George Harding and Hazel Rossman honoured as Nakusp Citizens of the Year

by Jan McMurray

The celebration of Nakusp’s Citizens of the Year, George Harding and Hazel Rossman, took place on May 7 at the Legion Hall.

After a delicious dinner prepared by the Legion Auxiliary, there were greetings from MLA Katrine Conroy, Dorothy Dretb on behalf of MP David Wilks, Area K Director Paul Peterson and Nakusp Mayor Karen Harding.

All spoke of how deserving George Harding and Hazel Rossman are of the Citizen of the Year Awards, with Peterson pointing out that “you know people love them because look how many people are here and there’s a hockey game on!”

Last year’s recipients of the awards, Earl Freirichs and Gene Nagy, presented the Rotary-sponsored plaques to George and Hazel.

Marilyn Massey spoke about Citizen of the Year George Harding, who is originally from Nova Scotia and came to Nakusp for a position with the school district. He taught two of her grandchildren. “The children feel comfortable running to him with their troubles or to share their joy with him,” she said. George has been with School District #10 for 24 years, and is now principal of Nakusp, Burton and Edgewood Elementary Schools, as well as the district coordinator of Special Education and Aboriginal Education, and he looks after the Community Links program and the district discipline committee.

“He is very busy,” said Massey. “He could have retired two years ago, but he likes his job and he likes working.”

Massey had called Pattie Adam, chair of the school board, and Walter Posnikoff, superintendent of the school district, for their comments about George. Pattie Adam said, “If you want someone to stand up and be a champion of children then George is your man.”

Walter Posnikoff’s comment was, “George’s heart is with our children. He really loves the children of our community.”

George has served on the board of directors of the Arrow Lakes Arts Council for the past few years and is best known in this group for his gourmet cooking and excellent decorating for the volunteer dinners.

Ganishka Silverfox Dann also spoke for George. In his role of Aboriginal Education Coordinator at the school district, he has made the community much more aware of aboriginal cultures. “In June 2010, our Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement was signed. This is our living document so our children and children’s children will understand the aboriginal ways,” she said.

He has been active with groups working on the prevention of alcohol abuse and organized the first dry grad in Nakusp. He was a charter board member of Nakusp Planned Parenthood for 10 years. “He thinks the community must help educate the youth,” she said.

He also helped organize Nakusp’s Centennial Celebration and as a member of the Rotary Club, he has helped get grants for the Rotary playground in the park and for upgrades to the arena hall.

For Hazel Rossman, who was distinguished with the Citizen of the Year Award for Lifetime Achievement, Terri McLeod read a letter from Rosemarie Parent, who could not attend because she was out of town at a conference. Rosemarie was hired by Hazel as a nurse at the Arrow Lakes Hospital and described Hazel as “gracious,” “always smiling,” and the kind of person who puts everyone at ease.

She said Hazel had done tremendous work for Rotary and for Arrowtarian Villa.

McLeod also delivered a congratulatory message from Dale James of the Arrow Lakes Hospital. “She has a sixth sense for nursing emergencies,” she said. “She would appear whenever help was needed.”

Hazel’s niece, Carol Thorp, spoke about her aunt – “she was the sweet one,” she said. Hazel is the third daughter of four sisters. She went to elementary school in Fruitvale and high school in Trail. She took nursing in Vancouver at St. Paul’s and then worked at the Doctors Hospital in Seattle. There, she was head nurse of many departments, and then came back to Canada in 1976 to be director of nursing at the Arrow Lakes Hospital. Thanks to Hazel, the Arrow Lakes Hospital was the first hospital in BC to receive accreditation.

Hazel has volunteered with Arrow Lakes Community Services, the hospital auxiliary, the Arrow Lakes Hospital Foundation, the Arrowtarian Senior Citizens Society and the Rotary Club.

She was the first woman to join the Nakusp Rotary Club and was the first female president of the club.

The Nakusp Citizens of the Year event is always so very heartwarming, and is particularly moving at the end, when a candle is lit and the bell is rung for every Citizen of the Year who has passed away. Glenn Weatherhead and Ev Thorp conducted this ceremony.

The event is sponsored by the Nakusp Rotary Club, and George Harding, in his role as president of the club, gave the parting words. He thanked everyone for coming and said the club feels “this is something that needs to happen in our community, and the ringing of the bell tells you how many years we have been doing this.” The Nakusp Rotary Club is in its 60th year.

Above-average snowpack means spring flood risk

submitted by RDCK

With an above-average to high snowpack this year in our region increasing the possibility of spring flooding, the Regional District of Central Kootenay is urging everyone to take time now to become better informed and prepared.

Public safety begins at home, and individual preparedness can greatly reduce the potential impact of an emergency. The RDCK urges residents to be aware of the risks specific to your community; develop a family emergency plan and practice it; and prepare an emergency kit for your home and vehicle. An emergency can happen anytime and everyone needs to be prepared to manage on their own for at least 72 hours.

Before a flood, prepare a personal emergency kit for each family member including pets – plan for at least a three-day supply of water, food, medication, clothing, eyeglasses etc. Store important papers, valuables and family mementos in watertight containers. Keep a digital file of important documents and photos of house and property for insurance purposes on a ‘jump’ or ‘flash’ drive that you can take with you. Be prepared to leave your home quickly.

Property owners are responsible for protecting their land and property. To assist those property owners in potential flood areas, designated fire stations throughout the Regional District have sandbags only available for emergency use. If high water is threatening your property these materials can prove useful, but remember, your safety is more important than your belongings.

Stay safe and prepare before an event occurs. If you have experienced high water encroaching your property in the past, you may expect that again this year.

For more information on personal and family preparedness including details on proper sandbagging techniques, visit the Provincial Emergency Program website www.pep.bc.ca. For Kootenay Lake Levels, visit www.fortisbc.com/Electricity/CustomerService/KootenayLake Levels. For information on river levels check bcrfc.env.gov.bc.ca/warnings. To report a flooding emergency call 1-800-663-3436.
Nakusp hosts first ever Targa motorsport event in British Columbia

by Jan McMurray

There were quite a few Porsches, and the odd Subaru, Honda, Chrysler, and Mitsubishi in the Nakusp arena parking lot on Saturday, May 14 – the day Nakusp hosted the first ever Targa motorsport event in BC.

“This is where we want to do our event, in these mountains,” said Duane Bentley, CEO of Targa Canada West, gesturing towards the scenery over a scrumptious breakfast served by the Nakusp Rotary Club on the morning of the event. “At the end of the day, Targa racing is adventure tourism.”

‘Targa’ is a style of racing that never involves cars racing each other. Rather, cars compete against the clock on windy sections of paved public roads. Saturday’s event, dubbed ‘Targa Tabula Rasa,’ was a precision-class race, or TSD (time, speed, distance).

“It’s a navigational rally where, by maintaining set speeds over certain distances, you should be able to say exactly the time you will arrive somewhere. The cars go the posted speed limits – the roads are not closed in the precision category event,” explained Simon Oakley, registrar at the Nakusp event. “Cars are trying to be somewhere at a certain time, as opposed to a performance-class event, where the road is closed and cars are racing against the clock.”

Twenty-one cars left Nakusp at about 11 am, in 30-60 second intervals. They went to the hot springs, then to New Denver and on to Kaslo. After lunch in Kaslo, they made the return trip to the hot springs, where drivers enjoyed a soak to top off their day. The timing of the cars was checked at checkpoints along the way.

Originally, the event was organized as a performance-category race on the hot springs road. However, Bentley explained they did not have enough time to fulfill the requirements of the Attorney General of BC to have the road closed by race day. He said he would be working on this over the summer and plans to come back to Nakusp for the performance race on the hot springs road in September or October.

Mayor Hamling said, “I am just so pleased that they decided to go ahead with the precision rally when the road closure didn’t pan out. They wanted to give the community something, so they went ahead with these festivities, and a lot of people have come out for the breakfast and to have a look at the cars. We look forward to having them back in the fall.”

