on the bridge!

Piercey, Florence Loretta (nee Rideout)
APRIL 10, 1926 – MARCH 14, 2015

It is with deep sadness that we announce the loss of Florence (nee Holberg), whose husband, Walter, passed away unexpectedly and peacefully in his home early in the morning March 14. Florence and Walter lived in the house next door to their daughter and grandchildren in New Denver BC, 25 years ago when her 26 year career as a psychiatric nurse in Ontario. She was a dedicated nurse and worked on the TV Society for 25 years.

Florence was a nurse at the University of British Columbia, and was a source of strength and support to her family. She was a dedicated nurse and worked on the TV Society for 25 years. She loved music and played the organ in church in her youth. Her favorite current musicians were Willy Nelson and Michael Buble.

Florence was a great teacher and a role model for her family and friends. She was also a devoted mother and a great-grandmother.

Florence was loved by her grandchildren, and her presence will be missed by everyone who knew her. She leaves behind her husband, four children, and eight grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to attend the funeral service on March 20th at 10:00 am at the Kaslo Union Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BC Lung Association or the BC Cancer Foundation. Arrangements are under the care of Morris & Morris Funeral Home, Kaslo, BC.

Warm weather is here. Do you need to repair your old chimney or install a new one? Get professional, reliable service from Kootenay Wood Energy. We guarantee your satisfaction.