Carpenter Creek has washed out part of a parking lot and dislodged two power poles in Sandon.

Sandon has been a hotspot for washouts lately. Last Sunday morning (July 10), the road washed out just three kilometres up from the highway. The road was closed until 2 pm, and then opened to single lane traffic only. Bruce Lintott of the Ministry of Transportation said he expects the road to open to two-lane traffic by Thursday, July 14.

Lintott says debris in Carpenter Creek plugged a culvert, causing the creek to fill up and run across the road. “We put in a temporary culvert to get the water going back into the creek. It will take two days to clean the debris out of the creek, clear the existing culvert and reconstruct part of the road. About 2,000 to 3,000 metres of debris filled that channel,” he said.

A week and a half earlier, on the morning of June 30, employees of Klondike Silver in Sandon arrived at work to be faced with a raging Carpenter Creek washing out their parking lot.

The land was fast eroding around two live power poles in the parking lot, and the bank on the Sandon Road side of the creek was washing away, jeopardizing the road.

“We went into emergency mode immediately,” said Jody Cliff of Klondike Silver. He called BC Hydro and YRB, the highways maintenance contractor, right away. BC Hydro arrived and removed the two power poles, and YRB and Ministry of Transportation representative Bruce Lintott arrived to assess the road situation.

Cliff said that most likely, debris from an earlier slide or avalanche further upstream became loose with the melting snow and slid into the creek. The creek channel was then compromised by that debris, redirecting the water and causing it to wash out the bank below the road. When the bank on the road side slid in, the water was directed toward the Klondike Silver property on the other side of the creek, gouging out a huge piece of the parking lot.

Cliff stressed that the tailings ponds were not affected. “The damage was restricted to the parking lot,” he said. “The tailings ponds are all intact and were never threatened.”

He explained that the mine’s three tailings ponds are located downstream from the affected area and are very well protected by riprap and rock. “It was not tailings that got washed into the creek. Just fill from the parking lot – just sand and fill,” he said.

Cliff reported that YRB brought in equipment and cleaned the debris out of the creek in efforts to direct the water back to its regular course. By Friday, July 8, the bank on the road side had been armoured with rocks, the bank on the Klondike side had been re-graded so it slopes more gently to the creek, and the power poles had been re-installed.

“We need to get some big, angular rock to riprap the stream. There was round rock in there, but that washed away,” said Cliff.

SLSS releases results of Slocan Lake water study

submitted

How clean is Slocan Lake? Looking at the clear water as we swim, fish, boat, or stroll along the shores of Slocan Lake we all assume that the water quality in our lake is excellent. Can looks be deceiving? The Slocan Lake Stewardship Society (SLSS) commissioned a scientific study to determine the quality of Slocan Lake’s waters. This scientific data provides direction for the community to look after the lake (stewardship) and to assist the community in developing a plan to manage Slocan Lake.

Slocan Lake is a unique, oligotrophic lake. This means it is a relatively nutrient-poor lake, clear and deep with bottom waters high in dissolved oxygen. Slocan Lake is a warm monomeric lake in that the water turns over only once a year. Slocan Lake area residents will be pleased to know that our perceptions as we look into the cool clear waters of Slocan Lake are correct. A summary statement reads: “All parameters tested proved well within the Provincial water guidelines, indicating that this oligotrophic lake had maintained its pristine condition.”

This 2008 scientific study consisted of two components: offshore and near-shore studies. The offshore study analyzed water samples for temperature, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, and total dissolved solids (metals). In addition, five nutrients were also analyzed. The near-shore component sampled seven populated sites for coliform.

The results of these scientific samplings and analyses have been compared, where possible, to studies conducted in 2000-2001 by UBC and the Ministry of Environment. The 2008 study, along with SLSS’s current phase two water study, will serve to assess any long-term changes in water quality and will provide a scientific baseline of information.

This baseline will be used to assist the community in developing a plan for our special lake. Findings from these studies are important tools for land planners and use in determining future development possibilities within the area.

Nakusp Musicfest opens on Friday

The 8th annual Nakusp Musicfest opens on Friday, July 15. With headliners like the Doobie Brothers (above), Kevin Costner & Modern West and Honeymoon Suite, the festival promises the best music of the past and the rising stars of the future. Those of you that have been putting off buying your tickets will be happy to know that there will be ticket sales at the gate again this year.

Spring is here. Now is the time to have your wood burning system serviced, installed, repaired, relined or brought up to code.

Visitor Information pages 18 & 19
Due to this year’s very late spring and exceptionally high snowpack in the high country, more grizzly bears are foraging for longer than usual periods in many of our low- to mid-elevation recreation and hiking areas. Valhalla Society Bear Smart coordinators Daniel Sherrod and Evelyn Kirkaldy have had more reports of grizzly sightings in lower areas this year than usual. Grizzlies have been seen along Rails to Trails routes in Hills, Bonanza Marsh, Enterprise Creek, Retallack, Bonnington and elsewhere.

Valhalla Society bear biologist Wayne McCory advises having at least one or two members of your hiking group carry bear spray. Two recent incidents involving noted bear biologist and author of the book Bear Attacks, Dr. Stephen Herrero (who wrote part of his book in Hills, BC) show capsicum-based spray to be effective in repelling the majority of close encounters with bears. In the most recent study of 72 incidents in Alaska, where people used spray to defend themselves in close encounters with grizzlies, black bears and polar bears, the bears’ undesirable behaviour was stopped over 90 percent of the time.

Remember that if the wind is blowing strongly from the bear to you, it may not work effectively and you may have to move around to get a better hit with the spray. The authors of the Alaskan study also concluded that bear spray is an effective alternative to firearms. However, people are advised not to spray around their tents or other sites to try to repel bears. Once the spray is on the ground the bears love it and will even roll in it. A new bear spray sold at Canadian Tire is considered to have a superior range.

This year low-elevation berries, huckleberry blueberry and buffalo berry (asopallae) are expected to produce low to moderate but patchy crops. Along with increased bear-proofing this should result in fewer complaints and bear issues in the local villages. There are still concerns with people leaving their garbage out the night before pick-up day. We are asking the public to use bear-resistant bins and/or to keep trash in a secure place and place it on the curb no more than one hour before pick-up.

Next to failing to secure garbage, unmanaged fruit trees near a house are a bigger problem in the Kootenays. Each time a Conservation Officer responds to a complaint, it costs you the taxpayer $400 to deal with a problem that can be avoided by properly securing a fruit tree, or another bear is killed and taken to the landfill. This is a good time to bear-proof your livestock areas. Protect chickens and goats by placing electric fence to keep bears inside. Electric fences now run rather than wait until it is too late. Your animals will suffer and a bear will be shot. Don’t assume it won’t happen to you — black bears in the Slocan Valley appear to have a strong taste for chickens.

Grants given out to local community internet groups

by Jan McMurray

Another round of provincial funding has been announced for community groups providing high-speed internet service to hard-to-reach rural communities in the Province.

The Red Mountain Internet Society (RMIS) has received $50,000 to expand to Hills. RMIS currently serves Red Mountain communities. Having high-speed internet service allows businesses and residents to access online resources, including education, health care, and community services.

Larry Lavany of the society says they will be able to supply wireless high-speed internet to two of Hills, and intends to connect to two of them.

He also reported that the province has been working with Telus to supply small providers like RMIS with more bandwidth. This increase in bandwidth allows for easier access to online services.

Boyd Toews, president of the Bayview Residents’ Association, reports that the community decided to ask the Province if the grant could be used towards Columbia Cable’s build costs instead. “Everyone has agreed in principle,” he says, “and now we’re waiting for the company to cost it out so we can negotiate a subsidy and a contract with them.”

Toews explained that the association started a wireless system to the community in 2007 with funds from residents, CBT and RDCK. The system serves 22 households. “If this works, we’re going to do it again.” He said if it fails, then we’re back up to upgrading the wireless system, he said. It has not yet been determined what will happen if the purchase is made and new equipment if the deal is sealed with Columbia Cable. Toews said it may be sold or “it may be an opportunity to use these excess funds to build a community owned service as a first responder, with a fire department member as driver. “I’m giving the best coverage I can under the circumstances,” she said.

Mason reported that seven candidates were being interviewed on July 8, and that two of them were from New Denver.

“Trying to maintain staffing levels in rural BC is an ongoing challenge,” he said.

RDCK CAO receives award

by Jan McMurray

The Chief Administrative Officer of the RDCK, Jim Gustafson, was presented with the President’s Award at the recent Local Government Management Association AGM by outgoing president, John MacLean. This award is presented each year at the discretion of the president to someone they believe has contributed to the betterment of the profession. “Jim has had a long career commited to public service throughout the province of BC,” said MacLean in a telephone interview. “He has approached each day with integrity and a good attitude, and has always been willing to share and let others learn the lessons that he has learned over the years. He doesn’t think in silos – he thinks of what is best for the particular job done. Jim has been a thinking outside the box leader and has led us into partnerships between the Regional Districts of Central Kootenay, Kootenay Boundary and the East Kootenay, and this has been very positive for all our communities.”
by Jan McMurray

FortisBC has just completed a round of open houses on the proposed smart metering program in Kelowna, Osoyoos, Princeton, Creston and Trail.

Neal Pobran of FortisBC reported that about 20 people attended the Trail meeting on June 24, where there was a presentation (available on the FortisBC website www.fortisbc.com/ami) and a good discussion.

