Errors on Voter Information Cards causing confusion

by Jan McMurray

Voter Information Cards can be an annoyance, but they are also necessary for elections. In the past, errors on these cards have caused confusion among voters. In the upcoming federal election, the issue is expected to be even more prevalent.

The Vancouver Sun reported that thousands of cards were sent out with incorrect information, such as the wrong polling station. This has led to a backlash from voters, who are frustrated with the lack of accuracy.

The issue is particularly concerning for senior citizens, who may rely on the information provided on these cards to navigate the voting process. The lack of accuracy can lead to confusion and, in some cases, discouragement from voting.

Local officials have acknowledged the problem and are working to ensure that the cards are as accurate as possible. They are calling on voters to double-check their information and to report any errors they find.

In the meantime, voters are encouraged to take extra steps to ensure they are aware of where to vote. This includes checking their voter registration status online and verifying the address on their cards.

While the issue of voter information cards is not new, the ongoing problem highlights the importance of accurate and reliable information in the electoral process. It is crucial for voters to feel confident in their ability to cast their ballots on election day.

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Kootenay-Columbia All Candidates Forum held in Kaslo

by Jan McMurray

A Kootenay-Columbia All Candidates meeting was held in Kaslo on September 25, sponsored by the Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber put a call out to the public for their questions prior to the meeting, and vowed the questions to avoid duplication and to add diversity. The questions were not shared with the candidates in advance, and were drawn randomly by moderator John Cather at the forum.

Ten questions were put to the four candidates. Here is a summary of their answers to six of the questions. We didn’t include the questions on peace and security and climate change, as those were covered in our September 23 edition.

**How will legalizing cannabis benefit the nation and how will it negatively affect it? (Social Studies 11 Class)**

Bill Green (Green) said the Green Party would legalize marijuana, separating it from “the world of drugs and crime.” The Greens would also do research on both the harmful and beneficial effects of marijuana, and get the information out to the public so that individuals can make their own decisions.

David Wilks (Conservative) is in favour of the Canadian Chiefs of Police resolution that makes possession a ticketable offense. “Possession should not result in a criminal record,” he said, and pointed out that medical marijuana is recognized by the government and the Supreme Court.

Don Johnston (Liberal) said the Liberals would legalize marijuana. He said that in Colorado and Oregon, where marijuana is legal, gang activity has decreased significantly and marijuana use has not increased. He also mentioned that tax revenue from marijuana is “huge” in the US.

Wayne Stetski (NDP) said the NDP would decriminalize marijuana. “Once you legalize something, the government gets involved and runs a monopoly,” he said.

**Will your party commit to reinvesting in adequate staff at Canadian Revenue Agency to properly target and investigate offshore tax cheats instead of charities? (Kaslo & Area Chamber)**

Wilks said Minister Flaherty and the CRA do this and have some success catching people who are cheating on their taxes this way.

Green said part of the Green Party’s costed platform is to re-build capacity in the CRA to follow up on tax havens.

Stetski said all Canadians should be paying their fair share of taxes.

Johnston said the Liberals would re-establish resources at CRA, but would also make the whole process of filing taxes more open and transparent. The new system would be online, and support would be provided to seniors.

**What is your party’s plan to help improve Canada’s economy? (Social Studies 11 - JHV School)**

Stetski said the NDP will cut the small business tax from 11 percent to 9 percent “because small business creates most of the jobs in Canada.” They will also cap credit card fees. He said the NDP has a plan to benefit manufacturing and to provide innovation tax relief, and will focus on the green economy “because that’s where jobs will be generated in the future.”

Wilks said the Conservatives had decreased the GST from 7 percent to 5 percent, and the corporate tax rate to 15 percent. They will cut the small business tax from 11 percent to 9 percent “because the Conservatives encourage small businesses to invest in Canada but also to reinvest in their companies.”

Green said the Green Party will increase taxes on “bad” with a carbon fee and dividend system, and decreased taxes on employment with strong support for small businesses.

**What percentage of female candidates are there in Kootenay-Columbia? (Kaslo and Area Chamber)**

Wilks said the NDP has the highest percentage of female candidates throughout Canada.

Green said that without a guaranteed livable income as proposed by the Greens, we will continue to have domestic violence. He believes that education on the issues needs to start at a young age. He also believes there is a need for a Royal Commission on Reconciliation, as recommended in the Truth and Reconciliation Report.

**Should you be elected by the voters in this riding but the party you represent is not able to form the government, would you take to work across party lines in the House of Commons to ensure that Kootenay-Columbia residents’ environmental, social and economic interests are best served? (M.I. Thomson, Kaslo)**

Wilks said MPs need to work with Cabinet and committees, so they have to be able to work across party lines.

Green said the Green Party is committed to not having whipped votes, so MPs can work for their constituents.

Stetski said his dream is MPs doing what’s best for Canada in parliament, and not focussing on personal concerns.

Johnston said Canadians will expect a coalition “or something that works” if we end up in a minority parliament situation, especially because this election cost $100 million more than a regular election.

“Whatever we do, let’s not force another election quickly,” he said.

**What do you plan to do to fix Canada’s Public Health Care? (Linda Portman, Kaslo)**

Stetski said there is no accross in place between the federal and provincial governments so the federal government is no longer holding the Provinces accountable. The NDP has a national strategy to deal with dementia, and to open up to 200 new medical clinics around the country.

Stetski said he would work to make sure every community has the number of family physicians that they should have. “I want to be part of making sure universal health care continues in Canada,” he said.

Johnston said without a health accord, the federal government is withdrawing from “a Canadian national treasure” — universal health care.

Green said the federal government has to re-establish cooperation with the Province and other levels of government if we’re going to fix health care. The Green Party will establish a Council of Canadian Governments, including provincial, First Nations and local governments.

“We need to return to the funding levels of the 2005 Health Accord,” he added. The key concepts in the Green Party’s health platform are a national pharmacare program and dental care for low income youth.

Wilks said health care transfers were $2.8 billion in 2006/07 and have swelled to $4.2 billion in 2015, and will be $4.7 billion in 2016/17. The Conservatives have decided to keep increases to health care at three percent, which is normal economic growth.

He said Minister Ambrose met with all premiers in March and came to an agreement regarding dementia. She brought forward a national drug policy, but without unanimous agreement from the premiers, it failed.
South Okanagan-West Kootenay All Candidates Forum held in Silverton

by Katrine Campbell

The audience at the October 2 all candidates forum in Silverton Memorial Hall was civil and listened carefully to what the candidates had to say, applauding each time they delivered a strong statement or answered a question. There was no heckling, although one could hear a few muffled shouts of derision – unusually when the Conservative spoke. After the forum, two audience members said they felt sorry for him.

“He’s really a sweet guy. I don’t think he understands that if he gets to Parliament he won’t be allowed to speak for himself.”

The South Okanagan-West Kootenay candidates who appeared at the forum were Green Samantha Troy, Conservative Marshall Nenfeldt, Liberal Connie Denesiuk and New Democrat Richard Cannings. Independent Brian Gray did not appear.

The evening was co-sponsored by The Valley Voice and the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce. Jan McGurn, editor of the first and vice-president of the second, welcomed the audience and waned them to check their voter registration cards to make sure the correct polling address was listed.

The forum was co-hosted by the former New Denver mayor and former chair of the Regional District of Central Kootenay. The forum was in “dialogue format with open mics and lots of questions.” Each candidate was allowed three minutes to introduce themselves and speak about their policies. With the floor then open for questions, and the candidates would be given another three minutes each to wrap up.

First up was Denesiuk, who called the October 19 election the most important of her lifetime. She promised the Liberals would invest $20 billion over 10 years in social infrastructure and the same amount in green energy and climate resistant infrastructure. The party would also move to science-based legislation, start talking to the provinces, restore cuts to healthcare and education, and introduce rigorous environmental regulations.

Cannings opened his speech with a reid to local lore: he promised better infrastructure and signage for the Burton Tunnel – a shortcut created by Andrew Rhodes and vainly searched for by tourists. He was concerned about the direction Stephen Harper is taking the country and called Parliament dysfunctional. The NDP, he said, would make sure this was “the last unfair election” by bringing in proportional representation.

Cannings: Rebuttal to Nenfeldt: “Harper said it would be crazy to regulate the oil and gas industry,” NDP set target of 34 per cent below the 2005 by 2025 using cap and trade, rebuilt gutted environmental regulations.

Denesiuk: Reform scientists, take the muzzles off, phase out subsidies to oil and gas companies, renamed National Energy Board, use energy responsibly.

Rene Fruinl, Nakusp, asked about income splitting.

Nenfeldt: CPC brought in income splitting in 2007 and intends to maintain the program.

Cannings: NDP is against family income splitting, not pension income splitting. Family program benefits only those making $150,000 and up; have to make at least $75,000 to benefit at all and programs costs $2 billion, NDP would repeal family income splitting but pension splitting would be left alone.

Denesiuk: agrees with Cannings; would not repeal pension splitting but family program does benefit the rich. Will work with provinces to develop a better pension plan.

Troy: Greens will not touch pension splitting for seniors. Higher income people say they don’t need family income splitting, would remove program.

Leah Main, Silverton, asked for information on unemployment.

Cannings: NDP won’t bring in omnibus bills, they are the biggest obstacle to democracy and hide true bills.

Denesiuk: Legislation is well done when all voices are considered. Need transparency in Parliament; bring back discussions on omnibus bills.

Troy: Opposition party amendments are routinely rejected, democracy is severely damaged. Harper invented omnibus bills, rammed through without study.

Nenfeldt: My first time, I don’t know what went on. I don’t know the rationale for what was done. I would be happy to debate any.

Gene Nagy, Nakusp asked for views on CBC and its role in Canada.

Denesiuk: Support CBC and would reinstitute the $115 million cut and add $35 million more. CBC important in SOWK and brings us together, we need to defend Canadian culture.

Troy: Convinced to reverse cuts, keep politics and arts separate; Trans Pacific Partnership could interfere with Crown corporations.

Denesiuk: only one out of 10 per cent, same as all government departments; stand by cut which can be restored as economy continues to grow.

Cannings: Reintiate, it’s an integral part of keeping Canada together. Board must work independently of government, keep CBC Radio free.

Jan McGurn, Silverton, asked about protecting libraries, archives and data information systems.

Cannings: have a strong science policy, won’t be destroying libraries or data collections. Have “fact-based” decision-making, not decision-based fact-making. Some friends looking for data used in the past unable to find it. Not digitally archived as claimed.

Nenfeldt: as a lover of history we need to keep records, although that’s not the position of some ministers. Loved to go through Ottawa archives and it’s important to maintain them.

Troy: Elizabeth May had put together a bill on Public Access to Science but it was dropped when the election was called.

Denesiuk: Loss of records is shameful, long form census is needed. Convenient for Conservatives to shut down research because then they don’t have to be accountable.

Ken Del Pango, Slocan, asked about child care policies.

Nenfeldt: important any program recognizes parents’ choice, can use the childcare benefit for a variety of options. $60/months for under six years old, $60 for over six.

Troy: tax breaks to employers for workplace day care, work with provinces for affordable care.