Hamling explained that Nakusp’s dentist, Don DeSandoli, a motorsports enthusiast, approached her about bringing the Targa event to Nakusp a couple of years ago. Mayor Hamling invited Bentley to come check out the area, and it fit the bill perfectly.

Bentley was very happy with the way things turned out. “We’ve had a lot of interest from the community and competitors, and a lot of positive feedback so far today. I’m very pleased,” he said.

Two Slocan men arrested for assault

submitted by Slocan Lake RCMP

Slocan Lake RCMP report that they responded to an alleged assault in Slocan on May 6 just after 5 pm. The assault was the culmination of a dispute earlier that day between the victim and two women over an allegation that the victim’s dog is always running loose and coming to one of the women’s property. This escalated to arguing between the victim and the women. It is alleged that one of the women spit in the victim’s face, and the victim reacted by grabbing onto her. The parties separated after this.

Later that day, the husband of one of the women and his brother went to the residence of the victim to talk to him about the earlier incident. An altercation took place and it is alleged that one of the men punched the victim in the face, and that both men kicked him while he was on the ground. The victim also said that one of the men struck him in the chest with a rock.

The victim suffered a heart attack. First Responders arrived shortly before the ambulance. The victim was transported to Trail Hospital, where he was treated and released later that night. He also sustained minor injuries, including a cut on his right eye and chin, and bruising and swelling. The two men were arrested for assault and released on a promise to appear in court, and an undertaking prohibiting them from having direct or indirect contact with the victim or attending his residence and place of work.
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We want an end to this madness. Something needs to be done before anyone else is unfairly taken from their families. No more trucks on the Monashee Highway. No more unnecessary deaths.

Jessica Godmark

Nakusp

Consolations on Conservative majority

I would like to offer whatever consolation I can to that majority of Canadians – approximately 60 percent – who voted in the recent general election to NOT to give the Conservative Party of Canada a majority of seats in the House of Commons. This, of course, does not include the 15 percent of Monasheans who did not vote at all, to whom I say, “Shame on you!”

Every 20 or so years Canadians have a flirtation with the forces of darkness, as embodied by a party of the right. I arrived in Canada on the very day that John Diefenbaker came to power, replacing Louis St. Laurent, a Liberal. Dief will forever be remembered as the man who set back the Canadian aerospace industry several decades by cancelling the Avro Arrow, the C105 Canadian-built twin-jet fighter project, in favour of a U.S. product, the Bomarc Missile.

Then there was Brian Mulroney, another Conservative, infamous for many things, not the least of which was the size of the deficit that he left the

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The provincial and federal governments and chip truck companies have long been aware of the dangers of allowing these tractor trailer chip trucks on this stretch of Highway 5. Now it is finally time for them to take action to protect the Bayside, their precious son, a beautiful young woman who has lost the love of her life, and an innocent baby girl will grow up never knowing the daddy who loved her dearly.

This portion of the Monashee Highway should have been restricted from these monstrous trucks long ago! Many truck drivers, including chip truck drivers, have complained of the hazards of driving tractor trailer trucks on this road. The road is too narrow and the drivers have said that when negotiating the turns it is impossible for them to see, let alone avoid, the oncoming traffic lanes! There are times when a passenger vehicle will meet not just one or two of these deafmouth trucks on the highway, but three or four! It should also be a WCB safety instruction on chip truck companies for requiring their drivers to take such a dangerous route, when there is a much safer alternate route.

This route is no necessity for these chip trucks; there is an alternate route that could be taken via Highway #1 and using the TransCanada Hwy. They probably would be more expensive, but the public’s safety should NOT be sacrificed for some trucking company’s financial bottom line! We owe it to our children and grandchildren to have a democracy here.

People need to write to their elected representatives in government, to newspapers, news programs such as the Bill Good Show on the radio, the various TV stations such as CTV, CBC, and Global, and of course our elected MLAs and MPs. We also think a petition to restrict this portion of Highway 6 from these trucks would be a good start in getting something done. We will be sending this letter to many papers, media and government officials.

Finally to the families of Randy Duncan, it is our hope that you will enlist the services of a lawyer, who can take on the government and the trucking company, because sometimes the only way to see change is to let them in the proverbial pocketbook! We know that this legal action will not take away your pain or loss at least it will help provide for Randy’s daughter Kayleigh, and fiancee Meagan.

Michael and Shawna Lapore

Arrow Park

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Slocan council, May 9: Residents to have their say on backyard chickens

by Jan McMurray

A community questionnaire will be developed and mailed out to residents on May 21st in an effort to learn about backyard chickens and chicken coops in Slocan. All members of council are supportive of the idea to varying degrees. Some are concerned about how a chicken bylaw would be enforced. Councillor Lums pointed out that many communities have successfully introduced chicken bylaws, and that several families in Slocan are interested in keeping chickens, security and hygiene being the major concerns. Councillor Lums believes it would be legally allowed to have chickens.

The budget bylaw was given third reading and was adopted at a special meeting May 11. 2011 is the third year of a three-year process of shifting some of the tax burden from the mill to residential taxpayers. The Village agreed to a five percent reduction in property tax for the mill in each of the three years (2009, 2010, 2011).

There is no increase in tax dollars collected in 2011 over 2010, but $6,000 is being reduced from major industrial and added to residential. A home assessed at $310,000 will see an increase in municipal taxes of approximately $28.

Looking at a house worth $175,000, municipal taxes will be $497 this year, compared to $464 last year. Combining all property taxes (school, RDCK, hospital, police, etc.), the bill for the same $175,000 property will be $1,325 this year, compared to $1,274 last year.

Council decided on scheduling two advance voting opportunities for the municipal elections this fall. Voting day is November 19. Advanced voting will take place November 9 and November 16.

Council also directed staff to contact the Villages of New Denver and Silverton to see if there is interest to have a joint swearing-in ceremony of new council members after the election.

The School District 8 board of education wrote to inform council that the board is interested in meeting annually with any municipalities within the district. Slocan will tentatively request a meeting in September or October to discuss WEG Graham School.

As requested by the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society (SLSS), council agreed to send a letter to the RDCK in support of extending the current Section 16 Mapping Reserve on crown land adjacent to Slocan Lake. This reserve assures that any proposed transfer of crown lands adjacent to the lake would be subject to public review. SLSS would like the Reserve to continue while the group is in the process of developing a Lake Management Plan for Slocan Lake. The RDCK has agreed to request an extension on the Reserve. They offered the Villages of Silverton and New Denver support it.

A letter from Nicole Lafframboise informs council that no one showed up to her first meeting about dogs. She would like to form a committee of citizens to discuss how to have better dog control in town. She said she would try again in May.

Council received an invitation to a conference on health care for rural communities, to be held June 15-18 in Kelowna. As Slocan is working with New Denver to get a doctor for both communities, council decided to contact New Denver Councillor Bonnie Greenwood to see if she would be attending and could bring Slocan’s concerns forward.

Slocan, Silverton, New Denver council members and the Area H Director will meet on May 25 to discuss how they might work together more.

Councilor McGregor’s library report states that in addition to 400 items donated by the public, the Nelson Library donated 831 books and videos to the Slocan Community Library. Some of these donated books were sold at the Women’s Institute spring sale.

In her RDCK report, Councilor Elliott said there are concerns about vandalism at the Slocan transfer station. She said one of the new recycling bins has been damaged by fire, which the fire department had to go and put out. Paving the road to the transfer station is being looked at, as is paving of the fire hall driveway. She also reported that invasive plants can now be disposed of at transfer stations at no charge.

Councillor Elliott also reported that the grades 7/8 class at WE Graham are Slocan’s leaders for water conservation efforts at the school.

At a special meeting April 26, CBT Community Initiatives funding decisions were made as follows: CBAL (Slocan Neuter Initiative) $500; CBAL (Slocan Scramble Tournament) $490; Slocan Legion (building renovations) $1,425; Slocan & District First Responders (training and equipment) $2,500; Slocan Community Library (improvements and collection development) $2,500.