Smart meters, also known as advanced meters, would replace the electromechanical meters currently on all homes. Like the existing meters, they track electricity consumption for billing purposes, but they also capture power outage and voltage information, and can detect when electricity theft is taking place.

Some of the benefits of the smart meters include an opportunity for customers to monitor their electricity use and tailor their consumption to conserve more energy, and the ability of FortisBC to respond more effectively to power outages. Theft detection will save FortisBC money, and effectively to power outages. Theft detection will save FortisBC money, and the ability of FortisBC to respond more effectively to power outages.

Pobran said there were health concerns expressed at the open houses about the radiofrequency emissions of the wireless smart meters. The presentation showed at the meetings includes a comparison of the emissions of many wireless devices, and shows smart meters with the lowest emissions, followed by microwave ovens, then Wi-Fi routers and laptop computers, then cell phones and finally walkie talkies with the highest emissions.

Pobran did not know what the emissions would be from smart meters when they are ‘spiking’ (sending data to the collector). Also, the collectors are absent from the list of devices compared in the presentation, but Pobran said the collectors operate on a cell phone signal.

The health concerns associated with radiofrequency radiation have recently been validated with the classification of radiofrequency electromagnetic fields as ‘possibly carcinogenic to humans’ by the World Health Organization’s International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). Other substances with this same classification are DDT, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, dry cleaning chemicals, welding fumes, and lead.

Pobran said there was discussion at the Trail open house about an alternative, non-wireless way to transmit the data called PLC (Power Line Carrier). With PLC, data would be transmitted through the existing power lines. “Our technical project team is looking at PLC as an option. There are lots of limitations to it – it’s not as good as Advanced Metering Infrastructure, so that’s why we’re studying it right now.”

Although transmitting the information through a wired internet connection is also technically possible, Pobran said FortisBC was looking only at PLC as an alternative. “We’re still proceeding with the [wireless] plans we presented at the open houses,” he added.

Concerns about smart meters do not stop at the health issue. In some jurisdictions where smart meter programs have already been introduced, mostly in the US, there have been several issues, including higher utility bills and privacy and security concerns. A document prepared by the EMR Health Alliance (www.emrabc.ca) states: “At least 18 cities and three counties have demanded a halt to the smart meter program, following a groundswell of protest over privacy and health concerns.” Four municipalities in BC have asked for a moratorium on wireless smart meters, including New Denver, Lake Cowichan, Gulf Island Trust, and Colwood.

Until July 15, FortisBC is accepting comments from the public, which will be included in its application to the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC). The application is expected to be submitted in September. The BCUC will then proceed to a regulatory process, where the public and interveners can participate. If FortisBC receives approval from the BCUC, FortisBC will begin installing smart meters by the end of 2014.

**BC Hydro chooses companies to help with smart meter deployment**

**BC Hydro** has selected Vancouver-based AMI Systems Inc. and CleveSt Solutions Inc. of Richmond to assist with the deployment of smart meters to 1.8 million customers throughout British Columbia. Both companies will provide software solutions and communications infrastructure to enable smart meter installation.

Starting this month, BC Hydro is beginning to upgrade old electromechanical meters with the new digital smart meters. Installation in the West Kootenays is scheduled for summer 2012.

All customers will receive advance notice that smart meters are coming to their community, including a letter from BC Hydro a few weeks prior to their installation date. Installation will be simple and will only take a matter of minutes, and in most cases customers will not need to be home.

Bit Stew will help to make this deployment easier and give BC Hydro the tools to manage and track the electricity grid upgrade using a real-time interactive map. The software shows open, active and closed smart meter work orders as meters are installed across the province. The software also flags outages and meters that have been tampered with.

CleveSt’s software will increase the productivity of smart meter installers through efficient scheduling and dispatching of workers. The system also tracks the meter inventory through barcode scanning, photos and GPS mapping.

BC Hydro customers with concerns about smart meters may want to register their wishes to ‘delay install’ of the meters on their homes. To do this, call 1-800-224-9376 and be prepared to provide your account number and your concerns.

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Procedural irregularities at KDCFS meetings

Animal Farm is a book we read in school by George Orwell. It is a satire on how the animals took over the farm, and I have noticed similarities in the way the board of directors handled the last two AGMs and one extraordinary meeting of the Kaslo and District Community Forest Society.

During those meetings I watched as the members sat there muddling their heads in agreement to Directors Rob Mitchell and Bruce Freeman’s mumbo jumbo on how to control the grant money, while voting and procedural irregularities went unnoticed.

What troubles me though is that two elected officials, Mayor Greg Lay of Kaslo and Director Andy Shadrack of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, were also there and they sat through those meetings without saying anything.

That is until the last meeting, where Shadrack finally spoke up.

He stated he had consulted with some wise men and thinks that the proceedings of the meeting were out of order.

Funny he didn’t say anything at the other two meetings when the results suited his needs.

The book Animal Farm is worth reading, but you can also attend the public meetings of the KDCFS and see it in real life.

Patrick Mackle
Kaslo

No choice about wireless

Like secondhand smoke, there’s no choice about getting polluted by electrosmog if you’re in the immediate area. But, unlike secondhand smoke, with wireless all around, in, and through you as it would be if a smart meter was fixed to your house) you can’t just move your chair over, or leave the scene.

Do you know about the beautiful orange hawkweed that’s out now?

As I found out just the other day, it’s actually an invasive, toxic thing that poisons the other plants! Wireless gadgets for sure have a beauty too – too bad ‘all that glitters is not gold,’ eh?

We need to be aware of poisons in our midst, get rid of the hawkweed slowly but surely, and wire back in our wireless gadgets, even if it’s the ‘in’ thing to do, or it costs a bit more. Our mental space will breathe easier.

If you want to make a comment to FortisBC about the smart meters, you can write to: Atti. AMI Project Team, Suite 100-1975 Springfield Road, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7V7, or email FBCam@fortisbc.com.

They wanted our input by July 15, so make sure you also save a copy to forward to the BC Utilities Commission when the time comes, which will likely be early September.

Daphne Fields
Slocan

A Green perspective on HST

The Liberals have made the HST an interesting topic of study for political scientists around the world – not in a positive way mind you, but as a fine example of how NOT to implement a tax shift.

What started as a lie in an election has now evolved into Christy Clark’s attempt to buy your vote by reducing the HST rate by 2 percent and haphazardly trying one-time payments, much of it to recipients who don’t need it. The revenue shortfall this creates will either lead to new taxes, cuts to public services and/or more government debt.

The NDP is also an interesting topic for study. It started when the socialist party ran their anti-environmental ‘axe the tax’ election campaign opposing the carbon tax, and now they continue the theme in their anti-HST campaign.

We need it all, says the NDP, the world’s best medical care, social safety net and pensions, the best paid unionized workforce and the smallest classrooms, but apparently, we shouldn’t have to pay taxes for it. Sounds great, but if you look closely enough, you can see some NDP noses grow longer.

Beyond the hot air of party rhetoric, the HST has its good and bad sides. On the positive side, it simplifies our tax code, independent panel predicted that it will create almost 25,000 BC jobs by shifting taxation from production to consumption. Instead of taking the Liberals’ indiscriminate approach, Greens would have targeted waste, pollution, junk food and carbon emissions. Euthen higher taxes and then have used that revenue to create green jobs in alternative energy production, wellness initiatives and energy savings. What a lost opportunity.

Most of us, including NDP MLA Michelle Mungall, who makes over $200k per year, will pay more tax under the HST, but the lowest income earners, thanks to generous tax rebates, will actually be better off. Mungall still claims that the HST isn’t ‘fair,’ which reminds me of my friend Pete who used to tell his kids that ‘fair’ is where pigs get ribbons.

The Green Party sees no ‘right’ opposition in the HST referendum, but like Green leader Jane Stork, I voted ‘no’ to keep the HST. On balance that choice seems better than a return to the bad old PST and GST.

Sjeng Derks
Nelson-Creston Greens

BC Hydro responds to New Denver council report

I would like to address the comments reportedly made at the New Denver council meeting regarding BC Hydro’s Smart Metering Program, which appeared in the June 29 edition of the Valley Voice.

For some time now, BC Hydro has been speaking directly with local governments, first responders, community organizations and individual customers across the province regarding the Smart Metering Program. Our representatives have provided a presentation on the Smart Metering Program via conference call, to answer any questions received from smart metering. New Denver council declined that offer from BC Hydro.

BC Hydro welcomes opportunities to engage with the public regarding the Smart Metering Program. Anyone who would like to speak with a member of our Smart Metering Program team can do so directly by emailing SmartMeters@bchydro.com, or calling 1-800-BCHYDRO. To date, our representatives have replied to every email enquiry and spoken with hundreds of customers across the province.

Current program information is also available on our website (bchydro.com/smartmeters), and through regular email updates, which are sent upon request.

Public information sessions about smart meters will be scheduled in advance of installations in each community. The public information session for New Denver will be held mid-next year as installation is not scheduled until summer of 2012.

Customers will also be notified of smart meter installation in their area through bill inserts, advertisements in community newspapers, and letters that will be sent to their home or business. The call centre and website will remain ongoing resources throughout this process.

I would also like to clarify that, contrary to a statement made in the Valley Voice, there is no statute of limitations on damage claims from the January 7 power surge event.

BC Hydro does not enforce time limitations with respect to claims. We do encourage our customers to file claims in a timely manner and we want our representatives to provide an intention to file a complaint as soon as possible by calling 1-800-BC HYDRO. This way, we can ensure to include them in any related correspondence. We also encourage our customers to file claims in a timely manner as claims become harder to assess as time goes by. But there is no time limit on submitting claims.