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Denesiuk: get rid of taxable credits, put social infrastructure money into child care facilities. Means test for parents, those who need it the most will get.

Cannings: provide $15/day child care in co-operation with provinces. Subsidy gets people back into the workforce, government gets $2 back for every $1 invested in child care.

Define ‘middle class’.

Despite constant all-party rhetoric about “strengthening the middle class,” the four hopefuls were in complete agreement on one thing—they couldn’t really define it. They all indicated their parties had no standard definition, either. Cannings said it was “a lazy habit politicians have because everyone thinks they’re in the middle class.”

South Okanagan-West Kootenay All Candidates Forum held in Silverton
Defeat Harper
If you are interested in defeating Harper this election, recent polling is saying the race is very close in Kootenay-Columbia between NDP candidate Wayne Stetski and Conservative candidate David Wilks; with the Liberal candidate far behind. If people are thinking of voting Liberal, it will be a wasted vote. If people wish to defeat the Conservatives, it would be in their best interests to vote NDP.

Kevin Mc Bride
Gray Creek

Quote for the election
The following quote by Frederick Douglass, 1818-1895, is the most astute and memorable political commentary I have seen that pertains to this upcoming federal election.
"Find out just what people will submit to and you have found the exact amount of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them. Power concedes nothing without a struggle."

Rowena Eloise
Argenta

Where is our democracy?
This area does not believe in one of our most democratic rights: freedom of expression. As new signs were installed where we had installed our Conservative signs, our Conservative signs were removed. This is illegal.

In some other countries, citizens are persecuted for expressing their opinions—they are jailed or killed. In this country, we may not agree, but the right to differing views should be respected and protected.

Those who wish to protect our freedoms should think about not supporting a political party that does not respect what Canada stands for.

Gail Toop
Rossbey

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Fossil fuels going the way of the whaling industry?
In the 19th century, whale oil was the first "electricity"—illuminating homes and businesses. As technological innovations provided alternatives and whale oil prices became volatile, the bottom dropped out of this once massive energy industry; whalers were shocked to run out of customers before they ran out of whales.

Does the same fate await Big Oil? Amory Lovins of the Rocky Mountain Institute wrote recently that "the unbridled wind and solar average price per kilowatt hour is subsidized" fossil fuel plants by 2 to 3 times, closing many plants as simply uneconomical. What if the biggest challenge to oil companies wasn’t the falling price of oil, but instead vanishing demand? A customary tale for oil-dependent economies, such as Canada’s?

Markets are on the right track; the big question is whether governments (Canada’s) will join the party and do their part to accelerate the next big energy sector transformation. As Mr. Lovins puts it, "Paris may mark the crucial shift of the climate conversation from cost, burden, and sacrifice to wealth creation, jobs, and competitive advantage. That recognition of market realities could so simplify and sweeten the policies that any remaining resistance can melt faster than the glaciers."

In the Kootenays, where we watch glaciers vanish almost daily, one can only hope.

Paul Grace-Campbell
Kaslo, BC

Vote strategically
I have voted Green since 1988, federally and provincially. My conscience would not allow me any other choice.

This time however, I must vote strategically. Another four years of Steven Harper and what he is doing to Canada is simply not acceptable.

The "in and out" election finds manipulation, the robocalls dirty tricks scandal, Dean Del Mastro’s election fraud, plus the Mike Duffy Senate spectacle are just the tip of the corruption iceberg that permeates the Conservative Party and the Prime Minister’s Office. When I went to high school back in the ‘60s, we were taught that the longer any one party was in office, the more corrupt it becomes. Harper and his Conservatives are a prime demonstration of that truths.

So, for this time only, I will put my conscience aside and vote for Richard Cannings of the NDP as the only possibility in the riding of South Okanagan-West Kootenay of defeating the Conservatives. I invite all those Green and Liberal voters to do the same. Put those old loyalties aside one time. It’s time to vote for a possible future in Canada that does not include Stephen Harper and his whistling away of the Canada we have long been quietly proud of.

Michael Brown
New Denver

An election offers choice
An election offers choice and your choice is personal.

Your personal choice is secret but susceptible to influence:

Influence affects your brain and overpowers your heart.

Your heart says vote for what you want.

Your influenced brain says vote against what you don’t want.

What is more noble – to vote for someone or to vote against someone?

Crawling the outer of a tyrant is still a crawling.

Crawling are addictions that do not bring happiness.

Voting is a precious gift.

Voting takes wisdom, a truth that is yours to discover for yourself.

Michael Jensen
Longbeach
LESS network upgrade

I sent a letter to the School Board of SD 10 regarding the network upgrade at Lucerne Elementary Secondary School (LESS). I asked for the letter to be included in the correspondence section of the agenda, only to find out that they don’t have a correspondence section. 

I sent the letter to all five SD 10 School Board trustees, and I’d e’d it to the superintendent, the principal of LESS, and the two Parent Advisory Council chair-people of LESS. I thought it was pretty obvious that I wanted my letter to be public and discussed.

I guess it was not obvious, and the only mention it got at the board meeting on September 29 was that my letter was one of the “letters received,” as mentioned by the Chair. Since my letter didn’t achieve its intent, I would like to share the content of my message here.

My first point was to urge the trustees to get another quote on the wireless system upgrade at Lucerne. There were 700 hours of wiring a school seems high to me. That’s two people working full time for at least two months.

My second point was that if the District were to install wireless at Lucerne, the school would lose students. It is not a possibility; it is a fait. Furthermore, for every student lost, there would be an approximately a $10,000 funding loss to the District for the year. As a result, the loss of losing students would be higher than the cost differential between the wireless and wired systems, which in the presented quote was about $28,000.

In my estimation, both points are relevant enough to be included in the LESS network upgrade discussion. I thank the Valley Voice for allowing me to make my message public.

Anna Koising
New Denver

Clarifications re: Beth McLeod letter

A few clarifications are in order regarding the letter from Beth McLeod in the September 23 issue.

The resident-approved Rosbery-Summit Lake Rail Trail management plan does have accommodations for existing ATV use. One is continuance of the motorized policy in place on the Nakusp-Summit Lake section of the trail through to Ruby Range Road just north of Summit Lake. This enables continuance of access to the McDonald Creek (Summit Lake) logging road network, which connects to the Arrow Lakes and to the Shannon and Wagon, logging road networks and beyond.

Other proposed accommodations include a Friends of the Trail group for local users and permits for ATV use when wildlife and trail conditions are good. Full details are in the document available at www.roserysummitleaftrail.com.

Hello Tom, Elizabeth and Justin et al.

All polls show that 70% of Canadians do not want the Conservative Party to win the next election. The 70% basically represents supporters of the New Democratic Party and the Liberals. It’s time for these three parties to agree to form a coalition government.

The current Conservative Party is a coalition of the Reform Party, the Alliance, the former ‘Progressive Conservatives’, Social Credit and countless other right wing advocates. They all joined forces to push their own agenda.

Don’t turn your backs on 70% of the voting public. If united, our cause could work out the fine points of disagreement on bills before taking them in parliament. It would be far easier to push for your separate agendas under a coalition government than it would be under an obstructive Conservative minority government.

After the first term, after you have removed the ‘first past the post’ method of election, you would be free to run again in independent parties relying on a true representative vote.

Think about it. Canada does not deserve or want Conservative government. Vote it out. We want Our Canada back.

Tama Coombs
Kispiox

Voter suppression

Voter suppression is defined as “a strategy to influence the outcome of an election by discouraging or preventing the right to vote." Enacted in 2014 by the Federal Government, the Fair Elections Act replaced the long-standing Canada Elections Act. It is a complex and little understood Act (see Globe and Mail, March 25/July 8, 2014).

Apart from fraudulent activity such as the Robo Call Scandal of 2011, changes to suppress voting are being laid to the local communities.

Some of the legal changes affecting local voting include closing of our riding boundaries, advance poll voting only after Thanksgiving holiday, advance and election day voting time changes, voter poll changes (Silverton residents assigned to New Denver poll and New Denver residents assigned to Silverton poll), and arbitrary, irrational changes to local poll boundaries.

These all may result in voter confusion, and possible long lines at the polls—potentially discouraging voting participation.

If it walks like a duck, and looks like a duck..." Barbara Yeomans
Area H - New Denver

The ocean and our breath

Fifty to eighty percent of the oxygen we breathe is created in the world’s oceans; the remainder comes from the forests worldwide. Tiny microorganisms in the oceans called phytoplankton (also known as blue-green algae or cyanobacteria) generate, with the help of sunlight, the oxygen we breathe, in the process of photosynthesis. Scientists worldwide are coming to the conclusion that the oceans are on the brink of dying, and will likely die if we continue our present day oil- and coal-based industrial activities. When the blue-green algae die, so do we.

Stephen Harper is trying to stop the general knowledge of the state of the oceans by forbidding scientists to speak out freely about the dire straits the oceans are in. Think about that when you cast your ballot on October 19.

Richard Eichhouser
Enquire

Vote

Wow! Great opportunity to celebrate our Canadian right to socialized, civil elections! Yippee! We live in one of the most liberal and abundant nations of the world.

Step 1: Register to vote if you are 18 and a Canadian citizen. Don’t procrastinate with your shrink or fiddlers, forget the Stitch & Bitch group. Get motivated. Most of us Canadians live close enough to our polling stations to be able walk, jog or cycle to the location. Extra bonus, you exercised too. Then, you walk with the sensation of gratitude for your community effort to express your free will as choice. You are a winner! You come home for a meal with friends, family and share the benefits of Alberta relief, lower blood pressure, blood sugar, with a calm, clear mind and heart. You praise the bounty around you. Relax... breathe. Take a few more breaths. You can read or watch whatever you choose. It is still a free country.

Be democracy in action. Demographic representation as long as politicians do not genderize the riding boundaries...as they did in the South Okanagan-West Kootenay.

On October 19, let’s get in record numbers to vote for our Canada.

Andrius Azzopardi
Silverton

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Heave Steve

Committee to Reclaim Canada
Craig Besinque, Mike Lesnik, Kevin Murphy
Help wanted!
If you are between the ages of 18 and 34 and creating a wholesome lifestyle in the Kootenays – your neighbour needs your help!

According to recent census stats, there are about 70,000 18-34 year olds in your age group in the two ridings that cover the West and East Kootenays. The boundaries of the ridings have now been changed but the numbers are pretty much the same.

And you know what’s really interesting? Sixty percent or 42,000 of you didn’t vote in the last election. That’s a lot of folks!

No blame. I know, eh. We are all fed up and cynical… but this democracy is all we’ve got to work with!

Without change, our majestic country with all its beauty, glory and safety is going down, fast. In fact, it’s leading the way… with its lack of commitment to taking action on climate change!
So step up! Please help your neighbour to make change!

There are enough of you, about 42,000 in the combined ridings, to make the difference if you exercise your right and privilege to vote.

It’s not so easy either. The rules have changed to make it more difficult for you. And some folks who have been voting for years have now been dropped off the list. Are we surprised?

