Nakusp Music Fest 2011 was another major crowd pleaser

by Art Joyce

While the numbers may be down for ticket sales, the spirit was definitely up at this year’s Nakusp Music Fest. Once again a stellar line-up featuring headliners The Doobie Brothers, Kevin Costner and Modern West, and Spirit of the West kept the crowd on its feet and cheering wildly.

Although final figures aren’t in yet, festival promoter Bill Jahnke estimates there were 5,500 people this year, about 500 less than 2010. Total festival capacity is about 6,500. He says it’s part of a general trend this year of dropping attendance at festivals, a trend that started three years ago with the economic crash.

“Let’s say it’s probably better than what we thought but not quite enough,” says Jahnke. “We were impressed with the crowd response. Everybody is looking forward to 2012.”

Music Fest favourites Skavenjah announced that 2012 would be their 20th anniversary as a band but showed no signs of slowing down with their stage aeroetics and highly danceable music. Spirit of the West proved once again why they’ve earned a permanent place in Canadians’ hearts. Their show displayed the band’s usual mix of high energy, looking back to the exact gear used by the original band.

Breaking the rock-steady mold for the weekend were Tambura Rasa, with an eclectic blend of gypsy jazz, flamenco and polyrhythmic percussion and Daniel Wesley’s catchy reggae-pop tunes. This year’s new band discovery goes to the combination of vocal harmonies reminiscent of the Hollies and a classic guitar/organ sound, with the set marred only by an uneven sound mix. Guitarist Daniel Svendsen, a.k.a. Jimmy Page, later told this reporter they consider themselves the most authentic Zepplin tribute act in the world. It was a fitting finale that had everyone hugging the crowd back on their feet and begging for more, which thankfully came in the form of an encore that sent us home with fond memories of Nakusp Music Fest 2011.
RDCK board, July 21: Projects to reduce greenhouse gases given green light
by Jan McMurray

Three projects to reduce the RDCK’s greenhouse gas emissions were approved for start-up in 2011.

At all transfer stations, roll-off bins will be replaced with stationary bins that will be emptied into compacting trailers, which can carry waste from up to five bins on a single trip. The engineering portion of this project will proceed in 2011 and continue through 2013, and will cost $30,000 per year of operation.

A system to capture and flare methane gas from the Ootsa Ichimmen landfill will be constructed. The engineering will be done in 2011 and will cost $50,000. The project will be operational in 2014. It will reduce greenhouse gases significantly, and could also result in odor reduction, power generation and carbon offset credits.

A monetary incentive will be provided to RDCK staff and directors to travel to work in various areas of the region, instead of assisting with a single occupancy vehicle. This will cost approximately $12,900 for a five-month trial program in 2011, and will be funded through general administration.

A fourth project, to replace 90 mercury vapor streetlights with more efficient LED lighting in Brilliant, South Slocan, Ymir and Robson, was referred back to staff to do more research on LED lights.

These projects are in principle the application for UBCM operational treatment funds for fuel hazard mitigation in the RDCK. They also support the building of local capacity to do fuel treatment work.

A priority list of 10 projects has been created for 2011, but this may change depending on the amount of funding available and further field work. Projects listed at the moment are: South Slocan/South Slocan Water Treatment Plant; Robson/Pass Creek Park/Pass Creek Road; Nakusp/Arrow; Nakusp, Balfour; Beasley; City of Nelson; Yahk; Burton; and Blunt.

The RDCK Agriculture Plan, done through Town Consulting, was presented by Abra Brynne to the Rural Affairs Committee at its July 20 meeting. Staff was directed to consider the recommendations provided for implementation.

Community Works (gas tax) funding of $30,000 will be provided for the Kootenay Lake Stewardship Partners’ project to complete an Aquatic Habitat Index for Kootenay Lake. The funding will come out of the gas tax money allocated to Areas A, D and F ($5,500 each).

The project should be completed by September 2012 and is the second phase of four phases to create the integrated community sustainability plan for Kootenay Lake. The first phase, Foreshore Inventory Mapping, was completed last year.

Director Shadrack made a motion that ensures that the mosquito program in the Landare Lake area will be eligible for CBT Affected Areas funding in 2012.

Because this year’s freshet peak on Kootenay Lake was the fourth highest since the Duncan Dam was built, the cost of the mosquito control program will be $86,500-$97,000 this year, leaving no reserve funds.

Each year, property owners contribute $45,000 in tax dollars to the program, which covers the base contract. In exceptional years, the difference is made up by grant funding, which is held in reserve.

With no reserve funds going into 2012, and with the possibility of some changes to the RDCK’s policies around the administration of the CBT Community Initiatives/Affected Area funding, Director Shadrack introduced a motion to keep the mosquito program eligible in order to make things simpler for the rider and gain efficiencies.