As the BC Hydro Community Relations representative for the Lower Columbia, I am always happy to hear from our customers. I can be reached directly at 250-365-4565 or by email at maryanne.coules@bchydro.com.

Mary Anne Coules
BC Hydro

Support the troops, but not the war in Afghanistan

I refer to Patricia Varga’s letter, “Thanks to the troops,” in the June 29 Valley Voice. Our troops who served in Afghanistan are young people who showed extraordinary courage fighting themselves knowingly in harm’s way, and I think they thoroughly deserve our respect and admiration.

That bit of this letter was easy to write; the rest isn’t. I feel the deep unease of cognitive dissonance which we all feel when we support one thing but thoroughly dislike something it is related to. I fully agree with Canadians supporting our troops, but I thoroughly disagree with the war in Afghanistan.

I do not think Canada’s military presence in Afghanistan was motivated by the Canadian government wanting to “maintain global peace,” as Patricia Varga states as a fact. I believe the ten-year occupation has everything to do with supporting the US in whatever it does, in trying to establish a client state in a region vital for access of oil reserves near the Caspian Sea, and in pacifying the area so an oil pipeline can be constructed. A thoroughly corrupt Afghan government of misogynist warlords is being supported by us against another set of misfits.

There is usually a huge chasm between the reasons any government gives for its actions, and its true motivation. The false reasons are always couched in glowing terms of altruism, morality and righteousness. The true reasons, as have also become blatantly obvious in Iraq and are quickly unfolding in Libya, concern control of oil and other resources for exploitation by transnational corporations. There is also a continuous need to use up all the bombs and bullets made so much more can be manufactured and sold to keep the military-industrial complex a healthy industry, the US has a war-based economy, and our Conservatives want Canada to be continued on page 5

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the same.
A war driven by cold geo-political strategy must not be cloaked in our warm feelings for our fighting women and men. The soldiers may have done a good job but the politicians didn’t, so please let us keep them separate in our minds. I’m sure many of our soldiers have their own doubts about the true purpose of the US-led occupation in Afghanistan, but while still in service they aren’t in a position to speak up about it.

My very best wishes to Patricia Varga and her colleagues for their work. I would greatly appreciate it if they would more deeply investigate the true reasons that determine why we fight.

Keith Newberry

Stocan

Highest education funding ever? You be the judge

How would you feel if someone took $1,000 out of your purse or wallet? How about $275 million a year for 4 years out of your children’s education?

Highest education funding ever? We don’t believe it and you don’t have to take our word. Check out what the BC Supreme Court found in its decision on April 13, 2011. Internal government documents exposed an illegal, covert plan to cut $275 million dollars from education in the first year of the education budget. A November 22, 2001 email from a government official to then Minister of Education, Christy Clark, advised: “Parents are apt to notice a reduction in education service levels. Is your board scrambling to meet mandated services? Has your neighbourhood school been closed?”

Have your child’s education needs and choices been “torpedoed” by what the court has found as the government’s “Run Slum Into Deep” illegal and covert actions?

Email Premier Clark at premier@gov.bc.ca and ask where the money taken from BC’s kids has gone and what she is planning to do about it.

The government has chosen not to appeal the court decision. We believe that is because the Supreme Court of Canada had already determined in its 1999 decision in “dramacon” in a similar case.

Respectfully submitted by the local presidents of the Arrow Lakes Teachers’ Association, Boundary District Teachers’ Association, Creston Valley Teachers’ Association, Kootenay Columbia Teachers’ Union, Nelson District Teachers’ Union

What might our valley’s future be?

Surely we must look beyond our current focus of tourism as the salvation of our valley’s economic stagnation and actively pursue alternatives wherever opportunities are found.

We need to focus our efforts on an opportunity that is currently in the forefront in neighbouring Okanagan communities. The opportunity referred to is the construction of a provincial correctional centre within the Nakusp/Arrow Area K region. While there will be strong NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) opposition to this proposal, one has to simply reflect and consider the following factors prior to condemning the proposal – our current local employment situation, our projected school enrolment for 2011-2012 and beyond, our real estate market level of activity and our inability to attract commercial enterprises to our region.

EMPLOYMENT

The lengthy timeline associated with the construction of the 300-unit, two years less one day centre, as well as the required local infrastructure improvements, will result in the need for an estimated 300 general labourers and unskilled and skilled tradesmen as well as a significant volume of construction materials. It would undeniably provide on-the-job experience for those individuals currently enrolled in programs offered by the Arrow Slocan Lakes Community Services as well as substantial financial improvement for those currently employed in a variety of seasonal jobs.

Nakusp’s Selkirk College would become a significant contributor through offering relevant post secondary programs focussing on employment opportunities associated with the construction activities such as counselling, social work, vocational trades certification, housekeeping/maintenance and Justice. The institute could provide training in the community by ex-convicts and would be the service provider for Adult Basic Education, Adult Dogwood and GED graduation courses within the correctional centre.

ENROLMENT

School District 10 recently released the projected enrolment figures for the upcoming school year. The 2011-12 school year will drop 51 students from this year’s 544 students. Impacts of this decreased enrolment are: increased split sections, increased class sizes and fewer middle school classes available to students after school.

The economic stimulus associated with the establishing of a correctional centre would result in increased enrolment based on the fact that families of those involved in the construction and subsequent staffing of the centre would relocate to the Arrow Area K region from outside our geographic region would be unreasonable.

REAL ESTATE

Associated with this construction activity would be the much needed employment and anticipated turnaround in our residential real estate market. Families of those involved in both the planning stages of the construction and the permanent staffing of the facility, estimated to be 240 full-time positions, will relocate and purchase existing or new homes within our communities since commuting is an unreasonable option. In addition new home construction will provide a future benefit to both the Nakusp village and Arrow Area K property tax base.

Seasonal fluctuations in our restaurants, hotels, motels, resorts and bed and breakfasts will result in a more consistent and permanent customer volume/occupancy rate due to the fact that once the correctional centre is operational visitors will consistently patronize our local restaurants and accommodations year round.

PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE

One of the critical factors that may be causing Interior Health and the Arrow Lakes Physician Search Committee difficulty in securing full-time permanent physicians to relocate in our region is that our population is both shrinking in numbers and psychology. Public, private and government leaders are being compelled to meet shortfalls. BC teachers rank 8th in pay in Canada and haven’t had a pay raise since 2001.

Canada has characterized its actions as “Highest funding ever” and “torpedoed” by what the Supreme Court of Canada had already determined in its 1999 decision in “dramacon” in a similar case.

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Healthcare concerns are always a heated debate when it comes to ‘microwave radiation.’ Fortis claims that the signal spikes (4,000 microwatts per square centimetre which could occur in your home several times a minute) every day are harmless. Fortis reps assure us that they will meet the minimum of Canada Health Safety standards. These guidelines are outdated compared to many countries. The Council of Europe issued a statement urging governments to “take all reasonable precautions to reduce exposure to electromagnetic fields.” The World Health Organization warns us to exercise caution when using wireless devices.

Cumulative effects of radiation exposure happen gradually (headaches, insomnia, tinnitus, exhaustion, heart palpitations etc.) and are not reversible. Fortis will need to install 350 collectors in the Fortis catchment area to act as distant receivers. These will relay the information to each group of customers. You will be exposed to microwave radiation in your home and from your neighbours’ homes which are connected to these receivers. These poles act like cell towers and will need to be near homes, possibly yours. Over 2,000 smart meter health-related complaints have been registered in California so far.

So what’s next? Before Fortis is able to install the meters, they apply this summer to the BC Utilities Commission. Fortis is to participate in a public regulatory process and if approval is given, we join the over 100,000,000 households with meters already installed. There will be NO CHOICE for Fortis customers as we have cell phones and wireless internet.

What can Fortis BC customers do? At this time there is no forum until: well-publicized, open public forums are held; further information is gathered from users that are dissatisfied with Fortis monitoring; a re-evaluation of the health risks from these meters; other alternatives are developed such as a power line hard-wired carrier rather than wireless.

 Demand your democratic right to choice and the basic human right to healthy living spaces.

Send your email to the MP, MLA, FortisBC and a copy to healthyrth@gmail.com where it will be held to send to the BC Utilities Commission when FortisBC applies for approval of their project later this summer.

Inform your friends and neighbours. For more information, GOOGLE: Dan Hirsche/radiation or Citizen’s guide to EMF safety or Dr. Magda Havas/radiation.

See ‘Experts Debunk Smart Meter Craze’ and ‘Smart Meters 100 X Radiation Exposure of a Cell Phone’ videos on YouTube.

Smart meter deployment is a large experiment on a very large population... much like asbestos, chemical fertilizers, Ford, lead etc. which led to efforts to be tested as totally harm less to humans.

Linda Louise

Pasmore
Kasco Community Forest Society expands water monitoring program

by Jan McMurray

The Kaslo and District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) is expanding its water monitoring program, thanks to funding from the RDCK.

KDCFS has an established water monitoring program on five creeks, and this new funding will allow the addition of up to nine more. The five existing creeks are Fletcher, Bjerken, MacDonald, Wing and Davis. Richard Marchand, manager of the community forest, reported that they also plan to purchase two turbidity meters at approximately $1,000 each with the RDCK funding.

“Anecdotal information suggests some communities in Area D are running short of domestic water, but we need a factual understanding in order to make long-term decisions.”