What can you do? Go to: elections.ca to make sure you are on this vote’s list. If not, you can register there with a BC driver’s license and/or find out your exact next step. Visit: Canada.cisleducation.com (political quiz) to find out where the parties stand on key issues. Get word out to your network of friends. Consider getting actively involved with us folks who are supporting the Dogwood Citizen’s Initiative to support democracy and the environment in this election and to get the vote out. Please email: 2015changepoz@gmail.com

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Barter Fair buyer beware
I feel compelled to inform the community that is within Smitx territorywe are not a Sinixt ancestry that they may be being duped into colluding in an act of genocide against the Sinixt peoples.

Somehow the people out there consider yourselves to be people of conscience. As such, some of you consider the declared extinction of the Sinixt peoples a wrongful act by the Canadian government. Some would even go as far as calling this declared extinction an act of genocide. I totally agree, which is why I’ve dedicated nearly three decades of my life speaking and fighting for Sinixt autonomy and their right to have the declared extinction revoked.

About a year ago, after confronting Robert Watt about the position he was taking to support CCT (Columbia-Coeur d’Alene Tribes) and the ONA (Okanagan Nation Alliance), I cut all ties of association with Mr. Watt.

Our elders brought us here to do the work of reparating and reburrowing ancestral remains (64 conducted by Sinixt to date) and to stand up for the Sinixt land. The elders were dead set against any amalgamation with other nations and only wanted the Sinixt to return to their land and for this land to be Sinixt land. Elder Eva Orr responded, when asked why by author Paula Pryce, “...to uphold our responsibility of ‘Keeping The Laces Way’.”

It is true that for many years Robert Watt stood for Sinixt autonomy. I am saddened that Robert has changed his stand. I have enquired about the position that CCT, ONA and Robert Watt have taken at the many events they have participated in this area. Not once has anyone who has attended these events witnessed CCT, ONA or Robert Watt speaking for Sinixt existence. If you have attended any of these past events, you know this is true.

I have heard many times “I don’t want to be about politics, I want to be inclusive, I want people to feel good, I’m not choosing sides.” I’m pretty certain that there is no way out of extinction that is not political. Being ‘inclusive’ is at the ‘exclusion’ and continued declared extinction of the Sinixt peoples. Someone else has to feel bad so you can feel good, well, that’s just not groovy. If you think you haven’t chosen sides, you have chosen. Please think about what you wish, wrap it in nice paper and pretty bows. What this boils down to is colonial thuggery. Our people have witnessed and experienced ALL FORMS. You can’t even invent anything new; it’s all been done before.

This brings us to the upcoming barter fair. Who and what are you supporting if you participate? There are no ‘colonial thuggery police.’ Just you and your conscience. Don’t be duped. Make a conscious and informed decision about who and what you support. Just because you say you support the Sinixt doesn’t mean you do.

Marilyn James
Sinum Iem Mattirinch Sinixt

Response to Mike Lesnik
As a long-time member of the M’sunnemamiit Nation I’d like to reply to Mike Lesnik’s letter (Valley Voice, Sept 23) where he urges Greens to vote NDP in this federal election.

Mr. Lesnik says the NDP will institute proportional representation, which will give the Green Party a greater voice in future Parliaments. I say, why wait? We need more Green MPs in the House of Commons now.

How can anyone who believes the NDP really will change our voting system give the opportunity. I have searched the federal NDP’s positions on electoral reform. As of today, October 1, I have found absolutely nothing on the topic in their sketchy election platform.

Contrast this with the Green Party, which published a concise policy on electoral reform when they released their fully-costed election platform in early September. It says in part: “Our promise is to replace the first-past-the-post system with a form of proportional representation within the first year of the next Parliament. We will determine the form... best suited to Canada through extensive public consultation by an all-party committee.”

And while I’m on the topic of significant differences between Greens and NDP, let me mention climate change. The Green Party’s proposal to put a predictable price on carbon emissions is part of a wide-ranging, costed plan to tackle climate change and, therefore, to begin Canada’s economy away from fossil-fuel dependency.

The NDP advocate a cap and trade system, which even Alberta Premier Rachel Notley does not support. “A national cap-and-trade program may not be our best road forward,” she told the Montreal Chamber of Commerce in September.
The opinion plan for a carbon fee, on the other hand, is widely supported. Steve Williams, CEO of Suncor, Canada’s biggest oil company, recently said in May that “a broad-based carbon price is the right answer.” In August, the Globe and Mail reported putting a price on carbon is the most economically efficient way to get serious about reducing carbon emissions. The national newspaper went on to rank the Green climate plan as the best put forward by any Canadian political party.

For me, the choice on October 19 is very clear: I’ve already voted by mail for Green Party candidate Bill Green to Ottawa where he can join Elizabeth May and her Green caucus to work collaboratively with the other party lines for the best solutions to the issues facing Canada.

Without more Green MPs in the House of Commons Canada may go down in fear may be realized: that the NDP and Liberals will continue to fight each other and, in doing so, propose yet another Conservative minority government. Just like they did after the 2006 and 2008 elections. We need Green MPs to hold them all accountable.

Andy Shadruck
Kade

How do we stop Harper demolishing Canada?
It’s time for candidates to pool their votes in order that we not have another 10 years of the Conservative rape of Canadian values.

How about two of the three progressive candidates voluntarily stepping aside? That’s unpalatable. How about drawing straws? It’s vital that one of the progressive parties assume power.

In my riding of Kootenay-Columbia, I would be happy with either the Green Party or NDP candidates becoming my MP. In reviewing the party platforms, there is not that much variance considering the overall voting system.

However, if all three candidates run against the Conservative, the vote splitting guaranteed a right-wing win. A representative system is a strategic voting. Voting your ‘conscience’ will not return the institutions and policies which we as Canadians want in place and which the Conservatives are dismantling as fast as possible.

Voting your ‘conscience’ will happen when the first-past-the-post system is replaced by a proportional representation system next time.

Patience is needed. Please Greens, Liberal, NDPers – cooperate for the benefit of us all.

Kate O’Keefe
Johnson’s Landing

This is not an ordinary election
The government which we have to retain or dismiss on October 19 is different from other conservative governments. Even though my personal sympathies are pinkish green, I recognize the value of an occasional small c conservative government for all over balance.

The Harper regime has been anything but conservative.

The last years have been a time of radical change, rammed through with an ideological fervour and without regard for political process.

One could go on and on about the Harper government’s bashing charitable organizations with targeted tax audits, promulgating parliament, the omnibus bill, the promise of civil liberties, the getting of environmental protection laws.

Among the worst things this government has done has been waging a War on Science.

Since when in Canada is a place where important research, paid for with taxpayers’ dollars, is being destroyed, probably because the findings might not be to the taste of certain industry interests? CBC Radio’s program ‘Ideas’ recently repeated an excellent series on the topic. Important research on the spawning habits of Atlantic cod could no longer be duplicated. The DFO library is largely gone.

The Harper government believes “They are all a bunch of crooks” and it won’t make a difference who gets in. I offer this: If Stephen Harper had been Prime Minister in 2003, Canada would have been involved in the invasion of Iraq.

Remember when we were known as honest peacekeepers, and travellers sewed Canadian flags on their backpacks because Canada was so respected worldwide?

I want that country back.

I will be voting NDP, even though I am a member of the Green Party. Not this time. We just cannot split the vote. Together, the opposition groups can be called Conservatives (they should be called Harperites). In the freshly gerrymandered riding of South Okanagan-West Kootenay, the NDP candidate Richard Cannings has by far the best chance of winning. Besides he is good man, a basic fact.

This is not an ordinary election. It is a fight for Canada’s soul.
Please vote, and if you want to defeat Harper, vote strategically.

Jen van de Wrie
Nakusp
Letters

Nakusp all-inclusive rail trail committee chair calls for input

I would like to thank everyone that took their valuable time to write letters and to those who signed the petition that was submitted to the Village of Nakusp mayor and councillors. It was a good start towards having some of the bylaws changed so the rail trail in Nakusp can be used by all the people and to let the Village know what the public wants. At this time, the Village is not entertaining what their constituents would like, and doesn’t seem to realize each of the names on the petition and letters are real people that want to be heard. I have been hearing from the public and they are feeling the need of having the rail trail used for everyone and not in favour of having it available for a very small section of our demographic.

I would appreciate any suggestions and/or information for going forward with the efforts to let our Village know that it is in the best interest of our community to share this trail with all the people for inclusive use. You can email me at sue.don@icloud.com, I will answer every email. I have been doing further research into different avenues and will be letting everyone know what I have been unearthing soon.

Thank you to all who helped to gather information and put together the presentation that was submitted to the Village council. If anyone would like to see the presentation and read some of the research, there are copies at various businesses in the village.

Sue North

Democratic reforms needed to give our vote meaning

It’s hard to ignore the strong anti-polarity towards Prime Minister Harper here in BC but history suggests that any leader in power as long as Harper would be facing the same dissatisfaction. Replacing Harper will only momentarily resolve the frustration. How many times do we have to go through this scenario before we acknowledge that there is something inherently wrong with the structure of our political institutions?

Dan Nicholson stated in the September 23 Valley Voice that he believes it is his civic responsibility to vote in the upcoming federal election, adding that in his family it was expected that you would vote.

“...It was just something that you did.
How goes on he say that voting is the easiest way to show government that he disapproves of policy. “Voting is a powerful tool to be used to be exercised often. It’s fan of a blunt instrument but it really gets the point across.”

If we can put aside the glowing rhetoric of democratic participation for a moment and look clearly at what the process of voting provides for us, I suggest Mr. Nicholson has misrepresented our influence.

In 1990, 1200 of the 1700 constituents of the Wetaskiwin riding in Alberta signed a petition asking their MP Wayne Stetski to vote ‘no’ to the GST bill. When he ignored their request and voted with the party, they pursued their case in court. Justice E.A. Marshall ruled as follows:

“...is of the essence of our parliamentary system of government that our elected representatives should be able to perform their duties courageously and resolutely, in what they consider to be the best interests of Canada, free from any worry of being called to account anywhere except in parliament.”

“I know of no legal duty on an elected representative at any level of government to consult with his constituents or determine their views.”

This clearly indicates that upon the initial structuring of our government, the founders determined that the power should not reside with the people but with government. The MNPs are repeatedly and incorrectly told are our representatives represent parliament, not us. They are voting pawns who sit in the back benches waiting to enact the party’s objectives.

In the final analysis, our vote, which we initially believed was to be used to elect a representative, is being used to elect a party. The leader of this party brazenly offers you a variety of election promises knowing he cannot or will not honour them all, as in Christen’s promise to remove the GST or Harper’s promise not to tax income trusts.

Therefore, participating in this system implies that you accept their dishonesty as a routine part of the process, and simultaneously require the suppression of your own ethics and integrity. By voting, you confer credibility on a system that is unaccountable to you. In the progression of a healthy democracy, you would expect reforms would have been implemented to enhance accountability rather than obstruct it.

If you want to exercise your democratic right to vote, you can express your dissatisfaction with the current system by going to the polling booth and stating there is no suitable candidate to vote for. This vote would be considered and there is a procedure available federally.

The point of this would be to indicate your desire to participate, but more importantly the purpose would be to encourage future democratic reforms that would give your vote meaning.