A special meeting May 11 was called at the request of the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society (SLSS) to discuss the ongoing process of shifting some of the tax burden from the mill to residential taxpayers. This year’s mill levy increase is $80,000, compared to $464 last year. Combining all property taxes (school, RDCK, hospital, police, etc.), the bill for the same $175,000 property will be $1,325 this year, compared to $1,274 last year.

Illegal dumping at the Slocan transfer station submitted by RDCK

Illegal dumping of household garbage is a serious problem that affects all of us. The Slocan transfer station/recycling depot chronically experiences illegal dumping activity. The Regional District is currently investigating specific incidents and is taking steps to combat and prevent illegal dumping at these facilities in partnership with local authorities.

Illegal dumping is a community problem that can attract wildlife, create health and safety hazards and also increases the risk of fire. By dumping illegally to save a few dollars and the time to take their garbage to RDCK resource recovery facilities, careless individuals create a problem that costs everyone in the region. We all share the responsibility to dispose of our wastes legally and with respect for our neighbours.

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New Denver council, May 10: Town Hall and smart meters meeting set for June 14

by Michael Dorsey

• Council decided to hold the June 14 council meeting in Knox Hall, starting with a Town Hall meeting at 7 p.m. chaired by Councillor Bunka. BC Hydro representatives will be present to discuss smart meters.
• Council will apply for funding for a boundary restructure study on incorporating Denver Siding into the Village. The results will be handled by the Policy and Research Branch at RDCK.
• In response to a request from the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society, council agreed to send the RDCK a letter of support for the extension of the Section 16 Mapping Reserve on Slocan Lake. The purpose of this extension is to assure that during the Lake Management Planning Process, any proposed transfer of Crown Lands to private ownership will be subject to review.
• Councillor Banka reported on attending a meeting with the Regional Seasonal Emergency Preparedness Committee, noting that Environment Canada and BC agencies are monitoring radiation levels from Japan, and that BC Ambulance Services has been transferred to the jurisdiction of BC Health Services.
• Martha Nichols of the Hidden Garden Gallery presented a brass plate to be installed on the pedestal of the Toto Fujihayashi sculpture. The plaque was made by Kootenay School of the Arts Instructor Dennis Klein, assisted by his students.
• Councillor Greensward reported that John Lyver had donated a bell, which will be mounted on the north side of the Centennial Park washroom as a bulletin board.
• In Recreation Commission #6 news, Councillor Murphy reported that swimming lessons would be offered this year. The swimming float has become loose and had been temporarily secured to piles by residents. Danika Hammond has been appointed as the new youth representative to the commission.
• Council directed staff to secure the truck transfer as per a letter from Doug Fisher and Leonard Casley, New Denver Rescue Society, offering the Village a 2006 Ford F550 rescue truck to replace the 1984 truck. The newer truck will be used under the same terms as the old, i.e., Fire Department and road rescue uses.

Student Summer Employment

THE KYOWAKAI SOCIETY is now accepting applications from students for summer employment for 2011 to work at the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre. Eligible applicants must be registered full-time students during the preceding academic year and intending to return to full time studies in the fall. Eligible candidates must be reliable, have good communications and public relations skills. The position is for up to 35 hours per week for 8 weeks at $10.00 per hour and commences on July 4, 2011. Applicants are invited to send a cover letter and resume to the Kyowakai Society, c/o The Village of New Denver, PO Box 40, New Denver, B.C., V0G 1S0. All applications must be received by June 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

SPRINKLING AND OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

Residents are reminded that sprinkling restrictions in the Village of New Denver shall be implemented annually effective June 1st through September 15th of each year, in order to regulate sprinkling, conserve water and lower the high cost of pumping during the summer months. Effective June 1, 2011 there shall be no sprinkling between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Residents are reminded that open burning is prohibited within the Village of New Denver from May 15th to September 15th, except for cooking fires contained within a barbecue pit or fire pit having a surface area not greater than four (4) square feet; or within a manufactured gas, coal or electric barbeque. Council thanks all residents for their cooperation.

Carol Gordon, CMC Administrator

SLOCAN VALLEY

Rowan Tichenor’s farewell concert a personal triumph

and Palmer. His disarming modesty showed through again with his apologies for the occasional fumbled section, claiming that the piano wasn’t his idiom. He needn’t have bothered—the audience was transfixed. Some of this set heartened back to Tichenor’s training at the National Theatre School with his original compositions for the play Restoration by Edward Bond and one written to accompany Chekhov’s play The Seagull. Some of these songs was a jaunt, almost Gilbert and Sullivan flavour to them, particularly the last number when he was joined by singers Kevin Heschalid, Alison Girvan and Tara McPhee.

The final set featured Tichenor on electric keyboard, Tom Paddy on drums, Adam Harvey on trumpet and Rowan performed a farewell concert with three sets of original music ranging from ballads to classical, with special guest musicians Alison Girvan, Tom Paddy, Adam Harvey, Kevin Heschalid, and Tara McPhee. Tichenor plans to pursue a musical career in Vancouver.
by Art Joyce

• Councillor Leitch wondered how the Village would determine the cut-off point for large vs. small scale projects, although he is in favour of moving to online bidding. Tynan said $300,000 is typically the cut-off point for large scale capital projects although this can also be determined by the complexity of the project rather than dollar value alone.

Councillor Mucller said she would vote against the motion unless an effort was made to work with contractors to make sure all are included. Council agreed that a meeting could be arranged and voted to proceed with the online bidding process for only. The motion also included having the engineer designate what qualifies as a large-scale capital project.

• Mayor Hamling spoke with the Ministry of Transportation regarding the ferry situation, pointing out that some images of the Rockies. Stevenson is mostly self-taught although he spent a year at the Kootenay School of the Arts in 2003 in the jewelry, pottery and drawing courses. He's been drawing all his life but started painting about five years ago when he saw artist Bob Ross on TV. Both his parents are artists – Pamela Nuy Stevenson the potter and his father was an art teacher at Nelson. Hiking in the mountains provides ongoing inspiration for his impressionistic realism.”

The band enjoys playing inspirational music for medical reasons. The society was formed in 1984 from the remnants of the MacIntosh's Girls Pipeband and a new group of young girls wishing to play the pipe and drum in apipe band. The group was renamed to the MacIntosh Girls Pipeband and has grown now to be the largest in Nakusp. The Whatshan Retreat is located (near the Needles Ferry on the Edgewood side) will be playing at the 2011 season of Continued in its 2011 season of art exhibitions, Studio Connexion will be featuring Majestic Mountains, the landscape art of Bryn Stevenson. The opening reception will be held May 18 with the exhibition running until June 4. The show includes new work done throughout the year so, with vistas of our stunning Kootenay landscapes as well as the current ferries are old and breaking down. Councillor Leitch added that they are also not adequately meeting the needs of summer traffic. A decision is expected soon from the ministry. The mayor reported that she has been invited to be a guest speaker at the Rural Emergency Continuation of CARE Conference in Kelowna from June 15-18. Mayor Hamling will speak to the physician’s recruitment committee to help cover travel costs. Council voted to authorize some costs to be covered from the committee’s advertising budget. Hamling said Dr. Cochrane will be in town as of May 16.

• The mayor further reported that a grand opening for the Emergency Services building is being scheduled for May 24. She added that the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust is providing for the funding facility for room renovations and that she is now a member of its board.

• Councillor Hughes reported that the recreation commission gave out $5,000 in grants. He added that the hot springs commission has decided to proceed with the community tile project and will recruit school kids to paint the tiles.

• Councillor Leitch reported that the community forest will be having a public meeting on May 16. The process has been newly structured so that the public makes its submissions first and then development plans are drawn up. He further reported that a meeting with the music festival organizers is due to re-negotiate its contract. Mayor Hamling said the liquor inspector has asked to be invited to the meeting.