The Kaslo and Area D participated in the Columbia Basin Trust’s Communities Adapting to Climate Change program last year, and Area D Director Andy Shadrack sees the water monitoring project as an extension of that work.

“At the end of the pilot study, it became very obvious that we did not know enough about the flow of water in Area D to make decisions around use and conservation,” said Shadrack.

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Silverton Gallery to get a new lease on life thanks to grants

by Art Joyce

The Silverton Gallery has received word from the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA) that its application for $5,000 under the major capital grant program toward a new floor has been approved. This matches the $5,000 pledged by the Village of Silverton, which owns the building. The society was also successful in its $20,000 application for CBT Community Initiatives funding from the Village of Silverton, bringing the budget to a total of $30,000 for a much-needed new floor in the gallery.

“The floor has been this living nightmare for years,” says gallery president Sue Mistretta. “It’s been a problem for different boards and finally it just came together.”

The new floor will be installed over the winter. And the good news doesn’t stop there for this local cultural and historical landmark. A further grant of $3,000 to upgrade the sound system was received from the Kootenay Savings Community Foundation plus $500 from Recreation Commission #6. Results of an application to Columbia Power Corporation are still pending. The funds will help replace power cables, microphones and other sound components.

“One of the biggest shows, we’ve had to borrow or rent equipment,” says Mistretta. “And some of it is just old and worn out.” Another CKCA grant was also received to produce a community show called Grass Roots to help cover costs of curating and promotion. Funds will also help pay for someone to ‘sit’ the show.

Hidden Garden Gallery Signature Quilt project

Everyone is invited to play a part in the Hidden Garden Gallery’s Signature Quilt – the gallery’s 2011 fundraising project.

A signature quilt is a quilt sewn of squares that people have signed, written “in memory” of a loved one, or have written a message on. There is a collection of lovely quilt squares at the Gallery, and people can choose their favourite(s) for $10 a square. At the end of the season, the signed squares will be sewn together to make a lovely quilt. There is a Master Scribe who can write the name or message if desired.

Signature quilts were very popular in the mid 1800s and have been used as special gifts for special occasions. The Hidden Garden Gallery’s Signature Quilt will hang in the foyer of the gallery as a testament to supporters of art in our community and will welcome visitors throughout the years.

Squares will be available throughout the summer. Everyone is invited to play a part in art.

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Slocan is celebrating its 110th Birthday Sunday, September 4th from 8 am until sundown

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by Jan McMurray

The Slocan Valley Co-op held a Customer Appreciation Day on July 9, offering clearance prices on the last of their garden and hardware supplies. However, many of their customers do not appreciate the elimination of the garden/hardware department from the store and the expansion of the convenience food section to take over that space.

“This does not sit well with those of us who will have to drive to Silverton or Castlegar or Nelson from the Slocan Valley to pick up those many needed items,” said one co-op member in an email to the Valley Voice.

Another co-op member also sent in an email, saying: “The final straw for me was when I went to buy some sweet pea seeds early in the spring... no seeds... of any kind! Two-aisles of potato chips and no seeds!”

Yet another member contacted us and said she and others wanted to withdraw their memberships when they discovered the changes at the store. But under standard co-op rules, people cannot cancel their memberships until they turn 65, move away, or die.

Vice-Chair of the co-op board, Don Munro, explained in a telephone interview that the decision to phase out the garden/hardware department of the store was made almost a year ago now. He said it was a board decision, based on the recommendation of the manager at the time and Federated Co-operators Ltd. “The former manager was the one who initiated the changes,” said Munro.

When asked if members and staff were consulted about the change, Munro said he was not aware of any consultation with members, but that he assumed the former manager had discussed it with staff.

“The garden/hardware department was losing money,” said Munro. “It was quite expensive to operate because you needed to staff it. People would be able to find some of the items they were looking for, but not all of them – we couldn’t stock it to provide a really good service.” He said the plan now is to stock hardware items that are commonly found in a larger grocery store, but not the more specialized items such as plumbing and electrical products.

Another complaint of one of the co-op members who contacted the Valley Voice is increased prices at the store. Munro said the co-op tries to be competitive with neighbouring stores in the valley, and pricing decisions are made by management staff.

Munro says FCL has come and looked at the layout of the store, and will provide recommendations on how to re-vamp the whole store, including upgrades to the exterior. He expects this report to be submitted in 2012.

When asked about the role of the FCL, Munro said they play a “support role.” They can provide financial support in the way of grants and interest-free loans, and would likely assist financially “if and when” renovations go ahead at the Slocan Valley Co-op. Also, the manager can give FCL a call with any questions he has. FCL acts as a distributor of some of the products, as well.

“The decisions on the operation of the co-op are made by the board,” said Munro. “I think we’ve got a pretty good board – we generally agree with one another. In the end, the decisions that are made are in the best interest of the membership and the store.”

Munro reported that one of the major priorities of the board for the coming year is to look at how the store can be more successful as a grocery store. He said one of the board members went to the FCL AGM and learned that food sales are dropping in most co-op stores that have a grocery section. Most of these stores are becoming convenience stores.

“I wouldn’t want to see our whole store become a convenience store,” said Munro. “There is no reason why the Slocan Valley Co-op can’t be competitive as a grocery store. The board will be looking at increasing the opportunities in the grocery section in the coming year.”

Munro said another unpopular issue the board is looking at is for the future is a self-serve gas station instead of full service.

Slocan Lake Arena Society would like to give a huge thank you to all who supported and participated in the Silent Auction on July 1st in Silverton. A special thank you to all the donors listed below:

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Slocan Valley Co-op clears out hardware/garden items from Slocan Park store

Starry Nights events to run this summer at Taghum Hall

On two dates in particular during that stretch – July 2 and August 20 – Marilyn Roberts of Kaslo will be doing a special demonstration on telescope building. Accompanied by a video of John Dobson (who is probably one of the world’s most famous telescope builders), Marilyn will bring mirrors, the tubing she uses for making a scope, and explain how all of that comes together to allow us to look light-years into the sky.

Marilyn noted that you don’t need a high power telescope to get a great view of the night sky, and encourages folks to bring along binoculars which today are as-good or more powerful than the telescopes used by Galileo in his day.

Wannabe star-gazers will learn all about spawning constellations, how to find them and naming them through Holmes’ PowerPoint presentation. In addition he will show folks how to find certain objects within the constellations.

“Then we’ll move on to some of the things we’re going to show in our telescope astrophysics: some of the harder-to-find things that may be bright, but can be difficult to locate. For the real diehards we’ll likely stay late into the night.”

Organizers caution attendees to dress very warmly; bring a lawn chair and your own snack/drink. If bringing a flashlight it is strongly recommended to cover the end with red cellophane to reduce light pollution on-site. The dates are scheduled in pairs because if the Friday night weather is not good then they will try again on Saturday night. If unsure, contact Wayne Holmes at 250-354-1856.

For more information about the Starry Nights program or any Taghum Hall Society Program contact President Linda Barber at 250-352-0428 or Rental Manager Cheryl Hicks at 250-352-5326. You can also contact Kelvin Saldern, Executive Director, kelvin@kast.com or 250-483-9502 or visit www.kast.com.
New Nakusp trail map makes hiking and biking easy

by Art Joyce

The Nakusp Chamber of Commerce is offering visitors and locals a brand new trail map of the area.

It includes Kuskana Mountain, Nakusp Hot Springs Trail, Box Lake Loop, Cedar Grove, Kimbol Lake, Silvercup Ridge, Saddle Mountain, Wensley Creek Ski Trail and other local trails.

Each trail is illustrated by a small map, for which there are local trails.

Again next year.

Elijah Havers from Kaslo. “I got to my favourite sport,” says 10-year-old let me play for longer and hockey is

Local kids play spring hockey in AAA teams

by Jan McMurray

Several of our local kids played hockey this spring on AAA elite teams. “I like spring hockey because it let me play for longer and hockey is my favourite sport,” says 10-year-old Elijah Havers from Kaslo. “I got to meet new friends and play in different games. And we got to travel to cool rinks. And we got to travel to cool

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The Kimbol Lake Trail is the only one rated moderate/extreme (for biking). “The beginning of the hike winds through redwood and hemlock forests,” notes the brochure. “Halfway through the hike it starts to climb up the Kimbol Creek Valley. There are steep pitches (40 percent max.) in areas, so be careful. This is prime bear habitat due to an abundant amount of fresh water and huckleberry bushes. Bear spray and a noise maker are highly recommended. After this great hike, why not treat yourself to a soak in the Nakusp hot springs!”

The brochure was funded by Kootenay Rockies and Super Natural BC, with funds from the community’s tourism project. Chamber President Michele Williams says without the matching funding from the Province the project wouldn’t have been possible. Chamber President Kim Reich and Michele Williams worked together to organize the brochure’s production. The brochure was designed by On the Marks Graphic Solutions. The Chamber is asking for a

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FrontCounter BC Cranbrook has accepted an application made by the Edgewater Community Internet Society (contact: Jean Bassett by phone (250) 265-7590 or by mail at RR1 Site 5 Comp 18, Edgewater, BC V0G 1J0), of Edgewater BC, on behalf of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO), Kootenay Region, for a Licence of Occupation. The application is for the provision interceptive centre on Provincial Crown land near Edgewater, BC (mapsheet 82E090, or point of reference: 118°11’12”W 49°53’40”N). The MFLNRO File Number that has been established for this application is 4450149. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Natural Resource Officer at FrontCounter BC, 1902 Theatre Road, Cranbrook, BC, V1C 7G1 or email to: Authorization@arf.gov.bc.ca. Comments will be received by FrontCounter BC until August 4, 2011. FrontCounter BC may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please refer to our website http://www.arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/index.jsp Search Search by File Number: insert Lands File Number for more information.