Dan Siemens

Mommy isn’t coming

The Pope has recently cautioned that we, the human race of Planet Earth, are the ones who have to deal with the catastrophic global warming which we now clearly see in its early stages. God is not going to step in, as Naomi Klein added, Mommy isn’t coming. It’s up to us.

One problem is the human failing that many people can’t accept something awful is coming when things have been okay so far. Apparently, many Jews remained in Germany and were killed by Hitler because they couldn’t believe he would do such a thing, despite all the evidence that was mounting to the contrary.

Another problem is, of course, that the non-renewable energy resource industries do not want to recognize anything that goes against their own short-term interests. We hear from the Minister of environment that the economy is the number one issue, and we only get half-hearted schemes from the Liberals to combat climate change. The irresponsibility is staggering and literally suicidal. I wonder which planet these climate change deniers and minimizers have been living on? And after they have destroyed this one.

Our number one problem is to keep Planet Earth as a healthy home for life as we know it. Nothing else comes close to this in importance, and it has to be our primary consideration when we vote for our next federalgovernment.

Keith Newberry

Clean energy future leaving Canada behind

According to an article in Forbes magazine, Japan’s lost nuclear output since Fukushima has been half displaced by efficiency, frugality, and renewables. Renewablest provide 13% of America’s energy, 33% of Italy’s, 46% of Spain’s, 50% of Scotland’s, over 50% of Denmark’s, and 64% of Portugal’s. Germany’s fossil-footed generation hit a 35-year low, renewables were its biggest power source.

And what is Canada doing? Over half the world’s renewable installations and investments of last year were in developing countries. China cut its energy intensity 4.5% a year, burning less total coal. China added more solar capacity in 2013 than the US added since inventing it 61 years ago. India did the same for the past two years, has quadrupled its renewable targets, and aims to build a world-class solar industry.

National policy in Canada usually undercuts renewables, despite contrary rhetoric. As much of the world moves forward to a sustainable future, why is Canada lagging?

Kate Coone

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Committee to Reclaim Canada

Craig Besnique, Mike Lesnich, Kevin Murphy

Fee for service explained

I’d like to clear up a misunderstanding that has been circulating in the area regarding the term “fee for service.”

Most physicians in BC are paid on a “fee for service” basis by the Ministry of Health Services. Fee for service is a specific fee paid by the ministry to the physician for each service such as an office visit, test, procedure, or other health care service provided to each patient. What it most certainly does NOT mean is that you pay a fee for seeing a doctor.

In British Columbia there are two main ways that physicians are paid by the Ministry of Health Services. Approximately 80% of doctors are paid on a “fee-for-service” basis and the rest under the Alternative Payment Program. Alternative payments is the term used to describe the funding of physician services through means other than the fee-for-service method, including salaries, alternative payments and other types of compensation. Doctors under contract with Interior Health Authority (IHA) fall into this category.

Currently the IHA physicians and emergency room service in Kaslo is available 5-9 weeks (about 40 hours a week). Unfortunately, emergencies do not always occur during business hours. The goal of the Kaslo Area Medical Health Society is to hire a physician to be able to cover emergencies outside of business hours – on weekends and after hours during the week (about 128 hours). Again, you will not pay any fees for this doctor and the doctor will not be competing with the IHA clinic in Kaslo.

Kate Coone

Kaslo

REGISTER and VOTE

You’ll need:
• Drivers license with proof of local address, OR
• 2 pieces of ID, one must have your current address, OR
• 2 pieces of ID with a person from the same polling station vouching for you. This person must also have photo ID with address, and can only vouch for one individual.

on-line: http://ereg.elections.ca
phone: 1-800-463-6868

The above information is presented by the Committee to Reclaim Canada
New Denver cellar, September 22: New Denver joins Community Voter Challenge
by Katrine Campbell

- Council discussed and endorsed the Community Voter Challenge issued by the City of Nelson. Spokesperson John Fyler said he had set up a tab at 20th Avenue to talk to people and guide them to voter registration.

"People who have been voting here for 20 years are getting word they’re not registered anymore," he said. The problem might be from the redistribution of boundaries, he added, noting that "the Conservatives would be the winners if everyone voted the same way they did in the last election."

CAO Bruce Woodbury advised council that participating communities are not spending money to promote the challenge, just endorsing efforts to get voters out. Seventy-one percent of New Denver registered voters turned out to the polls in the last election.

- Council directed staff to prepare a bylaw designating the Bosun Hall as a municipal heritage site, and an amendment to the Heritage Advisory Committee’s bylaw to include representation for LACE, which manages the hall. It was not included on the original list of sites as it was a condemned building, and the Village had it up for sale before LACE volunteered to take it over and renovate it. By being designated, the hall will be eligible for more funding.

- The Village will apply to the Province for permission for the Slocan Lake Boating Association to make improvements to the marina entrance. The Village leases the Crown land and sublets it to the SLBA on a cost-recovery basis. The channel between the marina and the lake has silted up and the water level is so low it is a hazard to boats; as leaseholder, the Village would be liable for damage. The CAO noted that at Garlic Fest weekend the Dark Water Dragoons had trouble getting their boat back into the marina.

If granted permission, the association would use a vacuum track to suck out the silt and rocks, which would be dumped at another part of the property, away from the water. There are only a couple of windows in the year during which the work could be done without causing harm to fish. The CAO added that during meetings this fall with the SLBA, they would discuss ongoing maintenance to prevent such a large build-up.

- Councilor Nadine Raymonds reported the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission is looking at the possibility of using the CBT grant funds and will decide on the winners October 5.

Raymonds also reported that the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce met September 10 but had no quorum and so was unable to vote on anything. Items discussed included:

- more business ‘hunch and learn’ sessions sponsored by the Chamber and the EDC.
- the West Kootenay Tourism Alliance’s business and marketing plans are nearing completion and it is looking to reach out to a marketing co-ordinator.
- the Chamber-sponsored all-candidates’ meeting October 2.
- changes are coming to Destination BC funding but there is little information on what those changes will be.

Council granted LArcie School Permission to close 7th Avenue in front of the school from 9 am to 1 pm October 2 to hold its Harvest Fest event.

- An application from Christie Bannert and Ingrid Peck for a variance allowing them to increase the fence height at the new home they have at 1010 10th Avenue was approved. They want to install a screen for privacy from Columbia St. Councillor Heather Fox asked if there was a possibility to look at changing the height regulations because the Village is receiving many requests for variance.

Refugee assistance discussed at public meeting in New Denver
by Katrine Campbell

Do the people of New Denver have enough energy and will to help Syrian refugees, and, if so, what can they do?

This was the question Eleanor Spangler had planned to raise at a public meeting September 29. Thirty people showed up at Kooten Hall and, by the end, seven or eight had volunteered to help get an office set up. No one had explored what was possible. Another 10 or so put their names down to help in other ways, volunteering to work with or for refugees who end up in the community.

However, she had discovered “the chances of getting Syrians is low. It takes two years to process refugees, so we could get someone from the country who has already been cleared through the UNHCR (United Nations Refugee Agency).”

These people have been screened, are “travel-ready” and are waiting for sponsors.

Spangler has spent the last few weeks organizing a mountain of research, and presented it to the room. United Church of Canada minister George Meier facilitated the meeting, as the speaker had had misgivings about the role of sponsored refugees. He made it clear at the start the discussion was about sponsorship, not about the politics of Canada taking in refugees.

The agenda, which turns seriously its responsibility to help, he said, and suggested the co-ordinated community work with the church and the Nelson refugee committee is the first rate tip.

Spangler talked about what she had discovered through her research. Top of mind for some people was how much money they would have to raise in order to “violate” according to the number of people and how long they would have to be supported. As all sponsors would be required to be accepted by Canadian government are given landed immigrant status, they are legally able to work. Language skills – or lack of them – could be a barrier to employment.

Spangler had gone through the Immigration and Refugee Board’s process to try to get sponsorship for a Syrian family. She went through the process of finding a resettlement organization to help the family, how to find a legal advisor, what to do about medical care, how to get someone to find a place to live, how to get those who are the most vulnerable to land, etc.

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Detailed information on the plan is available on the RDCK website, rdck.ca; go to ‘Services’ then to ‘Recreation Master Plan’. For feedback,

It explains the work done so far, examining trends and issues, population and demographics, inventory and utilization of facilities and spaces, and a review of relevant information included in provincial, regional and community planning documents. There is still time to have your say: fill out the online form at the above website.

Draft recreation plan presented to Slocan Valley residents
by Katrine Campbell

Two open houses were held September 29 to present a draft Recreation Plan to the residents of the Village, encompassing the three villages and Area H, and paid for by Area H. About 15 to 20 people showed up at each, one at the Slocan Shores Community Centre and one at Mr. Sentelon School, says Area H Director Walter Popoff. The master plan is, according to the RDCK website, “an overall framework that guides the development, delivery, and continuous improvement of recreation, parks, and leisure programs, services, and facilities.”

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Author Caroline Woodward launches new book in New Denver

by Art Joyce

When author and former New Denver resident Caroline Woodward launches a new book here, it’s more like a homecoming than a literary event. The evening of September 25 Woodward and husband Jeff George, former owners of the Motherlode Bookstore in New Denver, premiered her memoir, Light Years: Memoirs of a Modern Lighthouse Keeper. The reading featured George’s evocative photographs of life on West Coast lighthouse stations.

Woodward’s book is the latest in a record series of book launches — many of them memoirs — in the community this year.

The book details a mid-life career switch for Woodward, when she decided to leave a secure job as a government manager to become a lighthouse tour guide representative for the rugged lifestyle of assistant lighthouse keeper. Her husband had already been working at the job and the enforced separations were becoming increasingly difficult to bear. Besides spending more time with George, it was an opportunity to have the isolation required to devote to her writing career.

“We’re a couple of late middle-aged bookish folks who wanted just one more adventure in life, and we wanted to make our own art,” Woodward told the audience. “We wanted the rare opportunity to work as one of 57 lighthouse keepers on 27 staffed stations.”

So Woodward “laid down my Harry Potter and my David Suzuki and the other 2,000 books I sold every spring,” and handed in her resignation. This freed her up to begin training as an assistant lighthousekeeper, gaining skills in VHF radio, First Aid and receiving mentoring from experienced couples on light stations. Their first posting at Trial Island off Victoria’s Oak Bay was a toe in the water but was ultimately a little too close to civilization after all, although it offered them a prime viewpoint for watching Orcas and Steller’s sea lions.

“We discovered after seven months on Trial Island that we could hear police sirens and car horns. When we were transferred to Lennard Island, after the relative citified atmosphere of Trial Island, we jumped at the chance.”

The Lennard Island light station was built in 1904. The two previous lightkeepers couples were avid gardeners so Woodward and George inherited 18 garden plots and flowerbeds that had been well tended. Self-sufficiency is an important skill for a lighthousekeeper, Woodward explained.

Otherwise one’s diet consists primarily of tasteless canned food and frozen food delivered to the island at regular intervals. Nootka Island light station is where the couple has worked more than any other and is very special to them. They substitute for the resident lighthousekeepers while they vacate in Cook Inlet for 10 weeks every year. Nine stations are run by couples, so Woodward and George are in demand as relief lightkeepers.