• Council passed first, second and third readings of its financial plan and taxation bylaws. CAO Tynan said the tax increase came in at .75 percent, thanks in part to $6,000 in new tax base being brought in by new construction even though assessments were down 7.2 percent due to market conditions. Third reading was also given to the loan authorization for borrowing infrastructure funding for the hot springs, amounting to a net loan of $698,000 after service fees. Third reading was also given to the loan authorization for the EMS building.

• Councillor voted to amend the annual report due to the loan authorization for new construction, to delay the reporting to the next council.

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Winlaw sculptor John Proulx to exhibit in Nelson

submitted by Midas Dollard

The Kootenay Bakery Café Co-op, 377 Baker Street, Nelson, will be featuring the work of Winlaw artist John ‘Gas Can’ Proulx from May 30 to June 30. His exhibition, Return to Slocan or The Metaphysics of Transcendental Sculpture, can be viewed Monday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 6 pm, and will feature pieces of organic/figurative abstract sculpture. Proulx was interviewed for the Valley Voice about his work.

Can you tell us something about your background?

Yes, my background is in Civil Engineering although I do not hold a degree, diploma or professional designation. I am employed as Manager of the Materials division of WSA Engineering in Castlegar.

Why “The Metaphysics of Transcendental Sculpture”?

I think that all the things we see and touch are symbols of underlying energies, or more specifically they represent fields of energy that have become so focused that they by force of will (for lack of a better word) come to occupy space and have mass.

Can you tell the readers something about your creative process?

I have very little to do with the process, which is what I enjoy most about sculpting – the emptiness of it, completely losing myself to busy hands and an emptying mind.

What is it that you hope to accomplish with your work?

Well, I’m hoping that through my sculpture I will be able to make manifest every phantasm of my subconscious and resolve emotion; reducing complex phenomena to their simplest forms and ensuring a healthy relationship between me and the underlying force I represent. I’m hoping to become more human…

Any upcoming shows you can tell us about?

In July I hope to show some of my pieces at the Cedar Creek Café and place the remainder of my pieces at the Wee Gallery in Passmore.

For more information contact Proulx at 250-365-3696.

Congratulations to 17-year-old Kevin Aeichele of Nakusp, who placed second in the province in electrical wiring at the BC Skills Competition held in Abbotsford April 20. Aeichele, in his first year of the electrician program at Thompson Rivers University, came out on top at the university level, allowing him to go on to the provincial level. The provincial competition was so tough that no one completed the assignments.
Kaslo May Days celebrates a tradition spanning over a century

by Art Joyce

Kaslo May Days will celebrate its 119th year May 20-23, continuing a festive and colourful tradition in the community’s history. Kaslo is home to the longest consecutive annual Maypole dance in North America and this year’s Lumberjack and Sports event celebrates the region’s logging history. The historic element of May Days is further highlighted by the annual Show ‘n’ Shine competition of classic cars.

While it may seem like hyperbole to say that this event has something for everyone, in this case it truly does. If watching loggers rolling each other into the drink doesn’t appeal to you, there’s a bird-watching walk from 9 am to noon Saturday on the North Side.

Kaslo is located at the south end and turn right on Railroad Avenue. For your own binoculars and meet at the Village Hall to arrange carpooling. To get a sense for what hardworking volunteers can accomplish in local conservation, take the guided tour of the Kaslo River Trail at 10 am Saturday and Sunday. To locate the trailhead take the 5th Street Run and turn right on Railroad Avenue. For your own bird’s-eye view of this beautiful lakeside village, register at Abbey Manor on Front Street for a helicopter ride from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm Saturday.

The more athletically inclined can register for the 5K Street Run also beginning 10 am Saturday. There are draw prizes to be won and with entry fees at $2 individual and $5 family it’s a bargain. For those who love birds, don’t miss the Kaslo River Club demonstration of equestrian skills, 1-4 pm Saturday at the riding grounds. This event is free and local competition Sunday at 10 am.

Another triumph for local volunteers is Kaslo’s new skatepark, located at the riding grounds. This event is free as well.

The many food vendors at Vimy Park, burgars and bratwurst and the Bavarian Beer Garden at the logger sports ground, highlight the home-baked advantage, take in the May Days Tea at the United Church Hall Monday from 12:30 to 3 pm. And if you’re looking for unique, made-in-the-Kootenays gifts, check out the many craft vendors in the park.

Friday - May 20, 2011

8 pm Outdoor Movie Night 625 A Avenue (White House at Crest of Hill)
8 pm Live Music Bluebelle Bistro
8 pm- Live Music Kaslo Hotel

Saturday - May 21, 2011

8 am start Slo-Pitch Ball Tournament Vimy Park Baseball Field
9 am - 1 pm Craft and Product Vendors Vimy Park - Great crafts, jewelry, artwork, etc.
9 am - 6 pm Food Vendors Vimy Park - Delicious eats, snacks, beverages
9 am - 12 noon Bird Watching Walk Meetin front of Village Hall
11 am 5K Running Race Start in front of Moyie. Entry Fee $2.00
10 am - 1 pm Guided Tour of Kaslo River Trail North Side Trail Head
11:30 am - 1 pm Interactive Egyptian Bellydance Vimy Park - Gazebo
11:30 – 3:30 pm Helicopter Rides from Front St. to Abbey Manor
12:30 to 2 pm Harp N Hoop Vimy Park in front of Gazebo
12:30 - 12:30 pm Kit Fun Races ages 4-10 Vimy Park - Three legged, egg-in-spoon, etc.
11 am - 4 pm Art Exhibit Kaslo Hotel
3 - 6 pm Live Music in the Park Vimy Park - Gazebo
1 pm - 4 pm Kaslo River Club Horse Demonstration Riding Grounds on Arena Rd.
1 pm - 4 pm Self Guided Tours of the Japanese Canadian Museum Langham Cultural Centre
1 pm - 4 pm Art Exhibit Langham Cultural Centre
3 - 3:30 pm Landwater Lee Vimy Park, Gazebo (Alternative Folk Rock)
3:40 - 4:15 pm Tenise Truman Vimy Park, Gazebo (Folk)
4 pm Tug-of-War Vimy Park, Gazebo (Folk)
4:20 - 5 pm Reid Smith Vimy Park, Gazebo (Folk)
5 pm Jan Van Gold Vimy Park, Gazebo (Blues, Rock)
5 pm Art Exhibit Langham Cultural Centre

In the Evening

8 pm Live Music Kaslo Hotel
8 pm Live Music Bluebelle Bistro

Sunday - May 22, 2011

8 am start Slo Pitch Tournament Vimy Park Baseball Field
10 am Guided Tour of Kaslo River Trail North Side Trail Head
10 am Craft and Product Vendors Vimy Park - Great crafts, jewelry, artwork, etc.
9 am - 6 pm Food Vendors Vimy Park - Delicious eats, snacks, beverages
10 - 4:30 pm Logger Sports Vimy Park, Gazebo
10 - 3:30 pm 13th Annual Show ‘n’ Shine Front St. 5th Street to the Moyie River
11 am 3:30 pm Professional Skateboard Demos Come see skateboarders or enter to win prizes (helmets mandatory)
11 am - 5 pm Burger & Bratwurst Vimy Park, Gazebo
12 noon - 3 pm Live Music in the Park Vimy Park, Gazebo
12 noon - 5 pm Bavarian Beer Garden Vimy Park, Gazebo (Classic Rock)
12 noon Approaching Normal Vimy Park, Gazebo (Classic Rock)
1 pm - 4 pm Self Guided Tours of the Japanese Canadian Museum Langham Cultural Centre
1 pm - 4 pm Art Exhibit Langham Cultural Centre
1 pm - 4 pm Information Booth Vimy Park - Concession Booth
1 pm - 4 pm Highly Strung Vimy Park, Gazebo (Rock, Folk)
2 pm - Mountain Weather Vimy Park, Gazebo (Folk, Jazz)
3 pm - All You Zombies Vimy Park, Gazebo (Progressive Rock)
4 pm Ian Haynes & Stone Crow Vimy Park, Gazebo (Alternative Rock & Dance)
5 pm - Catch of Kaslo River Trail - Tickets available from JVH Grads