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Summer means more fun in the Slocan Valley

submitted

Whether you like to ride a skateboard, a bike or a big rubber ducky, then Slocan Valley Recreation might have something to keep your summer interesting. Kids to adults will find all kinds of great programs coming in the months ahead from the Fun Centre of the Slocan Valley! For kids the summer will start off with golf lessons happening at the Valley View Golf Club and tennis lessons happening at Mt. Sentinel School. Both lessons are being run by area professionals.

The Birds, Bugs & Bees Summer Arts Week from July 11 to 15 brings everything in a variety of guest artists instructing two different age groups. Everything from feltting to claywork to feather art to bookmaking and breakdown will be featured. Also expect a lot of great surprises. The program has support from the Slocan Valley Arts Council and the Slocan Valley Legion to make it affordable. If you’re into skateboarding, BC Action Adventures and the Black Russian Skate Team will be returning to Tenacity Skate Park in Slocan from July 18 to 22 for a third year. Lots of skate time, barbecues, road trips and swag like you wouldn’t believe. This class always fills up so sign up early.

Summer Swim Lessons will once again be happening at the Slocan Beach. The dates have been set back one week and run from July 25 to August 5 to let the lake warm up a bit more. Blair Smith returns to teach everything from pre-schoolers up a bit more. Blair Smith returns to teach everything from pre-schoolers to Level 6. Outdoor Babysitter Training is being offered at both the Bonnington Park and Slocan Beach as well! Rhythmic Dance combines sport with creativity and will be going on at Winlaw School in early August.

For adults, Shanno Bennett will be hosting a summer edibles bike ride and Colin Payne will offer an in-depth day on nature photography. For the whole family the 17th annual Poker Float on the mighty meandering Slocan River is happening on Sunday August 7. Hop in your inflatable, put on a silly hat and join us for a friendly game of cards followed by live music and refreshments at the Winlaw Nature Park.

For more information on these programs, contact Slocan Valley Recreation at 250-226-0008, by email at slocanvalleyrec@rdck.bc.ca or join us on Facebook and stay in touch with everything.

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Friends and neighbors, exciting news!!!!
A new Sunday Market has started up in Crescent Valley on the Frog Peak Café property.

"I have been working on this since last summer, doing research and talking with fellow artists, business owners and anyone who may be interested in having an event like this in the community. The positive feedback propelled the dream into reality," says Alina Skiba, market organizer.

Skiba has a studio upstairs at Frog Peak Café, where she designs and creates clothing and accessories. What with owning a business and keeping studio hours, she was finding it difficult to get out to the market. "After brainstorming with people in the community, I realized there was an opportunity not just for myself, but for other artists and business owners to come together. I decided to bring the market to my business!" Skiba applied for funding to get the market started. "I would like to thank Slocan Valley Arts Council and CBT for being affiliated with this project and making it possible to get it off the ground."

She also thanks Frog Peak Café and staff "for doing such a great job and providing this magical place for us to gather." She says the café is already a place where locals and visitors come together. "This intimate setting is kid friendly and a perfect place to hang out in the sunshine, eat great food, listen to live music, and support local businesses," she says.

Entertainment is provided at the Sunday Market by local musicians, and people can generally expect to find for sale there farm fresh produce, fresh flowers, fresh mushrooms, art, jewelry, pottery, clothing, and imports. There has also been a massage chair and face painting. "Each week the vendors are changing, so there is always going to be variety," says Skina.

Skina has lived in the area for over four years, after quitting her career as a professional forest tech with extensive management experience "to live in paradise and pursue my dream of settling down and starting a business." She is very pleased with the response to the market so far. "The event has come together nicely and I am open to learning and putting all of my effort into making it successful," she says. "The people in this community are amazing, and I thank everyone for making this happen!"

The market will be open on Sundays from 9 am to 2 pm through to the end of August this year. Skina intends to continue the market in subsequent years, as well.

Call her at 250-505-8102 to register as a vendor or for more information.

Vern Hartman presented Kyla Smutny with the Youth Award at Silverton’s Canada Day celebration. Lucerne School Principal Natasha Miles introduced Kyla, who was a member of the student council, ran a dance school for children for two years in the community, and was Miss New Denver in 2009. Kyla has won several prestigious awards this year, including the BC Hydro Power Pioneer Youth Community Service Award, the Columbia Basin Trust Youth Community Service Award, the Selkirk College Board of Governors Secondary Graduates Award, and a Women Celebrating Young Women in the Arts Award.

Ken Butt celebrates after placing second in the 10K run for the Kaslo Canada Day Fun Run. Over $3,000 was raised at the event for the local charity, Helping Hand Trust. Special thanks to Karen Pidcock and Hazel Calder for raising the most money in pledges. There were a total of 63 entrants in the event, which included a 5K walk and a 10K run.

These kids seemed magnetically attracted to the bear sculpture outside Kaslo’s Live Art Shop this July 1st.

The Valley Voice July 13, 2011
The 15th annual Summit Lake Walk/Run for Fun on July 10 had a record number of participants at 108, and raised a record $2,000 for the Arrow Lakes Hospital. Harry Santos, who came up with the idea for the walk around Summit Lake as a fundraiser 15 years ago, came to participate. Santos is from Kettle Falls and used to spend the entire summer at Three Islands Resort, the sponsor of the annual event. Santos loves to walk, and would regularly walk from the resort to Nakusp and back. This year, due to a washout on the rail trail at the south end of the lake, participants walked in from the north end to the 5 km mark and back.

Miss New Denver Danika Hammond cuts the Canada Day Cake with the help of Princesses Marlowe Riley and Mercedes Casely at Silverton’s July 1 celebrations.

What’s Canada Day without a parade? This is the Musicfest float at Nakusp’s July 1 celebrations. The 8th annual Nakusp Musicfest runs July 15-17. Tickets are available at the gate.

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Photographer Katja Grunther to exhibit at Studio Connexion

Photographer Katja Oljuscha Grunther will be exhibiting her stunning photographs at Studio Connexion in Nakusp, July 6-31. The gallery is located at 203 Fifth Avenue and is open Wednesday to Sunday from noon to 4 pm.

Although still an emerging artist, Grunther is making fast strides in her career as a photographer. Last year, her work was included on one of the world’s most respected website galleries – Photography-Now.net. Her work has been showcased two years in a row at one of the largest photography festivals in the world – Toronto’s CONTACT festival – and several of her pieces have won juried contests to be included in three shows in the US. Grunther answered some questions about her creative work for the Valley Voice.

What made you want to pick up a camera?
I first picked up a camera when I was 17 years old. I was struck by colour and line, text and tone. I just photographed everything that struck me in some way. And it’s really something, to look back at those early photographs – in many ways they are an indication of just how much I’ve changed over the years, and how much I had to learn. Sometimes I almost feel I can’t help myself – I see light pouring through a field of wildflowers, a dewdrop refracting the sky on a single daisy petal, or the ripple and glitter of a lake, and all I feel is, how can I capture that. How can I make a photograph of something that is so fleeting, so ephemeral? And so I take hundreds of images. And often out of those hundreds, only two or three have something of the quality I felt when I looked at that radiant field, that shimmer of light.

How would you describe your photographs?
I am trying to keep a small, tight service where people can always add to a small, tight service where they can even work with him during installation.

In many ways they’re increasing difficult world, I hope that that will always be my guiding star, one which I hope to be able to follow to the end of my days.

To see more of Grunther’s work visit www.lumescence.com.

Wired by Alex offers wide array of electrical services

by Art Joyce

An electrical business, Wired by Alex Electrical Contracting Ltd., is offering its services to Slocan Valley customers. Owned by local electrician Alex Joseph, the business will provide both residential and commercial services, with a focus on residential.

Alex has been in the electrical industry for over 20 years. He started off working with electrical components in the robotics industry. From there he moved into computer-navigated controls (CNC) and later worked as a laser technician. After moving to Canada and settling in the area, Alex built his own home and micro-hydro system. Wiring his own home and micro-hydro systems. He runs a small micro-hydro system at his home in Rosebery – a true run-of-the-river system with no damming of the stream. He is one of a few contractors whose system has been approved under the BC Hydro net metering program.

“With micro-hydro, in the under 50 kilowatt size, there’s only been a handful of people in BC who have been successful at obtaining that approval,” he says. “Through the net metering program, alternative energy products can be used to offset residential electrical bills. Alex is seeing that some of his customers are concerned about electromagnetic fields from the proliferation of electronic appliances. For these clients Alex can install demand-sensing relays – an electrical switch that only turns on the circuit when power is needed.

Also, the new much-improved generation of LED bulbs has arrived. To get a sense of how warm the light is from these bulbs, check out the new restaurant in New Denver, Rory’s on Main. Wired by Alex would like to inform commercial customers that they may be eligible for a BC Hydro rebate program, which makes switching to these bulbs very cost-effective. The bulbs can be used with standard dimmers – something you can’t do with normal CFL bulbs, which are less efficient and have mercury as a waste product. A benefit of being “Wired by Alex” is that Alex does the work himself so he is able to keep a close eye on quality. He is happy to involve his clients if they’re interested in learning more about how the electrical systems in their homes work. If they want to save money they can even work with him during installation.