Lightkeepers also play an unofficial public relations and tourism role. Besides their official role of answering requests for light plots, seagulls, and fishing fleets as to weather and fog conditions, they act as a kind of information bureau for hikers, boaters and other watching tourists. A daily log of weather is kept, information that becomes part of the national weather database. GPS often malfunctions in bad weather and has led more than one tourist or boater astray. The most frequently asked questions, said Woodward, are: I thought all the light stations had been closed down! And, What do you do out here?

“Peoples’ eyes widen with excitement, like they’d love to go out there. Others’ eyes widen with terror, wondering what they’d do if they had to be away from town for more than two days.”

Boredom isn’t really an issue because when not recording weather the couple performs maintenance on nearly a dozen outbuildings besides keeping the lighthouse tower clean and functional. Salt water is hard on just about everything so frequent pressure washing and painting must be done to prevent corrosion.

“It’s kind of like housekeeping or farming, there’s always something to be done.”

Jorina rehearsals get under way

submitted

The cast of Neloon Community Opera’s world premiere production of Doug Jamieson’s new opera Jorina, based on a novel by Harry Ryle, has been rehearsing earlier this month. The vocalists are working under the direction of composer Doug Jamieson and the dancers and puppeteers under stage director Geoff Bums.

To date Burns has been concentrating on the show’s principal dancers: Hermine Ha, the Witch; Carly Brundel, Jorina; Mackenzie Hope, Jaren; and Lindsay Clague-Grunnella, the Witch’s reluctant minion.

“Since they’ll all be wearing intimate masks, the challenge for the dancers is to bring each of their characters to life and convey their full range of emotions with only the movement of their bodies,” Bums noted.

“This past weekend we started working with the puppets. Once all the puppets, masks and props have been built, we will bring the dancers and the puppets together to integrate the major elements of the on-stage action.”

“For the moment the vocal soloists are working on their own with occasional individual rehearsal sessions with me,” said Jamieson. The show’s soloists include: Allison Girven, soprano in the role of Jorina; Bevina Wynn, mezzo soprano as the Witch, Roger Ley, tenor as Jaren and Sydney Garthwaite Black, alto as Grunnella.

“Once the chorus and the soloists have a firm grasp of their roles we’ll bring both groups together to work on their combined numbers. Toward the end of October, all the musical elements together with the dancers and puppeteers will finally merge to bring the whole opera to life.”

The world premiere performances of Jorina will run from November 12 to November 14 at Neloon’s Capitol Theatre. Tickets are on sale at the Capitol Theatre box office and on line at www.capitolatnelson.ca or call (250) 352 6363.

CV Auto: “the honest mechanic”

by Katrine Campbell

It’s October and time to think about changing over to winter tires. Why not call CV Auto Services in Crescent Valley? Owners Caylee Brown and her husband Alex Noble promise excellent, reliable service. “We want to be the honest mechanic that nobody believes exists any more,” says Brown.

The two opened CV Auto two and a half years ago, in the former Action Auto repair shop, 1005 White Rd. Although it’s a home-based business, Brown emphasizes Noble is no backyard amateur: he is a certified mechanic with 15 years experience.

The family-owned and operated business does all round service and repair, specializing in brake, suspension and exhaust, but handles everything vehicle-related except swapping out engines and clutches. Too can there for alignments, tune ups, diagnostics, oil changes and tire changeovers. CV Auto also offers commercial vehicle inspection.

No hidden employees, handling all the work himself.

“The way we’ve always done, diligence and care is most important to us,” says Brown. “We give it our best. We have little ones too, so a vehicle’s safety and reliability is very important to us.”

“You want to make it easier for our customers so people won’t end up with their finished vehicles after hours.”

CV Auto Services is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at 1005 White Rd., accessed by turning south off Hwy 6 on either Coie Road or Osachoff Road in Crescent Valley. Call 250-359-2266 to book your appointment.

Woodward’s book may be ordered through Harbour Publishing and other book outlets. Visit http://www.harbourpublishing.com/title/LightYears or support your local independent bookseller.
Bessie Wapp and Friends quartet to play at Silverton Memorial Hall

Submitted

The Stolen Lake Gallery Society and the Langham Guest Artist Series will showcase one of the region’s favorite daughters in her acoustic quartet, Bessie Wapp and Friends. The Nelson-based group will appear at the Langham in Kasa on Saturday, October 24, and at the Silverton Memorial Hall on Sunday, October 25. Both concerts start at 7:30 pm with admission at $18. In Silverton, tickets are sold at the door, and in Kasa they are available in advance at Willow Home Boutique, Sunnyvale Naturals, and at the door.

It’s not easy to capture Bessie Wapp, a singer/sceneplayer’s wide-ranging musical tastes in one ensemble but anything’s possible with the fantastic players she’s gathered. Kyro Eiliff (sax, background vocals), Jesse Lee (bass/background vocals), and Marvin Walker (drums/background vocals) are all talented musicians with extensive international touring experience to bring to Bessie’s folk, blues, singer-songwriter, traditional Eastern European, and jazz repertoire.

Environmental groups urge new parks in mountain caribou habitat

Submitted

Ten environmental groups, including the Valhalla Wilderness Society, have sent a letter to Premier Christy Clark objecting to the fact that her government is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to kill wolves and keep pregnant mountain caribou, while forest officers are critical to the survival of the caribou, and many other species, continue to be destroyed or fragmented by industry.

The letter states that BC’s 2007 Mountain Caribou Recovery Plan is failing dismally. Instead of halting the decline of endangered caribou, after seven years of recovery efforts the interior herd has lost 507 mountain caribou. Habitat protection under the recovery plan was weak, but that is not being corrected. Instead, predator control, maternity penning, and translocation are being reduced at the expense of funding.

In 2015, seven caribou died in pens in BC. Yet the Revelstoke ‘Rising in the Wild’ for the North Columbia herd costs $367,582 for one year. The Klaneza-Za maternity penning project near Chemax costs nearly $1,000,000 in 2014 and 2015, and in 2015, well, failing to report costs BC taxpayers $500,000.

The letter urges the premier to increase habitat protection by creating new and expanded parks, as well as by strengthening conservation measures outside of parks. The groups recommend three major new parks: the Selkirk Mountain Caribou Park proposal, the Queens Lake Wilderness Area, and the Walker Wilderness in the Robson Valley. Significant parts of these proposed parks have already been withdrawn from logging to protect mountain caribou or old-growth forest, but these partially protected zones are too small, and they are not permanent. Their protection could be removed and some of them logged if the caribou fail to thrive.

The letter states, "BC’s Conservation Data Centre lists 40 species at risk in the humid, forested interior of the interior wetland caribou, and this figure does not count the species of the wetlands, rivers and other areas within these forests. Further, there are hundreds of species of fish in the forests that have never been assessed or known to grow there until recently. Maternity penning and well calls do nothing to save these species." The letter concludes that "Without increased and permanent protection in the form of parks, we believe there is a real possibility that the public will end up with nothing to show for all the years and hundreds of thousands of tax dollars the BC government has already spent and will continue to spend, on experimental techniques that have so far failed. BC could be left with no caribou, and if that happens, the caribou conservation response could revert to logging, with no new parks of substantial size to help keep other species from extinction. Meanwhile potentially thousands of wolves might be brutally slaughtered during the province’s five-year wolf cull experiment, doing severe damage to ecosystems."

Tell us a story at Slocan Library

Submitted

You don’t want to miss the next Authors’ Reading at the Slocan Community Library. On Sunday, October 25 at 1 pm Tom Wayman and Ernest Heldkagen are returning by popular request. Both are ready to share new collections of short stories (that may or may not be true) and answer questions from the audience. Copies of the books will be available for purchase.

Wayman is launching his new book, The Shadows We Mistake for Love, featuring 14 stories set in the Slocan Valley. They are based on valley incidents and characters/personalities, but fictionalized, of course! We can expect to be able to connect with lots of his material. A number of scenes are set on the rail trail, at the Duck Stop/Hungry Wolf/Cedar Creek Cafe/Mina Sita’s, the Village Wholes, etc. The title story is the familiar one of the young woman who leaves the valley, gets involved with a young man she finds irresistible -- in this case, the charismatic leader of an (imaginary) environmental group headquartered up Paradise Valley Road -- and ends up a single mom.

Wayman has taught writing in BC and Alberta, and is recognized and honoured for numerous books of poems, essays and fiction published over the past 40 years.

Ernest Heldkagen in the prolific

Nelson writer of nearly 30 books on a range of subjects, as well as being editor in chief of The New Orphee Review. He and his writing have been described as “seriously comical, fabulous, mystical, and obscure.” During his last stay in the library he was entertained with readings from his novel, I’m Not You and selections from a collection of short stories, False Memories and Other Likely Tales, which is now available.

Perhaps he’ll read more from this book and, as Tom Wayman suggests, “you may find out what happened to the kid in the gravel pit story.”

Heldkagen maintains that all the stories in False Memories are fundamentally true.

‘Life colours our memories,’ he freely admits, “and in the end, the colouring is what we remember best.”

For more information about the author, see his bio at newworldpublishers-heldkagen.com

This is the second authors’ reading in the fall series that began with Deryn Coller, and will wind up on November 15 starting at 1 pm with a presentation by Amantha Bath who wrote Disaster in Paradise: The Lamentable Lumbering of Johnson’s Landing. The Slocan Community Library, on Harold St. in the Village of Slocan is run by a team of volunteers who will be waiting to welcome you to this free event.
Local violinist and teacher lands symphony position

by Art Joyce

New Denver now has the distinction of having a symphony violinist living in our midst, adding to the West Kootenay’s rich tradition of cultural excellence and achievement. Martine denBok, who moved here from Edmonton a couple of years ago, has just been hired as a core member of the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra (OSO). She will be the leader of the second violin section, replacing Inaan Raminsh – the principal second for over 30 years – who is retiring.

DenBok was raised in Edmonton and started playing violin when she was three, learning the Suzuki method. She joined the Edmonton Youth Orchestra when she was 12 and played in high school bands but in her 20s took a hiatus from the music business to work as a cook. A few years of working in professional kitchens and she found herself missing music terribly, so she decided to return to her music studies. She did her undergraduate degree in music at the University of Alberta and her master’s at the University of Victoria, graduating just four years ago at age 27.

“Orchestral playing is something I’ve always been interested in doing,” she says.

DenBok was already an auxiliary member of the OSO but her new position means she is now a full-time employee and a key leader in the string section. Her contract guarantees her a minimum of 57 performances; on average in each concert season there are eight performances, meaning either practices or performances. “In one concert series, I’ll go on a Wednesday morning and I’ll rehearse for the whole day; then I do a dress rehearsal before the concert. We then play Kelowna on a Friday, Penticton on a Saturday and Vernon on a Sunday.”

She says people often ask her about the audition process for a symphony orchestra, which is very formalized. The audition is called a ‘blind’ or screened audition. DenBok had to perform for 10 members of the orchestra plus the conductor but was separated from them by a screen for the initial qualifying rounds. Her identity is not disclosed to the review panel until a decision is made that she’s been accepted. “I’m told what to play and then in each round I assigned four excerpts to play, anywhere from 20 to 100 bars of music. I was told not to say anything and I even played in bare feet so they couldn’t see what shoes I was wearing.” Only after the fourth round did she perform directly before the panel.