The board decided to move ahead with the amalgamation of local transit systems by the recommendation of BC Transit and RDCK staff. Once staff has the details sorted out, including a new funding formula for the new service, the board will review the terms before amalgamation takes place.

These five systems are operated by Arrow Valley Public Transit, Arrow and Slocan Lake Community Services, under five separate operating agreements. A letter from BC Transit requesting amalgamation says: “All five systems were established with the common purpose of offering local custom service and regional travel to Nelson. In fact, all these systems are already reflected within one riders’ guide for the Central Kootenay.”

BC Transit and RDCK staff have identified the four main benefits of amalgamating transit: a better shared transit experience, vehicle efficiencies, cost efficiencies and simplified administration.

For the Kootenay Lake Stewardship Program, the amalgamation would simplify fares and zones. “Currently there are six unique local handyDART services and five conventional fare zones, creating a confusing experience and a challenging ridership,” states the BC Transit letter. “A simplified system is likely to result in increased ridership.”

The biggest cost efficiency of the amalgamation will come from the sharing of the vehicles across systems. Most of the five systems have one vehicle, and normally, they would each need to have a spare bus. Fortunately, because the five systems have the same operator, a vehicle is already available in Nelson and could make sharing vehicles “much more cost effective and fair to each area with regards to cost distribution,” according to the BC Transit letter.

The letter also explains that BC Transit is doing a review that will look at the Kootenay region as a whole to see if it would make sharing efficiencies in operation and a better experience for the rider. “Merging these five systems would compliment the Transit Plan and would realize the same benefit on a smaller scale,” states the letter.

Amalgamation of transit systems will keep things simple
by Art Joyce

Every spring for the past few years gardeners and homeowners have the same question on their minds: “What are the leaf miners and what can I do about them?” Thanks to the efforts of Hills Garden Visitor, unpublished notes, and other organic growers, should be used with caution given the potential ingestion.

The active ingredient, spinosad, is not to use Entrust or GF120 when spraying Lyonetia prunifoleilla, the leaf miner, confirmed the identification of the Lyonetia prunifoliella worm with the help of local horticulturist Duane Holder, who said a sample to the district entomologist. The Ministry of Agriculture and Environment have the same operator, a vehicle is already available in Nelson and could make sharing vehicles “much more cost effective and fair to each area with regards to cost distribution,” according to the BC Transit letter.

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Ontario Ministry of Agriculture warns not to use Entrust or GF120 when honeybees are actively foraging. The active ingredient, spinozad, is a mixture of two strains of Bacillus thuringiensis insecticidal bacteria, which are toxic to susceptible insects by exciting their nervous systems, causing death from exhaustion within two days of ingestion.

These products are manufactured by Dow AgroScience, which claims, “spinosad...has an excellent regulatory and safety reputation...over 25 years in the field.” It has been used by technical specialists, the academic community, and environmental activists.” Both the European Union’s Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use and the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) in Oregon recently listed spinozad as safe for use in organic production.

It’s expected that eventually natural predators – certain species of birds such as nuthatches – will naturally control the leaf miners. Natural predators are often used to control the thrip, another insect that feeds on cherry tree infestations. Biological insecticides such as BTK that use a form of bacteria can also work but may only work at the larval stage.

Ministry of Agriculture Public Affairs Officer Nikki Pandachuck says the best strategy is not to spray unless you absolutely have to. The Lyonetia Leafminer attacks apple, plum, cherry, birch and grapes. It is typically not a concern on apples and pears, although sprays may be warranted on mature trees in severe cases. “However, it is preferable not to spray as predators may be disrupted. That is the experience of apple growers with the Tentiform Leafminer.”

The Yasodhara Ashram near Riondel, on the east shore of Kootenay Lake, noticed a leaf miner infestation in their deciduous trees starting about five years ago. Two years ago they became a serious pest in their orchard, affecting emerging leaves on mature cherry trees. A dramatic increase in the number of worms on these trees was also noticed and the ashram’s apple and pear trees, although this had already been the case for some years in the Slocan Valley. Ashram officials successfully used Entrust and GF120, both board meeting packages, against cherry tree infestations.

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But “any insecticides,” cautions Allin, “even those approved for organic growers, should be used with caution given the potential for unforeseen repercussions. The
**Historic City of Ainsworth shipwreck captured on video**

by Jan McMurray

The sternwheeler City of Ainsworth, sitting at the bottom of Crawford Bay where it sank in 1898, was videotaped earlier this month by the Underwater Archaeological Society of BC (UASBC).

It has survived remarkably well considering it’s over 100 years old,” said Bill Meekel of UASBC. “With an occasional visit with a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) [including an underwater camera], we can still have a chance to see this important artifact. It’s a real, unaltered example of an important part of Kootenay Lake history. It really is an amazing site.”