“A lot of the things we will be able to watch an artist creating right before your eyes. Take home a piece of the Kootenay!”

Alex Joseph provides electrical services to residents and businesses in the Slocan Valley and surrounding area.

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VISITOR INFORMATION
New Denver council, June 28: BC Hydro addresses power outages

by Michael Dorsey

• BC Hydro’s Larry Haffner and Mary Anne Coules attended to speak on the power outages of January 1 and 7, 2011.

Assets Manager Haffner, from Vancouver, stated the January 7 incident was caused by a tree contacting the transmission and feeder lines at the same time, overloading the transmission line.

Neither Haffner nor Coules addressed the January 1 incident involving a series of rapid on-offs. Their speculations included a possible transmission line contact causing the relay to trip and reset continually, and if the power did not exceed 75 percent out, the circuit protection would not operate.

Haffner noted Hydro has spent a quarter of a million dollars on vegetation management on the Nakusp/New Denver line in the last three years and said there was “no possible way to eliminate all the risks.” An underground system would be “no possible way to eliminate all the risks.”

Councillor Bunka noted there had been eight power outages of over one hour already this year, and the service was not getting better. Haffner responded, “I can understand it after seeing the lines – which we consider not too bad, and will work to mitigate the risks.”

Mayor Wright addressed the tree pruning done in the municipality, noting the power outages are usually caused in rural areas. He asked if New Denver, Silverton and Nakusp only have 15-foot trees, will the service get any better? Haffner responded by saying Hydro had not addressed “every problem, but will eliminate one then move to another.” He stated the municipal trees were the worst hazard, and council pointed out that this was not true.

In response to council’s request for a record of the outage locations, Haffner said that often the crews did not note where a situation occurred, and what record existed “would not necessarily show location.”

• Unfortunately, the BC Hydro representatives left before the second delegation, Julia Greenlaw and Norbert Duerichen, presented their concerns about the BC Hydro smart meter program. Their report included data on health, safety and security problems with the meters. They noted that hard-wired smart meters are readily available. Greenlaw spoke about the lack of oversight of the BC Utilities Commission on the BC Hydro program, the lack of public input, and Hydro’s refusal to discuss the issue. She noted that there were many concerns in other jurisdictions regarding wireless smart meters as well, and asked council to pass a resolution requesting the Province to call for a moratorium on the installation.

Administrator Gordon noted that even though the Village was informed the installations would begin in June 2012, they were already being installed in 2011.

Council resolved that: “Whereas there are credible concerns about the safety of ‘smart meters’ operating in homes; and whereas these meters will be placed without consent; and whereas there are negative economic effects in terms of job loss and increased cost; now therefore, the Village of New Denver is requesting the Province of BC to implement a moratorium on their installation, until all health and safety issues have been resolved, and the meters operate safely in all respects.”

• Council decided to remove the signs regarding tree vandalism on Bellevue Street and Mont Trail, as the trees have been removed and the trail is usable.

• Administrator Gordon reported on the water tank, noting that a new caulkling compound had been applied to the seam where the tank and concrete meet, as well as to the apron. She stated it would take three weeks to cure, then the reservoir will be refilled. Gordon also reported that the graffiti which had been removed from the heritage sign and pullout area, and crews will address the vegetation around the signs.

• Councillor Bunka reported on RDCk staff investigation of waits in the 911 service and RDCK’s lack of control over them.

• Council directed staff to set up a meeting with the MPp Coordinator, Assistant Regional Water Manager, DFO and Public Works Committee to discuss options for vegetation management on Carpenter Creek channel and dike.

• Staff was directed to request a meeting with the Minister responsible for BC Hydro regarding Smart Meters, and with the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources regarding dike operation and maintenance. These meetings will occur at the UBCM conference this fall.

• The New Denver Reading Centre Annual Report was received, and a letter of thanks will be sent to Chair Agnes Emary and the volunteers. Council approved a G$60 grant-in-aid for the centre in light of provincial government funding cuts.

• The New Denver Trail Improvement Society reported the Valley Voice Cycle Tour was held on May 29 with 37 riders in attendance, and Council was thanking the riders for their contributions to the work on the Nakusp-Nakusp Link. A Local Activity Grant had been received for the continuation of the work. A meeting with the MEPP Coordinator, DFO and Natural Resources regarding dikes and vegetation management was requested.

• The Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission to hold discussions regarding the Smart Meters installation, until all health and safety issues have been resolved, and the meters operate safely in all respects.”

• Council is concerned about the increased costs of the 911 service and RDCk’s lack of control over them.

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COMMUNITY
World beat band Lehera coming to Silverton Gallery, July 22

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For those who like their music eclectic and well-spiced with plenty of world beat seasonings, Lehera is just the ticket to get your hips shakin’.

On Friday, July 22, the band will be playing at the Silverton Gallery with Spontaneous Combustion as opening act, featuring Nelson-based sax player Marty Carter.

“The music has the rigorous qualities of classical music and is also marked with the beats that make up folk, funk, and modern music,” says Joyce Janvier-Gagnon of CBC Radio-Canada.

Lehera bandleader Nick Prashant John is a former New Denverite, excited to be back after a 15-year absence. Lehera is an award-winning international dance band featuring stellar musicians from India and Switzerland.

For its debut album Heartvks, the band has won the Independent Music Vox Populi Award, the JFF award, and are one of 11 finalists in International Songwriting Competition, all in the world music category for 2010 and 2011.

At the Silverton Gallery, Lehera’s set will be preceded by one of Prashant’s favourite Kootenay musicians, Marty Carter, who will play his upcoming Shamshuk set with sit-in with the band for a few solos. If Prashant has his way, the concert will turn into a joyful highly danceable collaboration with everyone playing along with some of Marty’s bed tracks and loops. They will rock till closing time, 1 am, so bring your dancing shoes.

David King, who has recorded and performed with such greats as Tina Turner, Dizzy Gillespie, Laurie Anderson, Elton John, Jimmy Smith, and Bobbi Gentry, and has been a band’s demo music on myspace and contacted them. He ended up volunteering to play bass on two tracks of Heartvks.

“Firmly believe in the Lehera project. It has a lot of energy and is well put together,” says Prashant’s dad, Stewart, Artistic Director, Vancouver World Music Commons, said of the band’s full disc, which features a range of sounds and styles.

The Hidden Garden Castle continues exciting, eclectic season of shows

submitted

Linda Dixon will be showing her textile art, From the Ground, July 11-16 with a reception on Wednesday, July 13 from 7 to 9 pm with Paul Gibbons providing photographic accompaniment. The title of the show refers to the subjects taken from farming and associated rituals of Mother Earth. Dixon’s pieces are made from old clothing, resulting for combining hand-dying, printing and etching. She uses these fabrics in a collage to make quilts, wall hangings, cushions, bags, potholders and more. Each piece is original in design to completion.

Wildlife photographer Jim Lawrence returns with the Hidden Garden Castle July 18-23, with a reception featuring Danika Hammond and Friends on July 21, 7-9 pm. Lawrence recently scored the prestigious People’s Choice Award at this year’s Oasis Environmental Film Festival, selected from 330 high-quality entries.

Recognized as a master of his trade, Lawrence spends hundreds of hours each year searching and waiting for the precise moment when the subject, the light and the feeling all come together. Over 50 years of rambling about the Kootenay Lehera is an ideal place for him much about life, wildness and beauty. With the beauty of the Registered Disability Savings Plan.

In late 2008, the federal government introduced a new type of savings plan especially designed for children and adults with physical or mental disabilities. This plan is called the Registered Disability Savings Plan or RDSP.

As of January this year, the Canada Disability Savings Grant and Bond program has been added to the plan! Pretty cool.

If you haven’t opened up an RDSP yet, it’s not too late. If your loved one has qualified for the disability tax credit since 2008, there is now an opportunity to catch up. As of January 2013, the Canada Disability Savings Grant and Bond entitlements can be carried forward. If you open an RDSP you can now receive a maximum $1,500 annual contribution into an RDSP investment plan.

The Canada Disability Savings Grant Amount depends on the size of the annual contribution, as well as the family net income. Canadians with family incomes under $75,709 who deposit at least $1,500 can receive the maximum $3,500 grant. Families whose net income is $37,885 or less may come from family members, friends or plan holders themselves – basically, anyone who would like to invest in the person’s long-term financial security, large or small.

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In the case of the disabled adult daughter, the income was based on her own income, which was less than $20,000 per year. Since 2009, the father has made an annual $1,500 contribution into the Registered Disability Savings Plan for a total of over $15,000 so far. The government has so far contributed a $3,500 grant and another $3,500 bond – each year and every year – for a grand total of $13,500 of FREE MONEY that has been added to the plan! Pretty sweet, huh?

These government grants and bonds can be received until the year the beneficiary turns 49. If an RDSP account is set up for a very young disabled child, there could be a maximum lifetime grant to $70,000 and a maximum lifetime bond to $200,000.

The contributions, grants and bonds are allowed to be invested, and the interest, capital gains and/or dividend growth generated within the RDSP plan is considered tax-exempt until withdrawn. When earnings are withdrawn, they are taxable in the hands of the beneficiary and likely to be taxed at a lower rate.

The Canada Disability Savings Grant amount is a maximum lifetime grant to $70,000 and a maximum lifetime bond to $200,000.