“That was pretty exciting because I’ve played for the orchestra but for them it was the first time they heard me play by myself, because normally I’m just playing as part of my section. It was fun but insanely nerve wracking.”

Unsurprisingly, her preparation for the audition was intense and at one point nearly derailed by injury. DenBok started practicing on average about four hours a day at the first week of August. The audition was on September 13. “I injured myself pretty badly with repetitive strain injuries from over-practicing. There was about two weeks before the audition where I was worried I wasn’t going to be able to play. There was a lot of numbness and tiredness in my arm so I couldn’t get through some of the pieces I was practicing.” An acupuncture treatment provided almost instant relief and got her back on the panel.

DenBok is the mother of a three-year-old boy, Griffin, so that means having to schedule practice time around childcare – usually after he goes to bed. He average practice time is thus 5-7 pm daily. “He was taking afternoon naps so if he did that I’d go straight to my violin and play ‘til he woke up.” In general he’s pretty easygoing and he really enjoys listening to music; his favourite right now is Peter and the Wolf and he can listen to it over and over again.”

She says the OSO is like a big family, with some soloists and members coming from as far away as Prince George and Calgary for concerts. The musicians are usually housed in the same hotels, share meals and enjoy relaxation time together. She’s also on half of Freya – an acoustic folk instrumental duo featuring Noel Fudge on guitar. They will be entering the studio soon to record their first CD, due out hopefully this November.

Meanwhile denBok will continue her busy teaching schedule, with students in Nelson, Winlaw and New Denver. She believes her early grounding in the ear training Suzuki method has given her an excellent foundation for a symphony musician. “I would definitely recommend having ear training as part of any foundation for music training. Music theory is tough especially if you don’t have a good foundation with an instrument. Having a good ear and an eclectic ear is important; one that can hear the differences between different styles of composing.”

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Arrow Lakes District Arts Council announces concert lineup

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This concert season starts on Sunday October 25, with Ensemble Caprice. The baroque ensemble, which performs on period instruments, was founded by acclaimed recorder soloist Matthias Maute and has become known for its innovative and adventurous approach to an increasing musical repertoire.

The second concert is on January 10 with Galena Trio, formed by cellist Johanne Perron, pianist Susanne Ruberg-Gordon and clarinetist Nicola Everton while on faculty at the 2013 Valhalla Summer School of Music. Although all three artists are individually busy professional performers and educators, their joint musicianship is highlighted by their warm, intelligent and passionate performances.

Our third concert is the return of Blackthorn March 5. The Celtic band’s extensive repertoire celebrates the traditional music of Scotland and Ireland as well as folk music of English and French Canada. They can rip up a reel, bounce along with a jig, pull your heart strings with a mournful ballad and have you singing along to a favourite old-time tune.

The fourth concert is April 3, Ensemble Vivant has been a pioneer in the piano chamber music world, championing exciting innovative programming ranging from classical to Latin, and jazz music. The group’s rich genre diversity, depth of artistry, and passionate, virtuosic interpretations receive accolades internationally.

The final concert of this season is May 8 with Sarah Hagen. She has been heard in concert halls and on airwaves throughout North America and Europe. Her interpretations have been described as “outstandingly inventive,” performed with “infinite skill.”

All the concerts start at 7:30 pm except for the last, at 2 pm.

The ticket prices for the concert series are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors, and $15 for students.

Children under six are free. There is also a family rate, $50 for two adults and two children. If you want a reserved seat for the concert series, you must commit to three or more concerts.

For tickets or more information, call co-founder Marilyn Massey at 250-265-4087.

The Arrow Lakes District Arts Council also holds two writers’ events this year. They will be on December 13 and April 17 at 2 pm. These events are free and open to the public, and there will be a donation jar at the door.

Nakusp recycling depot moves to landfill October 19

submitted by RDCK

The Nakusp recycling depot will be relocated from beside the Nakusp Recreation Centre to the Nakusp landfill on October 19.

The Village of Nakusp requested the relocation because the current depot is located near a water supply and the Village had concerns regarding possible water contamination.

The Village of Nakusp has curbside collection service for recyclables. As the service doesn’t currently include glass, a recycling bin for glass containers will be available at the Nakusp Village office until further notice.

Edgewood breakwater to be completed in November

by Jan McMurray

Work to relocate the breakwater in Edgewood is temporarily suspended until the reservoir reaches 428 metres.

"For order to the work to be complete, we require Arrow Lakes Reservoir elevations to be at 428 metres or lower. As of Friday, October 2, Arrow Lakes Reservoir is at 428.9 metres, so the work has been temporarily suspended," reported Mary Anne Coyle of BC Hydro.

Coles said the reservoir expects to reach 428 metres in November, and the remaining work is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete.

The breakwater and concrete anchor blocks are being removed from the sandy peninsula. The concrete anchor blocks won’t be used for the new breakwater, which will be located on the north side of the peninsula. The breakwater legs that run parallel to the boat ramp will be attached to steel piles similar to those used for the floating walkway. The breakwater sections in the bay will be attached to chains and anchored by piles driven into the reservoir floor. This design was discussed at the public meeting on April 14.

The work is expected to continue in early September and is being done by Splatikan Construction & Environmental Services LLP.

School District 10 looks to sell Fauquier School property

by Jan McMurray

School District 10 Arrow Lakes is looking to subdivide and sell the Fauquier School property, and has started the process by applying to take the property out of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

At the school board’s meeting September 29, Superintendent Terry Taylor reported that over 20 residents attended the public meeting the day before to discuss the ALR application.

"Overwhelmingly, the community expressed interest in preserving the small piece of land on which the Fauquier School building sits," said Taylor. "Use of the building by the community at modest cost is the aim and the Board of Education supports this direction."

Taylor said that if the land is subdivided, the board’s intent is to ensure the current school remains an asset for the community of Fauquier at a reasonable sale price, and to sell the other one or two subdivided pieces at market value.

RDCK Area E Director Paul Peterson was at the meeting, and said he would work with the school district to negotiate a modest sale price on behalf of the community for the building and the land it sits on if the property can be subdivided.

"The community is very happy that that’s our intent," said Taylor. "The Fauquier School closed in the 1990s and the community has been using it since. The building currently houses a library, internet centre, recreation programs and a StrongStart Centre."

Another meeting will take place soon, this time in the evening so that more community members can attend.
The Lucerne races were one of the highlights at the seventh annual Harvest Festival at Lucerne School on October 2.

The People's Choice winner at the second annual Kielder British Car Show on September 13 was this Austin Healey 1000.

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CO-OP
Spotlight on SIFCo’s wildfire prevention work in the Slocan Valley

by Jan McMurray

Featuring the Slocan Integral Forestry Co-op (SIFCo) in this edition of the Valley Voice, we’re recognizing both Co-op Week and Fire Prevention Week. The forestry co-op, which manages the Slocan Valley Community Forest, has been working to keep our valley safe from wildfire for several years. Since it signed its first Community Forest Agreement with the Province in 2009, SIFCo has completed six fuel treatment projects in the valley and is in the midst of a seventh at the north and east ends of Silverton.

SIFCo is also working on a first-of-its-kind study to find ways to create fuel breaks in its forest management activities. “We’re doing a landscape level-wide wildland-urban interface project, looking at potential predominant fire paths in the valley, and ways we can manage the forest to create fuel breaks at a landscape level,” explained Stephan Martineau, SIFCo manager.

SIFCo hopes to present the study to the public in spring 2016, at a conference the co-op is organizing on climate change, wildfires, and the future of forestry. Martineau says the wildland-urban interface study will be a key management tool for the co-op, and SIFCo is in the process of identifying areas to pilot the new tool in 2016.

“We’ve decided to make fuel treatment a major part of our management philosophy,” said Martineau. “In the ’80s and ’90s, it was very unusual to have the kind of summers we’ve been having almost every year now since 2003. Fires are becoming more intense, with the fuel load growing every year. We’ve inherited quite a situation, so we need to start planning with that in mind.”

Martineau explained that SIFCo uses many “leases” when planning its activities. The wildland-urban interface study will serve as the ‘fire lens,’ and will be used along with the lenses of ecological health, water, and climate change. The ecological lens looks at what the ecosystem needs for long-term ecological health. The water lens looks at quantity, quality and timing of flow. The climate change lens looks at “what kind of climate we’re going to have and what kinds of trees are most likely to do well in that future climate – and how we can manage our forest in a way that facilitates these transitions.”

SIFCo has treated the Crown land around the Winlaw and Elliot Anderson watersheds, and around Slocan, Silverton and New Denver. He says there is still work to be done to the south of New Denver, and he will approach the Village council about this after the Silverton project is finished in spring or fall 2016. “We feel the Villages are in a good position right now to defend themselves against wildfires if they occur,” he said.

SIFCo has been instrumental in bringing close to $1.5 million in grant funding into the community for the interface fuel treatment work. The forestry co-op received funding through the Job Opportunities Program for the Winlaw and Elliot Anderson projects in 2005. Since then, funding has come to the Villages through the Union of BC Municipalities. “We’ve been successful working with the Villages to bring funding into the valley,” he said, adding that the Columbia Basin Trust has also been a funding partner in the projects. SIFCo also approached the RCMP about doing fuel treatment work in the regional district, but without success.

The co-op has worked with residents who want their private property to be treated. “A lot of the fuel load is on private property, so it’s great to do this – the challenge is that it’s fairly expensive – about $5,000 per acre,” Martineau said. He mentioned that people can learn how to do it themselves with the FireSmart program, and the SIFCo crew is happy to help if people get started.

SIFCo has had a crew working steadily for seven years now. “It’s been great to see that SIFCo can contribute to the work force of the valley,” he said.

SIFCo decided to incorporate as a co-op because “it seemed to be a great model for supporting the residents in having some say – some control over what happens in their watersheds.”
Upper Columbia Co-op Council (UCCC) celebrates International Co-op Week

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The Upper Columbia Co-op Council (UCCC) is pleased to join with regional co-ops and credit unions to celebrate International Co-op Week, which this year runs from October 11-17. This year’s theme is ‘Our Co-op Advantage.’

Please join UCCC members in front of the Kootenay Co-op Country Store in Nelson on Tuesday, October 13, from 11 am to 4 pm to find out more about local co-ops and credit unions and to celebrate with us.

Kootenay Co-op Radio volunteers will be on hand doing interviews, and there will be cake and other refreshments. The Kootenay Co-op Store will donate three percent of their sales on that day to the UCCC in support of a future co-op education event.

Here are some of the other ways our members will be marking International Co-op Week and International Credit Union Day.

Saturday, October 17: Kootenay and Boundary Food Producers’ Co-op (KBFP) will host a Potluck and Bandstand at the Taghum Hall to celebrate the harvest, and provide information to anyone interested in membership. Come meet KBFP.

Local producers to help celebrate co-op’s first year

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The Kootenay and Boundary Food Producers Co-op is excited about its first year pilot project and wants to share its success story.

The official launch on Saturday, October 17, will be at the beautiful newly renovated Taghum Hall, nine km west of Nelson just past the Taghum Bridge. It begins with a community potluck dinner at 6 pm followed by a presentation and discussion at 7. Then at 8 the party starts!