The steamship went down in a severe storm in November 1898, with nine lives lost – the single largest loss of life in a shipping accident on Kootenay Lake history. Launched in 1892 at Ainsworth, the 50-passenger ship is 84 feet long and 21 feet wide.

Meekel said that when the vessel was originally found in 1990, “everyone was astounded with its general condition.” He said it was very quickly given protected status by the Province, “and that will remain forever.” Because the vessel is a protected heritage site, he said there are heavy fines under the Heritage Conservation Act for anyone removing any artifacts or damaging the vessel in any way. Expeditions to the site must operate under a permit from the BC Archaeology Branch.

Meekel says that the Ainsworth wreck is a very unique site, as it is one of very few “pretty intact” paddlewheelers in BC. The only other two are the SS Moyie in Kaslo and the SS Sicamous in Penticton. Otherwise, there are a few hulls remaining, such as the SS Kootane in Kootenay Lake and the SS Bonnington in the Arrow Lakes.

The wreck was put together with bolts and steel rods, and is holding up well. He says there are unique features around the paddlewheel – its cover has interesting scroll work and a maple leaf cut into it. “Even though it was a small, locally built vessel, custom features were incorporated during construction,” he says.

The vessel sits 116 metres (almost 400 feet) below the surface – way beyond the recreational diving limits of 130 feet. The UASBC crew of five did not dive on the wreck, but used an ROV to observe and audit the wreck. With the ROV, the wreck can be observed for hours.

Meekel explained that the crew rented a boat from Kaslo Shipyards. They spent a day in Crawford Bay GPSing the location of the wreck, and then went out mainly on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10. The ROV is manipulated by a tether from the boat, and the crew watches the images on a screen. Unfortunately, the windy weather made this trip difficult, and there were technical problems with the ROV as well, but Meekel says they got some great video. “We wanted to take the ROV up one side and down the other, but we weren’t able to do that so we’d like to visit the site again to complete our work,” he said.

UASBC is a non-profit society which receives some funding from the Heritage Branch of BC, but is mostly funded through membership dues, publication sales and donations. The expedition to the Ainsworth was mainly funded by the five people involved, with a UASBC subsidy. “This kind of work is a labour of love,” said Meekel. “These sorts of trips are advertised in the UASBC newsletter and are posted on the UASBC website and are open to UASBC members that have the appropriate experience and training.”

The City of Ainsworth was located on April 17, 1990, using side scan sonar during a joint search by Dambusters Scuba Club of Nelson and the UASBC. On May 12 and 13, 1990, an attempt was made to inspect the wreck using a small Robotics Systems International ROV. The small ROV had difficulty reaching the wreck and very little video footage was obtained. On August 14 and 15, 1990, a large Phantom ROV was used to explore and document the wreck in detail in a multifaceted operation sponsored by UASBC, Dambusters, Can-Diver Services and SFU Underwater Research Lab. The fourth visit to the site was in 1997, when two technical divers from the Cambrian Foundation out of Florida did the deepest dive ever in Canada to visit the ship for ten minutes.

“It’s all wood construction and it’s over 100 years old – it is slowly deteriorating and is not going to last forever,” said Meekel.

### MLA Katrine Conroy nominated as NDP candidate for next election

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Constituency Association President Duff Sutherland noted that the association executive was contacted early by Katrine Conroy who was willing to be the party candidate again in a possible fall election. “She has been a great MLA for this area and would be a strong member of an NDP government in Victoria.” Sutherland also asked that if anyone wanted to get involved in the upcoming election campaign they could contact him at 250-356-2779.

### MLA Katrine Conroy was enthusiastically acclaimed as the NDP Kootenay West candidate in a possible fall provincial election.

NDP leader Adrian Dix was present at the constituency association meeting to provide his endorsement.
Why the Nakusp Music Festival is the best party of the entire summer

Mostly it’s the people. The musicians are always of the highest caliber and the technicians are top-notch. The vendors always sell really cool stuff, and a wide variety of food is on offer. The volunteers are great. Many have been returning every year since the beginning. The staff are incredible professionals. The audience is invariably warm and receptive. Everyone is there to have fun.

As a newspaperman, I always appreciate the extra effort that the festival goes to in order to accommodate Valley Voice reporters and photographers. As usual, part of my duties included hanging out with Willi Jahnke, and helping him work through several bottles of single malt whiskey over the course of a long, hot weekend. Hey, it’s not a hard job, but somebody’s got to do it.

It’s always cool to hang out at the Willi Wagon. You never know who’s going to drop by for a visit. Young artists sometimes stop in to get paid. The more established names inevitably send their road managers. Crises boil up, and get defused. Videos of the festival get live-streamed to a flat-screen monitor beside the trailer. Everywhere people are running around, working hard to make the festival an awesome experience for the ticket-holders.