In the Evening

8 pm Live Music Bluebelle Bistro
8:00 pm Live Music Kaslo Hotel

Monday May 23, 2011

8 am start Slo-Pitch Ball Tournament Vimy Park Baseball Field
9 am - 4 pm Craft and Product Vendors Vimy Park - Great crafts, jewelry, artwork, etc.
9 am - 4 pm Food Vendors Vimy Park - Delicious eats, snacks, beverages
9 am – 3 pm Garden Festival Front St. Park/Summerland Kaslo Gardens Festival.
12 noon May Days Parade 2011 Front St. - 4th St. - 8 Ave. - ends in Vimy Park
12:30 - 3 pm May Days Tea Vimy Park - Concession Booth
1 pm - 3 pm Information Booth Vimy Park - Concession Booth
1 pm - 4 pm Kids Fish Pond Vimy Park - Periwinkle Daycare Centre
1 pm Community Celebrations and Events Vimy Park, Gazebo
2011 Kaslo Citizen of the Year award, speeches and much more.
1 pm Children’s May Pole Dance Vimy Park, Gazebo

Come watch the children perform the Maypole Dance. A Village tradition started in 1923.
2 pm - 4 pm S.E.S. Vimy Park, Gazebo (Classic Rock)
3 pm Rubber Ducky Race Vimy Park, Gazebo - Tickets available from JVH Grads
Don’t miss Kaslo Logger Sports Sunday, May 22

Kaslo Logger Sports is always a major highlight of May Days, and this year an added competition will make it even more exciting.

Kaslo has been awarded the 2011 Stihl TimberSports® Series Western Canadian qualifier. This will add six events to the Kaslo show. The two Canadian competitors with the highest point totals from the six events will have the opportunity to represent Canada at the world championships in Holland. Canada will be sending a four-person team – the two winners from Kaslo’s event and the two winners from the eastern Canadian qualifier in Quebec.

Kaslo Logger Sports organizer Glen Erickson says this year’s show will be a little longer because of the added events, but the schedule has been tightened up to streamline things a bit. Show starts at 11 am and is scheduled to wrap up at 5 pm.

There will be five Canadian championship events: novice tree climb, women’s double buck, intermediate underhand chop, open axe throw, and open tree climb. For the open tree climb, there is a $1,000 bonus for anyone who can break world record, and Erickson says there is a competitor coming who is up to the challenge.

The special events during the intermission at lunch are real crowd pleasers. Last year, four boys entered the extremely entertaining boys chop, and this year, six boys are expected to compete. The kids’ choker race, the sponsors’ axe throw and tree falling all happen during intermission as well.

Last year, Kaslo Mayor Greg Lay had the crowd roaring when he did the choker race, and Erickson says there are rumours that he may enter another event this year. “There could be a surprise from the mayor again this year,” he said.

Log birling is one of the most popular events at Kaslo’s annual Logger Sports, held in conjunction with the village’s May Days celebrations. This year’s Logger Sports will feature five Canadian championship events.
New Denver May Days has lots in store all weekend long

by Jan McMurray

What does it mean to be green? We’ll find out this weekend at New Denver May Days. The green theme should bring out some interesting floats for Monday’s parade.

The weekend kicks off with choosing New Denver’s royalty for the year. Come to the pageant on Thursday evening at the Bosun Hall, starting at 7 pm. Candidates Mercedes Casley, Danika Hammond, Marlowe Nicholson-Chodat and Sarah-Mae Perry will deliver their speeches and dazzle us with their talents.

The next night, Friday, May 20, the Naming of the Queen event takes place at Bosun Hall, followed by the teen dance. Music will be provided by Good Times Entertainment.

Tickets are $10, which include pop and a buffet.

The fishing derby starts Saturday morning at 8 am, with final weigh-in time on Monday at noon. Register ($25) and weigh in with the Centennial Campground attendant. There are prizes for the three heaviest fish, sponsored by Home Hardware, and new this year is a prize for the oldest fish, sponsored by Slocan Lake Stewardship Society.

There will be some action on New Denver’s main street on Saturday, starting with the Bike Rodeo for young cyclists at 9:30 am, followed by the Soap Box Derby for kids 5-12 at 11 am. Drivers are encouraged to dress in costume, and must wear shoes (no sandals) and a helmet.

Wills of Canada Cycle is sponsoring a ‘Trials & Trails’ event on the main street at noon. This is for youth 10 years and up, and is a timed event on a set course that tests individual riding skills. Entry fee is $5.

Bring your baseball glove to the park at 1 pm for a drop-in scrub baseball game.

The New Denver Quilt Guild will serve tea in the basement of St. Stephen’s Anglican Church from 1 to 4 pm.

The Bosun Hall façade has just been re-done, and an unveiling will take place at 3 pm on Saturday.

Dance the night away at the Bosun Hall Saturday night with the Young ‘Uns. Dance starts at 9 pm. Tickets $15 at Mountainberry, Eldorado Market and Silverton Building Supplies.

Sunday starts early with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, 7:30-10 am at the park. Cyclists will want to join the 27th Summit Lake Bike Race/Ride from Summit Lake Day Park to New Denver, while bocce players are encouraged to dress in costume, and must wear shoes (no sandals) and a buffet.

The duck race finale and May Days raffle draw happen at 4 pm.
Bosun Hall façade restoration unveiling scheduled

submitted by LACE

The Lucerne Association for Community Education (LACE) is extending this invitation to everyone to help commemorate the completion of Phase 1 of the Bringing Back the Bosun project. An unveiling ceremony of the new façade and portico, features of this phase, will take place at 3 pm Saturday, May 21 at the Bosun Hall.

The Hall is an integral part of the annual May Days celebrations. In keeping with tradition, there will be speeches, entertainment and snacks. This is an opportunity to have a tour of the upgrade that we have been waiting for. Funds have come from the entire community in the form of donations, grants from Columbia Basin Trust, Columbia Power, Kootenay Savings Community Foundation, Community Initiatives, the May Days Committee, Recreation Commission, Area H and the Village of New Denver. The Donation Store, operated by LACE, is the source of operational financial support. It is because of the many hours of volunteer work from throughout our community and the funding from all of the above organizations that we are able to present Phase 1 of the Bringing Back the Bosun Project.

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NEW DENVER MAY DAYS

THURSDAY, May 19, 2011
7:00 pm Queens' Pageant
Bosun Hall
FRIDAY, May 20, 2011
7:00 pm Naming of the Queen
Bosun Hall

9:30 am Bike Rodeo
Main Street - Biking basics & road etiquette
for young bikers. Must have a bike and helmet to participate.
Info: Teresa Steenhooff @358-2184
Sponsor: RHC Insurance Brokers

11:00 am SLGC Golf Tournament
Tee off: Slocan Lake Golf Course - Info: 358-2408
Sponsors: Redmeier Logging & Silverton Building Supplies

10:00 am Soap Box Derby
Main Street - Registration - $5/entry
Info: June McMillan @358-2372
Raffle Table - Main Street - Post Office

12:00 pm Trials & Trails
Centennial Park - Bike Park
Draws for great prizes. $5/person ages 10 & up
Sponsor: Wilds of Canada Rockies
Info: Jodi & Jamie Grierson @ 358-2452

12:00 pm Beach Volleyball Tournament
Mixed 4 on 4 - $5/player
Info: Sue Yurychuk @ 358-6803

1:00 pm Drop in Scrub Baseball game
Free- bring your own baseball glove

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
New Denver Viking Grill Tea $3 - St. Stephen’s Anglican Church Basement
Raffle Tickets $3 or for $5

3:00 pm Unveiling of Bosun Hall

9:00 am - 1:00 pm
The Adult Dance
Bosun Hall
Music by “The Young Uns”
Tickets are $15/person. Live Music, Buffet & Door Prizes
Dance Tickets will be available at: Mountaineer, Eldorado Market & Silverton Building Supplies. Bar costs extra.
Transportation Info:
12:00 & 1:00 am - departs from Bosun Hall.