Live music will feature Ronnie Hayward on stand-up bass, guitar and vocals. Other musicians are welcome to join him for a little local jamming.

Local producers and processors will provide a ‘Taste of the Kootenays’ with samples of their products during the evening. All are welcome to the event.

Kootenay Co-op Store will have their first Director Day with the co-op’s new board. Members-owners and the general public can drop by the covered area in front of the store and meet the new board directors over tea. Plus, all week they will have daily prize giveaways! Please check the Upper Columbia Co-op Council’s website at www.ucc.coop for more Co-op Week events and updates.

Happy Co-op Week October 11-17! What better way to change the world than by joining and using local co-ops? Keep democracy, decision-making and money in your community.

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Author K. Linda Kivi to launch all-ages picture book

by Art Joyce

Nelson author K. Linda Kivi, well-known for her involvement in the Jumbo Wild campaign over the years, recently released a new book, The Town of Nothing. Illustrated by artist Amber Santos, Kivi describes it as an "all-ages picture book." The book satirizes the decision of the provincial government to establish the Jumbo Resort Municipality on the only-inhabited at present are animals. Kivi, who refers to herself as a "future New Denver resident," and Santos will be launching the book during a tour of communities in the East and West Kootenay, appearing in Kaslo on October 21 at the Langham and New Denver on October 22 at Knox Hall. Both events start at 7 pm.

I took a few minutes to interview Kivi about the book.

"From what I know of your career as an author-activist, you’ve been involved for many years now in the fight to Keep Jumbo Wild. How did you get the idea for this book?"

"I got the idea for the book when Grant Costello showed up at the Jumbo camp and pointed out the boundaries of the new municipality. And I said, but there’s nothing there—this is the town of nothing! Then I wrote some text but it wasn’t big enough to be anything more than a kid’s picture book. And I wanted to work with Amber Santos—I thought she’d be too busy, but she said she’d love to do it. We’d worked together on Jumbo, she’s painted several cars now with the Jumbo Wild artwork. She teaches at Selkirk College, high about activist art."

"Can you explain your decision to use a children's storybook format for The Town of Nothing? Why not a novel, another, or other format?"

"What we’re calling it is an all-ages picture book because as it turns out adults are as interested in this book as kids. The majority of kids books are chosen by adults and read first to adults. The more content there is in the book, the more they’re going to enjoy reading it to their kids. You don’t have to know anything about Jumbo to read the book; it’s a stand-alone funny story about what nothing means, so it can be read as somewhat of a silly story without any of the Jumbo context. And if you know the background then it adds a whole other layer to the story. One of the things we did with the illustrations, there’s a bear either either visible or hidden in each of the pictures, so children can hunt for the bear. We really tried to give something for everyone to enjoy about the book, from preschoolers on up."

"And is this appeal to the kid’s book audience partly a consequence of the fact that the Jumbo Wild political battle has already raged for 24 years?"

"One of the big things we’ve had to deal with in the Jumbo campaign is activist fatigue. It’s been so long — both for the activists and for the community in general. Keeping everybody enthusiastic and positive was a big part of my work as coordinator of the Jumbo Wild committee. Amber and I agree that being an activist should also be fun so we’ve got a good match in that way. Dynamic is probably even a better word than fun because so often our work as activists is like no, no, no — downbeat. And if we’re going to keep going it’s necessary to have some fun."

"I notice that the book is being offered as a thank-you to supporters who donate to the Jumbo cause through the West Kootenay Ecovision. Was the book commissioned for that purpose, or did you initiate the project yourself?"

"Basically this book just happened to me like a lot of my other books. I was already full steam going ahead, doing it with Max Press and when (Ecovision Director) David Reid heard of it, he said we could totally use it as a gift to our donors. All of the profits from the book are going to the judicial review case for the Jumbo municipality. I think The Perseverance Suite has already made $20,000 for Jumbo Wild. It helps with a campaign that contains a lot of money in our pocket. We work in the same direction—we’re like fish in a school. There was never any question for me that it would be a fundraiser for Jumbo, so it all just came together."

"Do you feel writers have an obligation to use their talents for the social or environmental causes they believe in? What motivates you?"

"My activism comes from a deep love and passion for the earth and for justice, so I don’t work from a sense of obligation at all. I work from a sense of this is what I love and this is what I want to share, so it comes up spontaneously. That’s just who I am."

Kivi and Santos acknowledge the support of the CRCA in their current tour.

Jumbo Wild film tour coming to Nelson submitted

For decades, First Nations conservationists, backcountry skiers and snowboarders have fought a proposed large-scale ski resort deep in the Purcell Mountains of British Columbia. After 24 years of opposition, what more will it take to keep Jumbo Wild for good? Coming to theatres this month, Patagonia presents Jumbo Wild—a gripping, hour-long documentary film by Sweetgrass Productions that tells the true story of the decades-long battle over the future of British Columbia’s iconic Jumbo Valley. The film highlights the tension between protection of the backcountry experience and ever-increasing development interests in the wilds. Set against a backdrop of incredible backcountry ski and snowboard footage, Jumbo Wild documents all sides of a divisive issue bringing to life the passionate local fight to protect the Jumbo Valley’s wilderness.

The film will be shown at the Civic Theatre in Nelson October 13 at 6:30 and 8:30 pm. It will be followed by a Q&A session with Wildsight, Sweetgrass filmmakers, Patagonia ambassadors and members of the Kootenay Nation.

The eight-minute Jumbo Wild short, which can be viewed for free on Patagonia.com starting October 10, gives audiences a glimpse of the fight to protect the Jumbo Valley. The full, feature-length documentary-style film will be available for purchase on Vimeo starting November 5, with all proceeds benefiting Wildsight.

NOTICE OF PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS (2016-2018)

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan, in accordance with Section 224 of the Community Charter, will be adopting a Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw. Pursuant to section 227, an estimate of the amount of taxes that would be imposed on the property if it were not exempt, in the years for which the proposed bylaw is to take effect, is provided for the Public’s information:

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No decision yet on wired or wireless at Lucerne School

by Jan McMurray

The decision between wired or wireless internet at Lucerne School is still up in the air.

The issue was on the agenda at the board of education’s meeting of September 29, which was chaired by Trustee Lorra Lee Brekke because Chair Patti Adam was away. After a lengthy discussion about the costs and the health risks, the board decided to have a special meeting on the issue when Adam returns. It seems likely that the board will make a final decision at the special meeting, but will come up with a plan for more dialogue with parents.

Superintendent Terry Taylor started the discussion by clarifying the cost estimates received by the district’s IT director for upgrading the wired system at Lucerne. “The reason I bring this up is because there have been letters from parents, and one in particular talks about the labour quote being high and the need for other quotes,” she said.

Taylor explained that the CUPE collective agreement doesn’t allow the school district to contract out work that can be done in-house, and School District 10 has an electrician on staff. The labour quote is for $28,000 for 700 hours of work to complete the upgrade, plus travel time of 36 hours at $6,800 plus 50 cents per kilometre, as required under the collective agreement.

“So we would use our own CUPE staff — electrician, journeyman carpenter and IT manager — and that’s an honest estimation of the labour cost,” she said. She explained that the $28,000 would not be in addition to their regular salaries. “It’s just that a significant part of their time would be dedicated to this.”

Trustee Rayn Britt-Cruau said he was aware of a quote done for the job by a local electrician, and it was 241 hours lower than the quote provided by district staff. Furthermore, the local electrician’s quote was for an upgrade to a more robust system.

Brett Grice indicated that he thought there must be provisions in the collective agreement for contracting out work. Taylor replied that there are provisions for contracting out work under the skill set doesn’t exist in house, or if the district’s electrician is away on a training course, for example.

There was also discussion about the health risks of Wi-Fi. The board has been provided with information regarding the health risks from parents, and from Provincial Health Officer Dr. Perry Kendall, and the Superintendent of Safe Schools.

Trustee Quinn De Courcy said that after studying the information, “I feel confident we are not in danger of harming anyone [with Wi-Fi].” He thinks the parents’ facts are wrong.

He also believed that Wi-Fi is better for education. However, he said he is not comfortable moving forward with Wi-Fi at this point because no Lucerne parents have expressed support for it.

De Courcy suggested a public meeting where “we take a last crack at convincing people that wireless at the levels they are talking about is not harmful, and maybe people can be convinced through rational argument.” He said the concerns about how wireless internet is used in the school can be addressed through policy and teacher training, and perhaps the board and parents could discuss concessions such as a lower power antenna, and no Wi-Fi in primary classrooms.

There was a new discussion about the sale of cable television being a possibility. “I could see it being a possibility.”

Taylor suggested a series of consultations with people who believe Wi-Fi is safe and with those who don’t.

COMMUNITY

North Slocan Trails Society hosts trail building workshop

submitted

On Saturday October 26, the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA)/Trail Care Crew visited New Denver on the final leg of their Trans Canada tour. Fifteen participants from Nakusp, Kaslo, Nelson and the New Denver area gathered at Knox Hall for the one-day workshop. The event was organized and hosted by the North Slocan Trails Society (NSTS) and made possible by funding from the Columbia Basin Trust.

“Great level of participation by several community groups and individuals,” said Nakusp’s Tim Zoll. IMBA’s AJ and Justin presented an informational indoor session, which covered best practices for trail construction and maintenance. Following lunch, the crew and participants carpooled to a preselected section of Butter (a trail in Rosebery built by Greg MacRae) where they put theory into practice with a hands-on, tools-to-the-ground trail building session. “It’s amazing how much trail can be built with muddy hands involved. Plus we really feel a positive energy as we work together,” said Keith MacAulay, local trail builder.

The IMBA Trail Care Crew was so impressed with Butter that they rode it twice! “This is one of the best trails we have ridden all season” raved AJ. The IMBA crew also checked out the KKS Rail Trail from Sandon to Three Forks. “By far, the most interesting rail trail I have ever ridden,” claimed Justin.

From New Denver, the IMBA crew will be heading north to Williams Lake where they will be conducting a trail building workshop for attenders of the BC Mountain Bike Tourism Symposium. The North Slocan Trails Society will have a representative at the conference and will report back to the Village of New Denver and the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce later this year.

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Stressed out? Need a laugh? Want to get energized? Come and explore your inner performer, a theatre/improv workshop on Sunday, October 18 at the Silverton Memorial Hall, from 10 am to 4 pm.

People of all ages and abilities are welcome, no performance experience necessary. All participants experience a range of expressive forms, including sound and movement, verbal and non-verbal, character development and improvisation.

The workshop will be led by Norma Kilpatrick, aka the Grande Dame of Ham, who has been weaving a wide variety of people into a rich tapestry for more than 30 years. Her unique process is designed to increase self-confidence and trust, improve group co-operation and communication skills, strengthen community support and understanding, and to goof around and have fun! All who attend must participate.

During the day, people will have the opportunity to sign up either for more improv sessions or for a series of acting classes.

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Kaslo council, September 29: City Hall Park concept plan accepted

by Jan McMurray

The concept plan for the City Hall grounds presented by Dr. Lawrence Moss were accepted and referred to the Parks and Public Arts Committees for further comment.