This year, I made an effort to get out into the festival grounds as well. Vendor Village continues to thrive with a greater variety of high-quality food options. The kid zone was full of happy children. The beer garden was full of happy adults. The grounds were full of happy families. The roof of “the Spot” was full of happy smokers. The weather co-operated, everyone did their very best at whatever their job was, and the result was an incredible weekend!

From Friday night’s opening act - The Sheepsdogs – to Sunday’s headline act Fiddleheads, festival-goers were treated to non-stop excellence in musical expression.

I had expressed skepticism about Willi’s choice of a headline for Saturday night. I like some of Kevin Costner’s movies, but I wasn’t impressed with his music. Today, I am eating humble pie. Kevin Costner and Modern West rocked. Their show was fabulous. Costner and Modern West rocked. Her show was fabulous. Costner developed a quick rapport with the Nakusp audience and gave an incredible show.

It was good to see Spirit of the West on Saturday night, as well. You just can’t go wrong with wild Celtic party music.

I had no reservations about Sunday’s lineup though. Like most of us, I grew up listening to Savoy Brown, and if I ever put together a soundtrack of my youth, the Doobie Brothers will have written a large part of it. I hadn’t heard much from Soul Asylum since the mid 90’s, but was looking forward to seeing them perform. They did not disappoint. There’s always a few bands that I’ve never heard of before I go to the festival. Invariably these turn out to be some of the strongest acts at the festival. Tambura Rosa left an impression on me. Fiddle music and dancing girls... What’s not to like?

The Nakusp Music Festival is probably the most fun that you can have in the Kootenays without taking your clothes off.

Dan Nicholson, publisher

Highway use

This information inspired me from a recent conversation with a Kaslo councillor.

Here, there and everywhere, rarely is there highway signage that says “Walk facing oncoming traffic.” The RCMP advise it is a Department of Highways responsibility.

I pay for my licence and vehicle insurance. According to my opinion, it is a privilege for pedestrians and cyclists to use the highways.

I recently talked with a cyclist who experienced a near miss from being decapitated by the rear view mirror on a truck pulling a fifth wheel.

Keleghk Sinclair Kaslo

HST is killing businesses

I am an owner of a small restaurant business in the Kootenay and I would like to let everyone know that the HST is killing our business. When the government introduced the HST, business has really dropped off in many areas. I have been here for 19 years and I have seen it all before.

I realize that the high cost of gas, etc. is stopping the tourists from coming to BC, but I strongly believe that the added 12 percent HST on the price of everything they buy is also stopping them from coming.

I have read a lot of items on the HST but I still do not find any way that it is or ever will be a benefit to my business. I hope you vote to abolish the HST.

Thank you for hearing my side of the HST dilemma.

Sylvia Hamilton Meadow Creek

Smart meters

When we say “I told you so” it’s like we’re 5 or 7 again, unless it’s between friends and we’re having fun. When there are really serious issues it’s not fun and when you’re an adult the “I told you so” just doesn’t cut it. So when the diseases start pouring in and brain tumours in kids especially continue to rise, it just won’t be any fun at all to have been a ‘whistle blower from way back.’

But there you have it. If the BC Centre for Disease Control Non-Ionizing Radiation Department has say in response to my pleas about having ‘safe zones’ – ‘Yes, I know there needs to be places where there aren’t any cell phones, let alone smart meters’ – then, hey, shouldn’t we be listening, whether it’s fun or not?

Arguably an adult,

Daphne Fields Slocan

War is bad for the economy

In his letter published 13 July, Keith Newberry says that the “US has a war-based economy.” If that’s true (and I’m certainly not qualified enough to say whether it is or not), it has certainly been a dismal failure. For all the stoking of the military-industrial complex in the last ten years, the US economy is in worse shape than ever.

The myth that war is good for the economy was born in World War II when the American financial system was indeed revived by the huge stimulus provided by the war effort. But that was only because the economy had been in such bad shape before the war started, due to the lingering effects of the depression.

War is, in fact, terrible for the economy. It amounts to corporate welfare in a disastrous guise. All the money is coming from the government (i.e. taxpayers) and most of it is being wasted, because the urgency of a war situation (real or imagined) results in what is, in essence, impulsive shopping. “We need it and we need it now!” means there is no time for bargain hunting. There is an old saying that think can be attributed to Napoleon that says you can have guns or you can have butter, but you cannot have them both at the same time. For the past ten years, the American people have tried to have guns without giving up butter. It shows.

John Banta Fauquier

Nakusp needs a prison

At first blush 1 was appalled by Brian Graham’s letter regarding having a prison in Nakusp, but upon reflection I believe he has a great idea. The tourism spin-offs from such a facility could create many more jobs and more cash flow to the Upper Arrow than even Mr. Graham projects.