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THE ONLY dogs allowed in Centennial Park over the weekend are Hot Dogs!!
MONDAY, May 23, 2011
Fish Derby, Bocce Tournament & Silent Auction continues...
All events at Centennial Park unless otherwise stated

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10:00 am Parade Line-up @ Lucerne School

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4:00 pm Main Street - Post Office

9:00 am Pancake Breakfast
10:00 am Host - Chamber of Commerce
9:00 am 27th Summit Lake Bike Race/Ride
Start at Summit Lake Day Park - free event
Info: Mike & Heather Koolen @ 358-2680
9:00 am - 10:00 am 10th Thomsonson Bocce Tournament
Register with Shelley @ 358-2456/$25/team
10:00 am Beach Volleyball Tournament

11:00 am Silent Auction
Come check out our tent. Make a bid, buy a raffle ticket & get a souvenir T-shirt.
Hot & Cold Booth opens
Junior Soccer Game - Gr. 5-7
New Denver vs Nakusp

12:00 - 8:00
Bavarian Gardens opens
Dunk Tank - $1 to play & win a prize
Loonie concession: pop & popcorn

May Day Raffle & Duck Race Finale
8:00 pm Bingo - Bosun Hall - $3/person
7:00 pm Roasted Pork Dinner - $15/person
Bring plate & cutlery for $1 refund
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Host-N-D May Days Committee

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VISITOR INFORMATION

GOLF COURSES

Nakusp Golf Course
Phone/Fax: (250) 265-4531 www.nakuspgolf.com ngc@nakuspgolf.net
10-HOLE PUBLIC COURSE, RATES EFFECTIVE 1 WEEK in WEEK 2.
GREEN FEES: Adults $20.00, Ages 12-18 $10.00, Seniors, Active Military and Seniors $10.00 (2).
Lunches 11am-12 and 1-2 527-5199 holes, 10-game punch cards available.
General Manager: Jim Draper
Rental: power carts, pull carts, driving range.
PUTTERS ON THE GREENS - Fully licensed restaurant.
Phone: (250) 265-1186

Valley View Golf Course
Phone/Fax: (250) 265-7153
9-HOLE GOLF COURSE AND RESTAURANT, OPEN 8 AM-7 PM in May, 8 AM-8 PM in all Summer.
GREEN FEES: Adults $10.00 holes, 9-hole $5.00 holes, Junior 16 & under $4.00 holes, 10-game punch passes available.
Rental: power carts, pull carts, golf clubs.
Walk-on tee times, no reservations.
Max: Saturday-Monday 25, Tuesday-Sunday 30.
Max: Juniors 14 & under $10.00 includes golf,免费, and prints, greens fee!!
Tee time, 18-hole $5.00 per person!!

Kaslo Golf Course
Phone: (250) 353-2262, www.kaslogolf.org
9-HOLE GOLF COURSE, HOLE IN ONE NECESSARY
GREEN FEES: 18-hole holes, 9-hole $9.00 holes, Senior $3.00 holes
POWER CARTS: 18-hole holes, Senior $3.00 holes
RENTAL: Clubs and pull carts available (free club rentals for monocyclists)
NICO'S RESTAURANT Open 8 AM-8 PM (6)
Please join us on any of the following events and get to know the members:
Men's Night - Thursday 4-7 PM.
Ladies' Day - Tuesdays 4-7 PM.
Senior Men - Wednesday 9-11 AM.

ACCOMMODATIONS & RESTAURANTS

Valhalla Suites Vacation Cottages 250-226-7712 www.valhallavalhalla.com Four lovely view condos on the Slocan River at Passoarea, gateway to Valhalla Provincial Park. With river out the front door and heritage trail out the back, these condos provide a perfect base for your excursions in the towns, lakes, Slocan Valley. Well-equipped kitchens, daylight living and sleeping areas, sunrooms, decks, patios, BBQ, wifi, satellite tv, phone, hot tub, wheelchair/access suite three.

William Hunter Cabins 250-358-2647 www.williamhuntercabins.ca
231 Lake Ave, Stokoena - We have two lovely log cabins divided into a total of four suites. All suites feature: a queen bed, spacious living room with comfortable sofa, bathroom including shower/bath and a kitchenette complete with a 2 burner cook top, mini fridge, sink, microwave, toaster, coffee maker and cooking utensils.

Villa Domo Quakeot: Award-winning Guesthouse & Cottages (250) 358-7242 www.domoquakeot.com 606 8th Avenue, New Denver.
2-3 bedroom suites, 2 family rooms and 2 studio rooms.

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Sandon Museum & Visitors' Centre (250) 358-7920 www.sandonmuseum.ca
Open 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Located 13 km east of New Denver on Hwy 31A in historic silver mining ghost town. Collections of stunning photographs and fascinating artifacts including the famous “treehouse miner’s cottage”. Admission (adults only): $8.00; children under 12 free.

Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre (250) 358-7288
The only historic site in Canada dedicated to telling the Wartime internment story. Located in The Orchard in New Denver, open 7 days a week from 10 AM to 5:00 PM.

CAMPGROUNDS

Nakusp Municipal Campground www.nakuspmunicipal.com
The campground offers 3 blocks from public beach and adjacent to the P. Community Park, which includes a tennis court, squash court, ball parks & soccer fields. Music in the Park every Wed. evening during July & Aug. 41 treed sites, 10 with power service and 28 overflow campers. Hot showers and sanitary station. Open May to Oct. Reservations accepted.

Three Islands Resort Campground www.threeislandsresort.ca
On the lake in New Denver, 2 sites, with electricity & water hook-ups, tent & rv pads, showers & toilets, boat launch, firewood, pets must be leashed.

Silverton Municipal Campground www.silverton.ca
At Leavitt and Turner Streets, Lakeshore (15 sites - $25) and Creecreek (11 sites - $25) - open May 15 to September 30. Tent and trailer sites, fire pits, picnic tables, boat launch, beach, Close to grocery store and cafe. New hatchup washroom and shower building.

Springer Creek RV Park & Campground (250) 355-2266 springr@telus.net
Open May 19 to Oct. 11. Located at 1026 Giffin Rd., Silverton. Turn right immediately off Hwy 5 and entrance to Village of Silverton. Full hook-ups, partial hook-ups, tent sites, sanitary pads, pets on leash and seasonal Tourist/Information Booth.

Kaslo Municipal Campground www.kaslomunicipalcampground.com
April 1 - October 15, weather permitting. Serviced ($75) Unserviced sites ($22). Water and power hook-ups, fire pits, picnic tables, restrooms and hot showers. Downtown location, close to park, beach, playground, 5th Ave Pharmacy and great shopping. Pets on leash welcomed.


Schooner Creek Resort (250) 353-7383 www.schoonercreekresort.com
15 km north of Kaslo at Quiet, serene, beautiful, travel campground and marina on Kootenay Lake. Lovely beach. Full hook-ups. Stays, spacious tent sites, Sparkling clean washrooms and showers, Laundry, ice and freezer facilities. Also for rent. Trailers and 2-bedroom room. Reasonable daily rates.

GALLERIES

Hidden Garden Gallery 80 Kildonan Street, New Denver. Artwork through Sat. to 3. A local artist from the West Kootenay every week, June 20 to Aug 31. Enjoy your own picnic lunch in our garden and see the best of local artists.

The Arrow Lakes Fine Arts Guild Gallery
211 Broadway, Nakusp (Seton School) seton@alpb.net.Open Wed.-Sat., Noon to 4 pm, June 20 to Nov 26. Me (except July 27, 8th, 29 and August 25). "Elements of Nature" art show July 20-Aug 25. Ringo Lawrence (Photography) - "Kootenay Wild" by Hena Schroeder (Painter) - "Discovering, August 18-28, Kate Turner (Metal Sculpture) - "Full Metal Jacket", Current exhibitions, boutique décor & quality art pieces. For breakfast, three bedroom cottages with patios, large outdoor spa, Cedar sauna, full kitchen, spacious dome sitting-room with balconies, meeting room, gardens. Ideal for groups, celebrations, & individual stays.