• A moment of silence was held in honour of a number of members of the community who have passed away in recent days and weeks.

• Minutes of a special meeting held September 14 were adopted. At that meeting, council passed a resolution requesting a moratorium on mandatory installations of wireless smart meters until the major issues and problems are independently identified and satisfactorily addressed. The resolution also requests safer alternatives at no cost for residents who want them.

• Council received the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 15, where a budget of up to $2,000 in 2016 was set for improvements to council chambers, including audiovisual enhancements.

• A bench will be purchased and installed on the boulevard at the Front Street Market using Age Friendly award funds.

• Council received a letter from the Kaslo and Area Medical Care Society, requesting an elimination of the setback from Penny Lane to allow the society to build a clinic. A reply from CAO Neil Smith was also in council’s agenda package. Smith tells the society he cannot act on the request without more specific information, and encloses the forms necessary for the society to fill out along with his letter of reply.

• The Venzi Park and Road will be closed to vehicular traffic due to construction.

Argenta fundraiser for Syrian refugees, Saturday, October 24 submitted

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 24 for the Fall Dance to support Syrian children refugees! This must-not-miss festive event at the Argenta Hall begins with square dancing at 3 pm, when the café also opens, to the flourish of accordion, fiddle, banjo and local callers. A lasagna and organic salad dinner with jazz will follow at 5:30 to 7; afterwards, the silent auction winners will be announced. Then the Jan Van Gelder Band will set up for dancing-till-late.

The benefit is hosted by the Argenta Friends Meeting, in collaboration with residents of Kaslo, Shanty Bench, Schroeder Coast, Labrador, Meadow Creek, Johnson’s Landing, Howser, Cooper Creek, and Poplar Creek, demonstrating the community spirit that is alive and well in Kootenay Lake North. Argenta Friends Meeting has identified a special school for refugee children in Rayhani, Turkey. The school seeks to rebuild trust, self-worth, compassion, and open-mindedness. It offers psychosocial counselling and social belief to the children and their families, and its overall aim is to establish an empowered new generation with a democratic worldview.

Child refugees suffer from trauma and serious physical and psychological damage as a result of exposure to severe violence and loss of loved ones in the war. Without the emotional and academic support of a nurturing school community, out of school refugee children face a higher risk of engaging in child labour, being radicalized by extremist groups, and for girls, being forced into early marriage.

The scale of the tragedy of the Syrian war is affecting more than 12 million people and its devastating impact on the education of its children is overwhelming. More than half of the Syrian refugee population has fled to Turkey. More than 65 percent of the 81,000 school age refugees live outside of camps, with access to basic educational aid and education.

A large turnout is expected and there will be a suggested donation of $10 as well as a silent auction featuring paintings, wildlife photography, furniture, and more.

Informative videos about the plight of the children will highlight the six priority areas identified: youth employment, growth and expansion, education and business planning, training, economic diversification and government services.

Five community leaders will share a vision for an action related to these areas and participants will meet with the speakers to give new ideas, refine the vision and suggest additional actions. They will vote on the priority area to focus on next: $5,000 will go towards making the first steps to making the vision a reality. The Sustainable Economic Development (SED) Committee will also collect important information from the community to help determine where to put their energy.

Kickstart Kaslo and Area D: workshop on BRE coming submitted

North Kootenay Lake Community Service’s Project Comeback, the Village of Kaslo and the Rural Development Institute (RDI) have joined forces to administer the Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) project.

The BRE project gives key information to local communities to expand, diversify, and keep your existing business lasting for generations. Eighty businesses in Area D were extensively interviewed to determine what local action can be taken to help existing businesses thrive.

The results are in and a workshop on October 21 called Kickstart Kaslo will give a synopsis of the report and the school will be showing at the Hall. To donate items to the silent auction or help with baking cookies or lasagna, please phone 250-366-4649.

Kickstart Kaslo recycling depot moves to transfer station October 19 submitted by RDCK

The Kaslo recycling depot will be relocated from the Public Works Yard to the Kaslo transfer station on October 19.

The relocation of the depot was requested by the Village of Kaslo as a way to improve access to the curbside collection service being provided under the Multi-Material BC (MMBC) program. Through MMBC’s, the producers of packaging and printed paper assume the cost of recycling the materials they produce. Because the RDCK was not included in the MMBC program, RDCK is recycling programs continue to be funded through local taxation. Increased use of the curbside fund by producers will result in savings for all residents of the RDCK Central Resource Recovery Service Area.

Because the curbside service doesn’t include glass at this time, a recycling bin for glass will be available at the Public Works Yard until further notice.

Rural Kaslo residents who do not receive curbside service will be able to deposit their recyclables at the same time and location that they dispose of their garbage. The recycling depot will be open during transfer station operating hours (Tuesday, Friday and Sunday 10 am to 3 pm).
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The Canadian Canoeists of the Columbia River Roundtable has announced its trans-boundary Statement of Principles, in celebration of Rivers Day. "One river, Ethics matter" is the underlying principle to be used in conjunction with any discussion about the Columbia River watershed, from its headwaters in the Kootenays to its outflow in Portland, Oregon.

"Canada and the United States together have stewardship and justice responsibilities to manage the river as a single ecosystem," said John Osborn, a Spokane physician and co-ordinator of the Ethics and Treaty Project. "In time of climate change, the international approaches and ethics are needed to enhance efforts to the Columbia River Treaty which seeks to:

- make protection and restoration of the ecological health and ecosystems function of the Columbia River and its tributaries an explicit and equal Treaty purpose,
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World Food Day event to be held in Kaslo

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World Food Day was founded by the United Nations’ Food and Agriculture Organization in Quebec, October 16, 1945, and has been observed annually since 1979. It was established to increase awareness of world hunger and poverty and to inspire solutions for world change. In North America, grassroots events and public awareness campaigns educate. It takes place Saturday, October 24 from 9 am to 2:30 pm at Prestige Lakeside Resort, 701 Lakeside Dr. in Nelson.

There will be presentations, breakfast sessions, exhibit tables, and a.films to help the public be aware of the importance of the Columbia River Treaty.

Food Roundtable Roundtable includes citizens, businesses, and Nez Perce tribes in Canada and the United States who support an updated US-Canada Columbia River Treaty

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Tango Quartet on North American tour

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Local tangoans and classical music lovers are in for a real treat when The Alejandro Ziegler Argentine Tango Quartet performs in Nelson, as part of their 2015 North American Tour. The event takes place Thursday, October 8 at the Hart Hall, 501 Carbonate Street. The internationally acclaimed quartet is comprised of a piano, double bass, violin and a bandoneon, the traditional accordion-type instrument that is the signature of Argentine Tango music.

The Tango Quartet performs

Selections of music from several decades will be played, featuring the works of Osvaldo Pugliese, Francisco Canaro, and Carlos Di Sarli and other greats from the Golden Era of Tango, as well as some contemporary and original compositions.

The venue will provide a space for dancers as well as concert seating. A reception will follow the presentation. Tickets are $25 in advance from finwallis@redro.n.ca or Otter Books, or $30 at the door, if available. Space is limited so don’t delay. Info: 358-2448.
The Beauty of Book Clubs at Passmore Lodge

submitted

Ever wondered how to start a book club, or how to find one to join? The beauty of book clubs is that they can deepen our appreciation of literature and spark discussion beyond the themes of the books we are reading. Bonus: they are also a perfect reason to get together with our friends on a regular basis.

On Thursday October 15, the Nelson Public Library will host a presentation on the ‘Beauty of Book Clubs’ as part of the library’s ongoing Slocan Valley Outreach program. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

Val Mayes will moderate a panel of representatives from clubs in the Valley, who will discuss the different formats they can take, and the dos and don’ts for starting one.

Outreach librarian Margaret Testman will be on hand to talk about library resources that are available to support local book clubs. For example, did you know that library members can order book club sets of five or ten copies through the Nelson Library?

As usual, the Outreach library’s mobile collection of books, CDs and DVDs for all ages will be available for members to check out. Refreshments will be served.

The Beauty of Book Clubs will take place at 4 pm at Passmore/Seniors Lodge, 3650 Passmore Road. Watch for the sandwich board on the highway. For more information contact the Nelson Public Library, 250-352-6333, or Val Mayes, 250-226-7399.

The presentation is made possible through a partnership of the Nelson Public Library, CBAL and the Slocan Valley Recreation Commission.

Pink pumpkins for cancer at Linden Lane Farms in Krestown

by Jan McMurray

There’s ‘Pink in the Field’ at Linden Lane Farms in Krestown. All the proceeds from the sale of the farm’s pink pumpkins in October will be donated to the BC Children’s Hospital oncology department in honour of Brooke Malakoff, who has been fighting a rare cancer since she graduated from high school four years ago.

Linden Lane Farm owner Matthew Carr met Brooke in her hometown of Fauquier, where Matt was going to school and playing junior hockey for the Ghostbusters. That was 2011, the year they both graduated, and the year Brooke was diagnosed with congenital infantile fibrosarcoma.

“I went to the hospital thinking I had pneumonia, and I walked in there expecting to get two weeks of antibiotics and be on my way...we were not expecting such a serious diagnosis,” Brooke says in a video on the BC Children’s Hospital Foundation website. Her cancer has recently been diagnosed as terminal. Brooke has become a well known advocate for cancer research in BC and for the BCCHF.

Linden Lane Farms pink pumpkins will be for sale at the Fall Market at Kootenay Smokehouse on October 10 from 10 am to 4 pm, or at the Taghum Harvest Festival outside the Taghum mobile collection of books, CDs and DVDs for all ages will be available for members to check out. Refreshments will be served.

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New bus for francophone students

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French school Les Seniors Alpins has finally acquired its own contract with A1 Bus Ltd., and now offers transportation from Glad to Nelson round-trip, with a stop at the Flymore park and ride for their Slocan Valley students.

The Conseil scolaire francophone (SD #93) is a province-wide school district that offers to all children the opportunity to continue their education in French, and have a positive impact on their future. A big thanks to Kelly Cettner, CSTF transportation consultant, for making this possible.

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For details or to register, please visit futures.bc.ca or call Community Futures Kootenay at 250 352 1933 ext. 100

RDCK Recycling Depot Relocation October 19, 2015
Kasilo Depot moves to Kasilo Transfer Station
Nakusp Depot moves to Nakusp Landfill

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RDCK Recycling Depot—Hours of Operation

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All waste facilities are CLOSED on statutory holidays. Hours are subject to change without notice

RDCK Depot Recycling Service
The Regional District provides depots to collect recyclable materials.
All materials are co-mingled except glass. Glass must be placed in separate bins.
No bluebags are required.
For more information about RDCK depot recycling services: 1-800-268-7325, www.rdck.ca

Nakusp and Kasilo Curbside Recycling Service
Residents in the Villages of Kaslo and Nakusp receive curbside recycling service.
For more information about curbside recycling:

Matthew Carr, owner of Linden Lane Farms in Krestown, in his pumpkin patch. At proceeds from the sale of pink pumpkins from the farm in October are being donated to the BC Children’s Hospital oncology department in honour of Matt’s friend and cancer patient, Brooke Malakoff.

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