If they built a few extra cells they could market ‘Three Days in Stir’ prison packages, where paying tourists could learn how to license plates and dodge the affections of Bubba in the communal showers. A total-experience vacation.

How about ‘Prison Guard for a Day,’ where tourists learn the ins and outs of cattle prods, tasers, pepper spray and billy clubs as used against unruly prisoners. Sundays could feature the ‘Riot Night,’ with rubber bullets and water cannon – oh, boy! Then, when the inevitable prison breaks occur, tourists would pay to form the ‘private posse’ to chase the escapees. The Airdrie Alberta Bloodhound Breeders have already expressed some interest in having their dogs lead the chase.

While having the BC Beemers motorcycle club visit Nakusp each year is a fun event, imagine the Hell’s Angels coming to town for visitation days at the new prison. Then we’d see a real group of motorcycle enthusiasts. I can hardly wait.

If we could just get the provincial government to allow the use of prisoners on chain gangs, we could get the hot springs road straightened out in Nakusp and the road would also be 800 or so potential firefighters in town during fire season.

Nakusp would be eligible to enter the ‘Prisonville Canada’ competition if such a facility were placed here – more publicity for the village! This is a win-win situation.

So folks, don’t reject Mr. Graham’s idea out of hand. With a bit of imagination it’s not that hard to put lipstick on this pig.

Brian Barney Beaton

Open letter to Trafalgar PAC Chair

The SD#8 board and administration agree that it is important to ensure our programs and programs are meeting the changing needs of our students and our community. Although the board has elected not to pursue an independent review of decision making processes, as you have suggested, we are committed to improving our communication and engagement with the communities continued on page 5

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When we compare them for a monthly usage of 675 kWh, Fortis comes out at $75.8375 and BC Hydro comes out at $49.3665. Therefore, for every $26.4715 kWh per customer, do you feel like you are getting screwed yet?

Fortis buys extra power from BC Hydro at a cost of approximately $0.3533 per kWh (a 157% profit) and on demand at $0.06027 per kWh. It also busses some power out for large operators at $0.015 in May, June and July, $0.032 for the rest of the year.

You do have input regarding these increases. Send a letter to BC Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe St., Box 250, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3 (website: bcuc.com) saying that you feel that the rate increases are unfair.

Smart meters will come our way if we sit back and do nothing. All they will do for us is lower your monthly regular power rate. The companies’ meter readers’ vehicles. The power companies say they will decrease the invasion of privacy because their meter readers won’t come to our homes. What they don’t tell us is that they will be able to monitor your daily power use – when you get up in the morning, cook your breakfast, do your laundry, cook your supper and you go to bed – a bigger invasion of privacy. On top of that they would know your schedules and could charge you more during your higher power use. They could also sell this information to those interested in knowing what your home life is like.

If the meters were readings in the first 675 kW-h in the month and $0.06027 to $0.0667 per kW-h for everything, an average of 4 percent increase. BC Hydro is forgoing another rate increase (effective May 1, 2011) from $0.0806 per kWh to $0.0909 per kWh to help pay for their expansion and upgrades. There is also a basic customer charge of $28.93 for everything. A few Neanderthals are saying, "Me and my dogs can do anything we want – tough luck for the neighbours." Others, somewhat more reasonable, are saying, "Let’s keep our personal space, take care of it yourself." On the political level the talk is, "It’s time for the RDCK to bring in dog licensing and regulation."
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Silverton council, July 19: by Jan McMurray

• Council decided to go ahead with the Omni antenna microcell installation to improve cell phone service in Silverton. Councillor Barber was opposed.

Administrative Assistant Melisa Miles presented council with information from Health Canada, the Municipal Insurance Association (MIA), Telus and from Art Joyce, who attended the June council meeting as a delegation to speak against the installation. Acting Mayor Leah Main said she had read through all the information, and “the biggest conclusion they draw is that science doesn’t say conclusively one way or the other whether it will be bad or good for you.” The MIA reported no lawsuits against municipalities in connection with electromagnetic frequencies.

Main reported that the pole Telus had wanted to install the antenna on just outside the Village office is a hydro pole, and BC Hydro will not allow the antenna on their pole. So, Telus can either erect a pole beside the hydro pole or choose a telephone pole elsewhere in town.

Councillor Barber’s argument against the installation was mainly based on council’s responsibility to provide a safe work environment for Village staff. He pointed out that the World Health Organization has categorized radiofrequency radiation as a possible carcinogen.

After council resolved to go ahead with the installation, Councillor Barber made a motion to ask Telus to place the pole or antenna near the actuating mayor’s property if they can’t find a pole near the Village office. The motion died, as there was no second.