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www.silvertonhotsprings.com
www.infonakusphotsprings.com
Hot Springs and Spa is open year-round. Ancient healing waters soothe mind, body, soul. Relax in our pools or luxurious cobblestone. RV hook-up available. Enjoy gourmet food and beautiful views from the Kinnear Restaurant.

Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort www.hotnaturally.com
1-800-668-1171 (250) 229-4212
An oasis of tranquility in the beautiful Kootenays. Experience our unique Hot Springs cave and pools! Savour fabulous food in our dining room and then enjoy the comfort of one of our 43 air-conditioned rooms. Wireless Internet available.
Slocan meeting held to discuss smart meter concerns

by Art Joyce

Slocan resident Daphne Fields held a meeting at WE Graham school May 11 to offer information and discuss concerns about Fortis BC’s upcoming rollout of ‘smart’ meters. Citizens from California to Ontario have concerns about these devices ranging from over-billing, data privacy, health impacts, and even safety in a few cases where faulty meters have caused fires.

Fields discussed some of these concerns briefly before screening for a small audience the documentary Full Signal, which interviews scientists and activists around the world who are raising warning flags about cell phone technology. The frequency spectrum used by smart meters is similar to that used by cell phones. Fields is encouraging Fortis customers to attend one of the open houses that will be held in Creston, Kelowna, Osoyoos, Grand Forks, Princeton and Trail to express their concerns. Recently the dates for these were changed; Trail will now have an open house June 24, Creston on June 23.

Fields has written a letter to WorkSafe BC and has been told that the issue is beyond their jurisdiction; they are referring to Health Canada’s Safety Code 6 as the standard for public protection. However at a Parliamentary Committee on Health hearing last fall, the federal government heard from several scientists who said the Code is “outdated and inadequate to protect public health.”

In an email response to Fields from Neil Pobran of Fortis BC, he said regarding the precautionary principle that it is applied “only when there is some evidence and that evidence remains inconclusive. Fortis BC relies on Health Canada and other regulatory bodies to consider the precautionary approach (and any other relevant principles) when developing the regulations related to radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation with which Fortis BC complies.” In fact both Canadian and American government regulatory agencies are ignoring the true intent of the precautionary principle. The precautionary principle states that “if an action or policy has a suspected risk of causing harm to the public or environment, taking action to prevent the harm is required regardless of scientific consensus.”

Yet the “inconclusive evidence” mantra cited by the telecommunications industry flies in the face of independent scientific reports around the globe, with more studies every year indicating potential harm. This has done little however to dampen the enthusiasm of government and industry, for whom these new technologies represent a multi-billion dollar windfall.

Fortis must submit its application for the smart meters to the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) once it has completed its open houses. Pobran noted that Fortis “anticipates a filing date of late summer or early fall.” Residents with concerns can register with the BCUC as an ‘intervener’ or ‘interested party.’

“We’re in a very special place here,” said Fields, “for those of us who are EHS (electro-hypersensitive). We have to hold these power companies to account.”

New Denver resident David Butt said he thinks there are already digital meters installed in that community but it’s unclear whether these are ‘smart’ meters.

Fields is hosting another information/strategy meeting June 1 at 7 pm at WE Graham school library.

For more information visit www.bcuc.com or call Fields at 250-355-2854 or Norbert Duerichen at 250-358-2745.
The risk of poor advice

As we travel through life the one thing we can count on is ‘advice’ from others. Seeking other people’s counsel and views is one way of gathering ideas so that you can choose the best options and take action that will produce the best outcome. Everyone one of us will sometimes benefit from other people’s advice, as most of us will admit that we don’t know everything.

There’s always someone who can offer better suggestions, see a different perspective and teach you something useful. Advice makes decision-making simpler. It provides insights and new learning. It can help you save yourself from repeating the same mistakes and also avoid unnecessary errors.

Sit down in any coffee shop, walk over to your office water-cooler, go to the local ‘wetting hole’ or staff lunch room – sure enough, you’re bound to start talking, sharing experiences and offering advice. As much as advice-giving is prevalent in our society, it still never ceases to amaze me that people will make hugely important, life-altering decisions without seeking counsel from professionals and people ‘in the know.’ I’ve heard of people making wrong retirement decisions about their company pension plans, losing big because of a poorly timed ‘investment tip’ or taking huge risks by changing title to their home – all because ‘someone out there’ knew it all – but, didn’t understand the overall implications.

It is one thing to discuss your issues with others – however, each situation is unique and should be thoroughly explored and relevant to what is happening in your own life.

Recently, a family was dealing with age-related issues of their parents. One of the parents was in declining health and it was becoming more apparent that facility care might be necessary. The family received advice from friends. They were told that the parents must divest themselves from title to their home as they would not be accepted into a long-term care facility if they had any assets in their names. Steps were being taken to remove the parents from title and have their adult children named as the new owners.

The reality is that long-term care costs are based on the person’s INCOME – not their assets. Thankfully, a few of the family members decided to do some inquiries with professionals and this ill-advised strategy was averted.

There could have been unnecessary expenses associated with this home title transfer, potential capital gain tax issues, huge problems from creditors if one of the adult children had financial woes and potential legal ramifications that could cause all kinds of problems if not planned out appropriately.

This was a case from several years ago, where a gentleman retired after 35 years of work and decided to commute his pension. His co-workers were raving about the hot investment trends of the day and they were bragging about how much money they were making in the stock markets. With very little knowledge or experience, this gentleman took a “do-it-yourself” approach, transferred a few hundred thousand dollars of his retirement savings and bought one single stock investment. Within months, the stock markets went through a steep decline and that particular investment crashed and burned. His ENTIRE retirement account was lost. Absolutely devastating!

For all intents and purposes, we are a society that depends on advice. When it comes to these very important decisions however, please seek out advice from the professionals – even if it means there is a “cost” to that advice. Poor advice could cost you way more in the long run. Do your due diligence. Ask questions and seek advice about your specific case.

There is this old proverb that was written several thousand years ago, that still rings true today: “without counsel plans fail, but with many advisors they succeed.”
Kaslo council, May 10: Audit requested of Kaslo Arena Association

by Jan McMurray

• Councillor Frary reported on the Kaslo Arena Association AGM. Mayor Lay then said he and Director Shadrack had requested a financial audit of the association, at the association’s expense ($approximately $5,000) due to several concerns that is needed by the council. They have been working with the Development Services Committee to speak to the District of Slocan for funding lost on due to the Okanagan logging on the course. Net proceeds after the Development Services Committee side. They have been working with the grade, and fill must be added on one campground electrical upgrades. They on the grounds in conjunction with concession area and storage containers the Water Street side of Front Street Park. anything permanent happens.

Hewat explained this was only for information gathering purposes before anything permanent happens.

• At the request of the Water Street Community, the Village crew will be asked to move the parking barriers on the south side of the street on a temporary basis. Councillor Frary said he thinks 46 feet would be appropriate, but Councillor Heath explained this was only for information gathering purposes before anything permanent happens.

• The Spirit Square group will be providing a new design to be displayed at the Water Street side of Front Street Park.

• Bruce and Kathy Freeman attended the Development Services meeting on behalf of Kaslo Loggers Sports. They asked a detailed survey to be completed for the concession area and storage containers on the grounds in conjunction with campground electrical upgrades. They also reported that the grounds were surveyed to bring the site up to sports grade, and fill must be added on one side. They have been working with the ministry to do this.

• Golf club representatives attended the Development Services Committee meeting of May 5 to discuss recent logging on the course. Net proceeds after the logging totalled $16,700. Other improvements made to the golf course for this season include upgrades to the irrigation system, deck furniture, dishwasher, power cars and a cooler at the 9th hole. Councillor Frary agreed to allow the golf course to retain logging revenue.