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by Jan McMurray  

- Max Radford and Colin Biggar attended to inform council about the Loku Music Festival, being held by True Blue Productions on the Radford property near the airport July 1-3. They reported they had hired the same security company that Shambhala Music Festival hires (Chadon Burke Co.). Also, they said they had 50 clean-up staff, three first aid staff, proper insurance, an adequate number of portapotties and adequate septic arrangements. The health inspector was coming to inspect the site the next day. They said the stage and platforms had all been built to code. People attending the festival were to be 16 years of age or older, and minors would need someone over 19 to take responsibility for them and sign a document to that effect. Picture ID would be required at the gate.

“We’re trying to prove ourselves this year,” said Biggar. Councilor Leathwood asked how drugs and alcohol would be handled. They said the security people were trained to deal with it and that they would get the police involved if needed.

Kaslo council, June 28: Lokifest organizers attend as delegation

Councilor Leathwood said that in future, the festival organizers contact council sooner. “This would alleviate the concerns in the village,” she said.

Kaslo Jazz Est. Society wrote to council expressing concern about the new floating stage is July 23, and to ask for a long-term lease on the foreshore tenure that the Village has just secured for this purpose. This was referred to the Development Services Committee. Also they asked if they could use the shoreline area beside the waste water treatment plant to unload the sections of the stage and bolt them together. This was referred to Public Works.

• Vice-President of AKBLG Andy Shadrick wrote to inform council that the motion Kaslo had submitted to the AKBLG convention regarding jurisdiction over water bodies was being returned. “The AKBLG Executive of the opinion is that it is not in the interest of the membership as a whole to ask the Province to grant jurisdiction over lakes and water bodies in general to local governments. We understand that Kaslo’s boundaries actually extend into the water of Kootenay Lake, which we believe is an anomaly as compared to most constituencies,” stated Shadrick.

• Council received notification that the application for Towns for Tomorrow fund for streetlight replacement was rejected.

• A $45,100 quote was accepted from JDQ Engineering to do the geothermal system design and construction management for the Kembali Memorial Centre.

• The quote from North Kootenay Construction to build the campground washrooms for $126,500 was accepted. This work was previously approved, but Alaric was unable to fulfill the contract as awarded.

• Council received notification that funding is now available for permits for entertainment. The application requires council approval.

This was referred to the Development Services Committee meeting after a legal opinion was received.

A motion to approve the application was defeated by Councillors Leathwood and Hewat and Mayor Lay. Councilor Leathwood argued for making the committee’s process, pointing out that neighbours had been polled and a meeting had taken place with applicants in the past. Councillor Freeman maintained that with the neighbours within 60 metres of the establishment, approval could be granted right away. Council finally decided to invite the operator to the Development Services Committee labour and on July 7 to 2 and to give the committee the power to act on this item.

At the committee meeting, the application was given approval, provided entertainment is restricted to indoors; the noise bylaw is respected; music is infrequent; and the primary use continues to be food.

• The Kaslo Logger Sports Committee is ready to proceed with building the new seating at the grounds. They submitted a sketch of the plans and a cost estimate, and requested approval and support from the Village. Council endorsed the plans, subject to approval of ownership of the grounds. The Village is currently to light that the grounds may be on Crown land, not Village land.

The sketch shows five rows of terraced seating at a cost of $73,000. The letter from the committee states that they have approximately $18,000 for the project, and that there will be volunteers and equipment.

• The Kaslo Mountain Bike Club wrote to ask permission to hold a Youth Mountain Bike program at the Logger Sports grounds August 5-13. The request came with a letter of support from the Logger Sports Committee. Council approved the request, subject to approval of ownership of the grounds. Also, access to lighthouse beach must not be obstructed. Jamis Lammikoski of the club will be invited to attend the next Development Services Committee meeting to provide details about the project.

• As recommended by the Municipal Services Committee, $1,000 will be reallocated in the 2011 operating budget from council expenses to provide matching funding for the Community Tourism grant. The committee is looking into whether or not directional signage is an acceptable use of the funding.

• The Village will purchase a fire hazard rating sign at a cost of $180, and ask the Fire Department to keep it updated.

• Councilor Leathwood reported that the Raid the North Extreme (RTNX) group had booked the park for 200 tenters on July 23, and that the campground is also full that night. The campground attendant had asked if council would consider paying half the pumping fees for the portapotties that will be provided for RTNX. Much discussion ensued about the ‘no fee waiver’ policy and the arrangement with the campground contractor whereby the contractor keeps 70 percent of earnings and submits 30 percent to the Village. In the end, council decided to provide portable toilets as a kind contribution to RTNX, and that the pumping and discharge into the sewer treatment plant will be paid for out of the group’s camping fees, with the remaining fees divided 70-30 as usual.

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Waste Street Committee makes presentation to business community

by Jan McIvor

The Waste Street Committee presented its plans so far at a meeting June 29, mainly to people with businesses adjacent to Waste Street and to Chamber of Commerce representatives.

Committee member Hajo Meijer said the committee has wide representation from the community, and there are differing views and ideas among committee members. He said the Village had asked the committee to submit two concept plans by December 31, and they had completed one. “It’s a pretty good compromise” of the differing views of committee members, he said.

The plan marks out a six-feet-wide corridor immediately adjacent to the businesses for future underground power lines, then 20 feet for the roadway, then 20 feet for perpendicular parking, then 15 feet for landscaping features and a path that would join with the existing path to the beach.

There would be 62 parking spots with this plan, just one or two less than there are now. The curb would be low, so cars could be parked with the front ends over the curb.

Meijer pointed out that Front Street is 25 feet wide, compared to the proposed 20 feet for Waste Street. VALHALLA Waste Street would not have a middle line, so would be more like a laneway.

Connections between Front and Waste Streets would be made at the hotel, the laundromat and at Fourth and Fifth.

In response to a question about how this plan differed from the “first, controversial plan,” Meijer said the first plan had only 22 or 23 parallel parking spots and more green space than this one.

He said they had asked the Village to move the concrete parking barriers to see if this concept would work. Committee member Robert Abbey said the barriers are now 48 feet from the property lines, and give people an idea of how much green space there would be under this plan.

One business owner said the narrower roadway does not work when a delivery truck comes. “There are safety concerns when a long box truck comes because you can’t see,” she said.

Another business owner asked about the stability of the bank, especially now that several trees had been taken down. “What’s the point if it all falls into the lake?” she asked. Although committee members indicated they had read the recent Goldfer Report and were aware that it recommends planting and riprap to stabilize the bank, they said the Village had restricted their mandate to the top of Waste Street only. However, Meijer said the committee might suggest planting on the slope.

There was a suggestion that the committee survey visitors, perhaps through the Visitor InfoCentre at the Moyie, about what they would like to see along Waste Street. Owners of an accommodation business in the area said some of their guests had commented that they do not want to see cars along Waste Street, and many make remarks about the waterfront walkway in Nakusp.

A business owner responded, saying there is not enough room on Waste Street for a promenade like Nakusp’s, and emphasizing that parking is the priority. “Look at what it’s actually used for. There are so many people who work downtown who park there, and RV’s that park there.”

There were some suggestions about other locations in town where parking could be created. Committee member Gillian Froese said she felt parking is an issue for the community to address in the OCP.

Committee Chair Henry Van Mill said the second concept plans was not on paper yet, but would likely have more green space and less parking.

The committee has set a tentative meeting date of September 14 to present the two concept plans to the public.

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- Friends are invited to join Noren for an afternoon tea between 2 and 4 pm on Sunday, July 17 at the end of Paradise Valley Rd. at Kevin Sutherland's residence.

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**NEW DENVER STREET FAIR** – 11th annual on July 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Main St., New Denver. For space rental, contact Juan 250-352-3768.

**THE AWESOME ART** continues at the Hidden Garden Gallery, New Denver: Linda Dozois – FROM THE GROUND, July 11-6, reception July 13, 7-9 p.m., Jan Lawrence’s KOTENAI REFLECTIONS July 18-23, reception July 21, 7 p.m.; and Patricia Merton’s UP CLOSE IN NICE, July 25-30, Reception July 27, 7-9 p.m.


**THE SILVERTON GALLERIES** summer events include: Musical Performances by Steve Brockley (w Mike and Steve) on July 19 at 7:30, Lehera concert and dance events include: Musical Performances by Richard Burton on piano. 

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**WILD ROSE RESTAURANT** – Wait staff wanted. Must have experience, be committed to working hard and have ‘Serving it Right’. Please send resume to wildrose744@gmail.com or call tel. 204. Roshey’s, Loep Rd., New Denver, BC V0G 1S1 or call Lulliana at 250-358-7744.

**SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT** at the Sandbox Museum. Must be returning to school in the fall. Basic duties include greeting the public, taking admissions, introducing the history of Slocan and answering basic tourist questions. Some cleaning and record keeping involved. Send resume and cover letter to Sandbox@nokt.net or Sandra Historical Society, Box 52, New Denver V0G 1S0. For more information, call 250-358-3219.

**DESPERATELY IN NEED OF VOLUENTERS**, reliable, team players that like the outdoors and are 19 years old and older to help keep family and loved ones together. We meet every Thursday evening at 7 pm in the Emergency Services Building in Nakusp or PHONE 250-265-3512.

**NEED WORK?** The Cup and Saucer Cafe in Silverton needs to cover staff vacation: 24 July - 10 Aug (inc) Must have experience. Please contact Julie 358-2267.

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**NOTICES**

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Artists to offer on-site workshops at Davis Creek campground

Do you have a creative nature? To help celebrate BC Parks’ 100th anniversary, Lardena Valley Opportunity Links Society (LINKS) is offering a project which involves professional artists from the Lardena Valley working at Davis Creek Campground in Lardena, each Sunday, 1-6 pm.