Main reported that Maureen Thompson had taken over the campground contract for the rest of the season. The contract with the couple hired this year was terminated, as the CAO and council were not satisfied with the condition of the campground. During public time, Kathy Provan asked if the other people who had applied for the job this year were considered when it became vacant. Main said they decided to ask Thompson based on her excellent performance when she held the contract last year.

• Councillor Johnson reported on a meeting about a Slocan Lake management plan, held June 22 with the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society, Area H Director Walter Popoff and a representative from each of the three Villages. He said Director Popoff is willing to contribute some RDCK funding towards the plan, but would like to see the Villages include this in their budgets next year.

Johnson also reported on the recent formation of the Slocan Lake Water Improvement Association, which submitted a letter and draft position paper to council. The association was formed to promote the extension of the power lines between Slocan and Silverton. Council voted to provide the association with a letter of support, and to send copies to FortisBC, which services Slocan and BC Hydro, which services Silverton.

• Council received a draft pre-feasibility report from WSA Engineering on the potential for a geothermal system in Silverton. It states: “This assessment studies the feasibility of implementing a centralized geothermal heating/cooling system using Slocan Lake as the heating/cooling source. This system could be in the form of a community heating utility that would sell heat and cooling energy to the residents and commercial buildings of Silverton and surrounding areas as a possible community management option.”

Councillor Barber expressed disappointment in the nine-page report, saying they would require a more detailed report for the $20,000 it was costing. Acting Mayor Main assured council that a more detailed report would be coming, and that this was an interim report.

• A review of the Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw, in consultation with resident and former councillor, Bruce Gardner, resulted in a recommendation to increase the councillor remuneration from $1,200 to $1,600 per year and to leave the mayor’s remuneration at $3,000 per year. Councillor and mayor stipend amounts from nine other municipalities with a population of less than 1,000 were also reviewed. Main outlined the increases of a councillor, and of the mayor, of the other nine municipalities was multiplied by Silverton’s population of 185 to come up with the recommended amounts for Silverton.

The report on Silverton’s remuneration review also recommends that if the mayor is unable to fulfill his/her duties, the acting mayor would have their stipend increased by $50 per month at the beginning of the fourth month of absence. Acting Mayor Main said this should be referred to staff because “we don’t know how to deal with a mayor on leave of absence.”

Councillor Barber said it was his understanding that Mayor Everett received his stipend before he stepped down, and this should be looked into. He also spoke against the increased stipend for councillors.

Councillor Bell explained that the increase would take effect for the new council. She also said that Mayor Everett’s advice has been sought all along and he has been kept in the loop. Councillor Barber said he thought the committee that would be reviewing the remuneration bylaw was to be made up of residents. Main said they would look into this and table the matter to the next meeting.

• Elaine Rogers was appointed as the Chief Election Officer and Melisa Miles was appointed as Deputy Election Officer. A mail ballot process/process was also approved.

• The Village of New Denver has provided $960 to the New Denver Microwaves installation given go-ahead

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COMMUNITY

Microcell installation given go-ahead

The tree planting is happening in stages. Trees (horse chestnut) have been planted in the recycling area and children’s park, and shrubs have been planted in the creekside campground. The second water pump has been installed and the electronic programming is “a work in progress.” There is one connection remaining on Seventh Street and then the water project will be completed. The breakwater and boat launch sustained damage in a recent storm, and staff is looking into the Village’s insurance for this. Public Works Foreman Leonard Casley and regular staffperson Rayn Butt were both on holiday, leaving Mark McLeod by himself for one week. Main said Silverton has in informal mutual aid agreement with New Denver, so their Public Works staff would help if needed, and Acting Administrator Elaine Rogers added that Jerry Gale is also available to help.

• The August meeting was cancelled.

The lighting is the latest in LED energy-saving bulbs with a warm tone very much like old-fashioned incandescent bulbs. The name of the restaurant itself is a reflection of New Denver’s village lifestyle.

“Else what are you going to call it? Everyone knows everyone here so people are just going to say, let’s go to Rory’s.”

In the months leading up to opening the restaurant Rory asked locals what they wanted and the response was typically “just simple, good, yummy food,” she says. “You might not get frilly things on your desserts but it will be good food.”

Customers are welcome to come in for an appetizer and a glass of wine if that’s all they want.

Rory’s on Main will be open Thursday to Monday 5-10 pm, “and if we’re closed by 9 it’s only because no one has come in.”

Rory Pownall has created a warm, inviting space at Rory’s on Main, in downtown New Denver.
What’s In Store is a treasure trove for kids of all ages

by Art Joyce

New Denver has another new business on its main street known as What’s In Store, a toy, candy and gift shop that is sure to become an irresistible magnet for kids and people of all ages.

Owner Janet Quesnel and partner were inspired to start the business when they discovered Polar Pete, a snow-making machine for snow cones. This will be the first Polar Pete in Canada. The cones are flavoured in cherry, grape, fruit punch, blueberry and other delectable taste tantalizers.