• Warren Geyer attended the May 5 Development Services Committee to speak to the District of Slocan for funding lost due to the Okanagan logging. The building will continue to include the laundromat and commercial space, and two apartments with balconies will be added. The balconies will require a Development Variance Permit. The permit will

Sculpture installation in Kaslo draws enthusiastic crowd

by Art Joyce

Kaslo residents got a rare treat the afternoon of May 13 when a beautiful granite sculpture was carved out of the lift truck onto Front Street near the Live Art Shop. The sculpture, Bear Circle, was carved by Métis sculptor Stewart Steinhauer. Steinhauer’s sculpture installation is a cross-promotional effort between himself and the Live Art Shop.

“When I arrived there was a modest but enthusiastic crowd of people watching,” says Steinhauer. “It was a bit of a theatrical event getting the sculpture off the truck; there was a bit of trouble with the lift. People seemed to be very happy and in a positive way. I was impressed by the warmth of Kaslo people.”

Bear Circle is made from three distinct types of granite; the base was quarried in Kenora, Ontario; the mother bear was quarried near Mississauga, Minnesota and the stone for the cubs was quarried near Alma, Quebec. Steinhauer is a self-taught sculptor of Scots/Irish and Cree/Anishnabe/Mohawk descent who currently resides on the reserve of the Lake of the Woods First Nation. He is one of the Kexnaxa in Creston. He was invited by Manon Gagnon and Eliza Fry to set up his sculpture outside their art shop and at the Kaslo Art Shop. Irly Bird has generously donated the use of the lift truck.

“I made my living carving stone, and I am known as a stone sculptor, but I don’t call myself an artist. In the indigenous worldview to which I subscribe there is a mysterious creative force driving everything, and sometimes individuals get caught up in that creative energy and inadvertently make stuff.”

Steinhauer explains that the bear is an archetype figure in North American indigenous cultures that is considered to be the keeper of the Earth. He sees it as a fitting symbol for our times when so much of human society seems to be out of sync with nature. Although Steinhauer has worked with a variety of metal types of granite from Europe he mostly works with stone from North America, known to indigenous people as ‘Turtle Island.’

“I’m carving from a Cree cultural perspective on what the rock is – it’s a spiritual being. The rock has a voice and a task. I use grinders and chisels and drills and that’s what I’m like in the hands of the Rock-Spirit,” says Steinhauer.

Steinhauer originally worked as a commercial market gardener and straw bale home builder in Vernon, teaching himself sculpting and architecture during the winters. He decided to make sculpture his career the day after the birth of his first child in July 1975. He has a creativity that is very becoming for someone of his obvious talent, describing himself as a “stone sculptor/foolish person.” After 17 years of using sculpture as “unconscious art therapy,” he was “tossed into the maelstrom of the professional gallery system.” During 1991-2001 he produced 21 exhibitions of new works shown from Victoria, BC to Shreveport, Louisiana. His work is in many private collections around the world, and in public collections in BC and Alberta. Since 2003 he has been the sole representative of his own works, and currently has several ongoing exhibitions of major works. He maintains on-reserve studio locations in both BC and Alberta but has lived and worked in Creston for three years now.

Those interested in purchasing his sculpture can contact Stewart directly at stewart@stonesculpture.ca, 250-428- 0804 or through the Live Art Shop in Kaslo via manon@theliveartshop.com.
Everyone who gave through sponsorship, donations, or volunteering helped make this event a success. We couldn’t have done it without you!


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**RANDY EARL DUNCAN** - It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of Randy Earl Duncan on April 28, 2011, at the age of 22. He leaves behind his soul mate and fiancé Meagan, his life of love daughter Kayleigh, loving parents Roy and Marlene, only sister Amanda, grandmother Isabel, intended in-laws Marian and Scott, Meagan’s brother Brandon, and many many Aunts, Uncles, cousins and friends.

Randy was born in New Denver July 12, 1988 and resided in Silverton throughout his childhood. He attended and graduated from Lacero School in 2007. As an adult Randy chose a career mining with companies such as Klondike Silver, Genev/Roca Mine and most recently Tangsten.

Randy touched the hearts and lives of everyone who crossed his path. A sweet man, who will be forever young, forever missed and forever loved.

Funeral service in celebration of Randy’s life was held at the Silverton Memorial Hall May 14, 2011 at 1 o’clock. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the New Denver Volunteer Fire Dept. Randy’s daughter Kayleigh’s Trust Fund at The Kootenay Savings Credit Union, or Randy the Lacero School Scholarship.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Thompson Funeral Service Ltd Online condolences may be expressed at www.thompsonsf.ca.

**SLOCAN VALLEY RECREATION**

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Slocan history project launches new website

by Art Joyce

In these days of YouTube, it seems there’s no faster way to get an audience than with a video camera. Two local video artists have combined their expertise and artistry to produce a series of short documentaries for the Slocan History Project, posted online and – naturally – at YouTube. Felicity Gerwing and Graham Foulkes interviewed a number of locals and elders to compile these fascinating glimpses into Slocan Valley history and culture.

In the prehistory segment, biologist Pete Corbett is interviewed about his passion for trout and the region’s geographical history, beginning about 10,000 years ago. Bob Campbell, headman of the Sinixt (‘Lakes’) nation, discusses his peoples’ history in the Slocan area and their reliance on bull trout as a staple food. He shows the framework of a traditional pit house being reconstructed according to the ancient pattern at the Sinixt site in Vallican.

Oldtimers like Innes Cooper recall the pioneering days of white settlement with the building of a log cabin dubbed the Lakeview Hotel in 1891 and the boat service to New Denver. Cooper attributes the Norse names of the valley’s mountain ridges to a surveyor named Dawson who came through about that time. When silver ores were discovered in the valley about 1896, Slocan City began to boom, making it bigger than Nelson at one point. Retired miners like Jack Cowley recall both the muck and fascination of working in valley mines.

The Doukhobor history is documented back to its roots in Slocan Valley culture a century ago when they were helped to emigrate here by Leo Tolstoy. Douglas oldtimers like Cecil Fominoff recall working on the farm without bathrooms, electricity or running water. Local elders recall the New Denver internment of Doukhobor children during the Sons of Freedom controversy in the ’60s. Some non-Doukhobors like Joan Perigini who grew up in the valley recall being frightened by the Sons of Freedom as a girl.

The history of Japanese internment is seen through the eyes of Toru Fujibayashi, a renowned sculptor who grew up in the Slocan internment camp. Senior residents offer their personal and family memories of what it was like to have so-called ‘enemy aliens’ shipped into their village by train. One local elder recalls “stacking the dead like cordwood,” the first winter, since the Japanese had only tents to live in and many froze to death.

Cooper is featured again in the segment on the area’s forestry history, along with retired loggers Thor Hird, Winston Storgaard, and Corky Evans. Logging at Slocan began in the early 1900s by the Patrick family, who built flumes to float high-grade timber down to Slocan Lake. That approach gave way to on-site milling, and eventually to unionized loggers working for timber companies. In Evans’ view the system began to fall apart when logging corporations made loggers contractors; the intense focus on high-grade timber was like “killing the sow and keeping the runts.” The contemporary segment focuses on the logging and milling culture as exemplified through Slocan City Logger Sports days and valley tales told by Evans.

The production quality on these mini video documentaries – most of them averaging about 10 minutes is superb. Camera work, editing and sound was done by Graham Foulkes. Interviews and production were handled by Felicity Gerwing and web design by Adrian Wagner of i9design. The project was completed to coincide with the 110th anniversary of Slocan this year.

The Columbia Basin Trust and the Village of Slocan provided funding, with assistance from the Slocan Valley Arts Council, Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance, BC Arts Council, WE Graham Community Services Society, and the Slocan Electronic Arts Centre.

To view the video profiles, visit www.slocanhistoryproject.ca.