Between June 19 and August 21, five different artists will be there, sharing their ideas and tips on creating their particular types of artwork. There are also art materials on offer for campers and visitors who would like to explore their own creative nature and investigate the many ways that art and nature interest each in a beautiful location.

Jim Lawrence (photographer), Susan VanRooy (journaling), Cathy Aitken (photography), Maggie Oliver (pencil sketches and oil paintings) and Carol Ross (mixed media, painting) will each be at the park for two Sundays. Come along for a visit and help celebrate the longevity in our BC Parks.

This project has been made possible by funding support from BC Parks, Assembly of BC Arts Councils, and the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance. For more information contact 250-366-4325 or go to the ‘Calendar’ or ‘Events and Projects’ pages at www.lardena-valley.com. Also check out www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/BCParks100/ www.bcparks.ca.

Susan Wilson of Willow was unanimously voted to the board of the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) as treasurer at the organization’s April 30 AGM. Wilson has been on the board of the Kootenay Lake District PAC for the past 15 years, and has been an active member on the boards of the PACs at Willow Elementary, WE Graham, and Mt. Sentinel Schools. This is her first time on the board of BCCPAC, an organization she has been involved with for three years.

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The Valhalla Summer School of Music (VSSM) kicks off its 15th year of music programs for children and adults, August 7-12. Everyone is invited to take part in these wonderful weeks of music, whether attending a concert or participating in a course.

Seven years strong, the Suzuki Valhalla Institute provides a week of instruction and music enrichment to over 90 Suzuki string students. All classes are held at Lucerne School in New Denver, Monday August 1 to Friday August 5 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. (4 pm on Friday). The public is welcome to observe at any time, free of charge. There will be two simultaneous student solo recitals each day at Lucerne School, Monday to Thursday (August 1 to 4), at 1:30 pm. SVI has a great line-up of concerts at the Silverton Memorial Hall. It starts with Tutti Night on Tuesday August 2 at 6:30 pm with an informal group of students with faculty orchestra accompaniment. The SVI Faculty Concert will follow on Wednesday, August 3 at 7 pm. The Orchestra and Chamber Music Concert will be held on Friday, August 5 at 4:30 pm. The final concert features groups playing on Friday, August 5 at 7 pm. There is no admission charge for any of these events, although, as always, any donations will be appreciated to assist with the cost of hall rental.

The second week of August welcomes approximately 90 VSSM students who will be participating in instrumental courses in violin, viola, cello, flute, piano, classical guitar and clarinet (new to VSSM). There are also optional sessions offered, such as chamber music, piano and string repertoire performance, private lessons and campfire guitar. Private lessons are open to everyone wanting to improve their instrumental skills. The cost is $45 per lesson. Register now to book available time with your preferred instructor. For a fun and casual evening, join campfire guitar with Scott Arnold at the Silverton Day Park, Monday to Friday. Registrations are now being accepted and the cost is $50 for 5 sessions or $10 per session.

Don’t miss all the exciting VSSM concerts at the Silverton Memorial Hall. The opening concert on Sunday, August 7 features new faculty members Rossland clarinetist Nicola Evelyn, and cellist Johanna Perron with Isabella Perron, accompanied by pianist Susanne Rupberg-Gordon. On August 9, the Faculty Concert will feature many of our accomplished and diverse VSSM instructors. The grand finale concert on August 12 will feature a variety of talented VSSM soloists as well as chamber music groups. All VSSM concerts are admission by donation and start at 7 pm.

Before going to the concert on Sunday night, check out the Hands On for the Arts Silent Auction opening reception on August 7 (3 to 5 pm) at a brand new location: Lucerne School (604-7 Avenue, New Denver). Drop by for some great items and to preview a marvelous array of auction and raffle items. The silent auction runs August 8 to 11 from 10 am to 5 pm. Everyone is invited. Proceeds go towards supporting the Valhalla Fine Arts programs. For more information or to register go to www.valhallafinearts.org or call 1-877-458-7794.

### Announcing the season start-up of Harvest Share

Do you have an apple, cherry, plum, or pear tree in your yard that produces more than your family can eat? Do you know a friend or neighbor with a productive tree? Don’t let the fruit go to waste!

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

#### How do TREE OWNERS get involved?

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

#### How do VOLUNTEERS get involved?

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

For more information contact your local coordinator:

- **Bree Lillies**  250-358-7225  (New Denver, Silverton, and area)
- **Anne Miskulin**  250-265-3694 ext.213  (Nakusp and area)

### Join Harvest Share New Denver for a summer pruning workshop on Monday July 18th from 6:30 to 8:30, call 358-7225 to register.

Stay tuned for more educational workshops on fruit tree care and fruit processing, these workshops will take place in Nakusp and New Denver throughout the season.

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Nine gardens were admired by throngs of people during the Slocan Valley Art & Garden Tour on June 19. Don and Shirley Munro estimate that they welcomed about 350 people at their place.
Slocan’s Littlefest music festival a case of small is beautiful

Once again indie music lovers can enjoy an audio feast right in the idyllic setting of the Little Slocan Lodge near Slocan City, being held the weekend of July 23-24. What makes Littlefest so special? As its name suggests, Littlefest is small, with a maximum attendance of only 500. It’s easy to find your way around, strike up a conversation with your neighbour, have a drink — while keeping an eye on your kids.

It is a music lover’s festival, with loads of high calibre roots and indie music. This year’s line-up features Juno Award winners Bedouin Soundclash and Alex Cuba, the Handsome Family, Horse Feathers, Hillbillytits, Top Less-Gay Love Teks, Party, Platz Fence, Devils, Scott Dunbar, Magic Arrows, the Rembetika Hipsters, the White Crow of the New Apostolic Church and Val Kilmer and the New Coke.

People appreciate the beautiful setting at Little Slocan Lodge, the free on-site camping, discovering their new favourite band and the intimacy of such a tiny little festival. Locals, visitors, musicians and volunteers get to hang out and dance in a relaxed and safe environment. Littlefest has a beverage zone, lots of shade, bonfire (restrictions permitting) and free camping. Car camping is permitted in the lot while tent campers can walk their gear in closer. Folks are reminded not to bring dogs or alcohol.

Tickets are on sale at Eddy Music in Nelson, Slocan Village Market, Gaia Tree in Winlaw, Roseland Square of Commerce, and Sunnyside Naturals in Kaslo. They can also be purchased online via PayPal at Littlefest’s website. Weekend pass tickets are $90 advance, $100 at the gate. Adult day tickets are $55 advance, $65 at the gate. Special rates for kids and seniors can be found on the festival website or at ticket vendors. Avoid disappointment and buy your tickets in advance.

For more info or to buy tickets online, check out www.littlefest.ca.

Archaeological tour of prehistoric Slocan Valley site offered

Want to take a walk through a prehistoric village site on the Slocan River? On Sunday, July 24 between 11 am and 1 pm, join members of the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society (SVHTS) at this archeological interpretation event north of Lemon Creek at the Slocan Narrows.

Dr. Nathan Goodale is heading a Hamilton College/Selkirk College field school conducting explorations there during July. Dr. Goodale participated in the initial survey done on the site in 2000 by University of Lethbridge and University of Montana field schools and returned in 2009 to conduct a field school there for Hamilton College.

Bring the family, friends and visitors to take the 45-minute tour guided by students of the school through one of the largest and best preserved prehistoric villages on the interior plateau. The Slocan Narrows site has been inhabited for more than 3,000 years and contains the largest and oldest pithouses on the Canadian Plateau, predating others by several centuries.

The village site is best accessed by taking the Slocan Valley Rail Trail from the Lemon Creek parking area off of Kennedy Road. It can be found 1.5 kilometres north of the trailhead (a 15-minute walk or short bike ride). Kennedy Road is approximately six kilometres south of the Village of Slocan or 40 kilometres north of the Highway 3A junction on Highway 6. Plan to arrive at the site any time between 11 am and 12:30 pm to hear a short presentation by Dr. Goodale prior to a guided tour of the site.

BBQ and refreshments following the tour will be hosted by the SVHTS at the site. Suggested donations of $10 per adult will include the BBQ and proceeds going to the SVHTS to cover interpretive signage and other enhancements of the rail trail.

The SVHTS will also have the Kootenay Slocan Lions Club electric assist bikes on site for anyone to try out and experience the Rail Trail. For more information, call 250-355-2397.

Winlaw’s Unity Music Festival announced

The newly formed Slocan Valley Cultural Alliance Society is announcing the first Unity Music Festival in Winlaw, which will be held the last weekend of August. The two-day festival will take place in the outside field at Sleep is for Sissies and has an international and local line-up. Some of the confirmed acts are: Gangsa Giri (Australia), Dark Fire Cloud (Louisiana/Switzerland), Winay Taki (Peru), Mista Chatman (San Francisco), Adham Shaih (Juno award nominee, Slocan Valley), Gisto (Nelson), Shades of Loud (New Denver/Toronto) and other various local acts.

Tickets will be on sale starting July 22 at the following locations: Gaia Tree Whole Foods and Sleep is for Sissies in Winlaw, Eddy’s Music, Packrat Annie’s and Fairies Pyjamas in Nelson, and elsewhere. Also available online at www.unitymusicfestival.ca.

Festival organizers are currently looking for more volunteers and vendors. Contact: winlawunityfestival@gmail.com.