“I told some kids that came in the other day that I’m making snow in July and they thought that was so cool,” says Quesnel.

From there the idea expanded to various candies and from there to adding a line of toys. The store carries the old-fashioned mechanical toys and the more recent solar toys – the great advantage being that there’s no need to continually replace batteries. There’s even an all-metal pedal car for toddlers based on classic designs that will last long enough to become a family heirloom.

“There’s also a tin toy that’s even though it’s nostalgic, it’s new to the kids now,” says Quesnel.

Slocan council, July 11: Sustainability Plan to be finalized

by Jan McMurray

Slocan Valley (Area H) property owners will be polled to see if they would like a dog control bylaw. A report prepared by RDCK staff estimates that a dog control service in Area H would cost residents $3.70 per $10,000 of assessed property value. The total annual cost of the service is estimated at $40,000. Estimates were projected using information from the animal control service in Areas E and F.

Area H Director Walter Popoff explained that the owners of all properties in Area H will receive a package in the mail that includes a ballot asking if they would like a dog control bylaw. The RDCK report regarding the estimated cost of conducting the poll and the current, with an extensive line of solar-powered trains, robots, boats and cars. A unique train set comes with a mould for making track from recycled paper so the junior train conductor can expand the railway indefinitely. For aspiring astronauts, there are space shuttle models, collector’s coins, and even freeze-dried food packets similar to those used by actual NASA astronauts.

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For budding scientists, there will also be science-based kits. For adults, there’s Okanagan honey, honey soap and glass teapots. The store will also be selling blooming tea produced in Canada for use in the glass pots and a custom loose tea blend from the Gathering Place Tea Company out of Cortes Island, BC.

Another service the store plans to provide is ‘birthdays by design,’ where customers can order a complete set of napkins, balloons, and toys on a chosen theme, for example Toy Story. There is already a stock of birthday items. Customers will also be impressed by the store’s typically low prices.

The store – which is air-conditioned – will be open seven days a week from 10 am to 9 pm, with new hours starting in September. Janet, store owner, is happy to recycle any of the toy packaging sold in the store.

The candy is sold by weight just as in former days, which avoids having all the waste associated with individually packaged candies. The candy line includes such classics as jawbreakers, gum balls, rockets, gummies (not just those used by actual NASA astronauts). There are sugarless gums and hard and soft candies available. The toys are an eclectic selection of the classic and the current, with an extensive line of solar-powered trains, robots, boats and cars. A unique train set comes with a mould for making track from recycled paper so the junior train conductor can expand the railway indefinitely. For aspiring astronauts, there are space shuttle models, collector’s coins, and even freeze-dried food packets similar to those used by actual NASA astronauts.

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Poker Float promises another fun-filled day on the Slocan River

The float takes place along a relatively slow-moving portion of the river, but floaters should be aware there are always risks and to keep an eye open for submerged obstacles and fluctuating currents. Because of the higher than normal water along the river, the float may be quicker and the water cooler, so crafts that keep floaters out of the water might be preferable. Due to the unsettled weather, floaters may wish to phone 250-226-0008 to confirm the event is happening.

This year the fee for the event has been set at $55 per person. That figure is reduced to the regular $3 per person if a Slocan food bank donation item is brought along. This is a no-hoofer event and this policy as always will be strictly enforced.

Tourist information booth would focus on local hot springs, campgrounds, ecotourism, trail development, historical and adventure tourism. A museum component would focus on local heritage, such as the history of the Ukrainian detention camps that were built in the community during the First World War. A plaque has been placed in Edgewood to honour these citizens, with the assistance of the UCCLA (Ukrainian Canadian Cultural Liberties Association).

A showcase of green technology will feature alternative energy and building techniques, with seminars and workshops on solar energy, rainwater harvesting, low water gardening, and permaculture. Educational programs will focus on the preservation of native species and their importance to community gardens.

The art gallery would offer a separate showcase, for children’s demonstrations, sculptures, pottery, fibre arts, and more. The planned centre would include a performance facility for theatre arts, plus studios for recording, photography, and videography. There will include children’s programs to explore the ecosystem of the Arrow Lakes and Monashee Mountains.

The Edgewood Community Internet Society is hoping to establish an interpretive centre in Edgewood that will provide a showcase for local arts, heritage and business.

by Art Joyce

The Edgewood Community Internet Society is hoping to establish an interpretive centre in Edgewood that will provide a showcase for local arts, heritage and business. According to Anna Michiels of the society, the Inonokalmin Valley Interpretive Centre would act as the gateway to the Arrow Lakes, being the first information booth on Highway 6 for the Kootenays coming from the Okanagan Shuswap region.

Applications with a complete resume and a list of professional references should be forwarded to arrive on or before August 5, 2011 to:
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Nakusp council, July 12: Council votes to amend zoning bylaws

by Art Joyce

A staff report was presented by CAO Linda Tynan regarding Andrew Moffatt’s zoning concerns. Staff are recommending an amendment to Zoning Bylaw 614-2008 to allow single family dwellings as a permitted use in zones C1, C2, C4, LD1 and I. Tynan said she views this as a “quick fix” and advised council that they may still want to exclude lakeshore development (LD1) zones from the amendment. “Technically we’re starting having to do a new OCP. It’s a significant enough change that you will eventually have to add an amendment to the OCP,” Councillor Mueller proposed amending the zoning bylaw with the exclusion of the LD1 zone; the motion passed. A public hearing will be advertised.

Regarding Moffatt’s other concern, the classification of vacant land as commercial even if unused for this purpose, Tynan said she is still preparing her report. She said the problem arose from a scandal in Vancouver that caused a province-wide re-appraisal of vacant lands. “The only way vacant land will be classified as residential is if it’s in a residential-only zone from now on.” She added that BC Assessment is considered the higher authority so council may not be able to make any changes in this matter.

Valhalla Wilderness Society representatives Craig Pettitt and Anne Sherrod appeared before council to seek support for a proposal to create a mountain caribou park. Two reports with detailed maps were presented, focusing on conservation values and on protected areas in relation to Nakusp. Sherrod explained the proposed protected areas, which include the Incomappleux and Lарerdeau Valleys. Both have been heavily logged but have patches of old growth as well as trout spawning and rearing habitats for Kootenay Lake and Arrow Lakes reservoir. Very little timber harvesting remains in proposed park areas. The Incomappleux Valley includes important marshland habitat as well as old growth estimated to be 1,800 years old which scientists are eager to preserve for further study.

“If our park proposal could be adopted by the government it would be something like the West Coast Great Bear conservation area,” said Sherrod. “The mountain caribou habitat is not fully or permanently protected from IPPs, logging or tourism development. We would like to see unlogged winter range made fully part of the protected park area. The loss of it is the reason that the mountain caribou is in the state it’s in – headed for extinction unless we do something about it.”

Councillor Leitch asked if mining interests had been considered. Sherrod said that was beyond the scope of the report. “What we’re seeing is that the caribou is only one of many species that are going into extinction in BC; scientists are warning that this extinction could have implications for human health.”

Mayor Hamling reported from the ferry advisory committee that she has asked the ministry to meet with the group that wants the fixed crossing at Galena Bay, but isn’t optimistic about the prospect. “I think the ministry has made it pretty clear it’s either going to be a new ferry or a retrofit. There are a lot of highways that are a lot worse shape than ours across the province.”

Councillor Mueller reported that the community information kiosk is underway, to be built in the shape of a mushroom. Council will be invited to the “mushroom warming party.”

Councillor Hughes reported that community swim lessons have been postponed until August 2.

Wolf’s Catering and Barbecue offers unique mobile services

by Art Joyce

If specially smoked meats and custom-blended sauces get your mouth watering, then there’s a new food catering business you’ll love. Wolf’s Catering and Barbecue, owned and operated by Simon Hellyer, made its debut at the Nakusp Music Fest to rave reviews by customers. Hellyer was kitchen manager at the Kuskanax Lodge and CMH for the past 15 years and cooked for Wylie’s pub for five years before that.

The Wolf’s mobile unit is a complete commercial kitchen that can be set up on-site for everything from special events to music festivals. Wolf’s uses a homemade Carolina mustard-based barbecue sauce and smoked onions and garlic. The meat is smoked for up to eight hours in a smoker home-built by Hellyer and Joel Henschke. Everything will be set up on-site for everything from special events to music festivals. Wolf’s will be returning for every meal. Wolf’s will be heading to the Komasket music festival August 27, 2011.

Hellyer said there was plenty of good feedback from customers at the Nakusp beach this summer serving ice cream, burgers and fries, soups and other foods. The mobile unit contains a bakery to produce fresh-baked buns and desserts, and no two buns are alike, “every one like snowflakes.” Hellyer, a trained chef, can also produce themed cakes and wedding cakes. He is capable of catering for up to 100 people, depending on the complexity of the menu. Wolf’s will also be setting up an ice cream trailer at the Nakusp beach this summer serving a variety of ice creams, burgers and fries, soups and other foods.

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New Denver council, July 12: Re-zoning of Becker property granted

by Michael Dorsey

The meeting was preceded by a public hearing on the proposed zoning change on a portion of the Becker property at the end of Union Street, below Bellevue Street, from Residential to Commercial Residential. The Beckers would like to have a Bed and Breakfast there for their present and former bicycle tour clients. Six residents attended the hearing, and there were three written submissions from nine residents. The residents expressed concerns regarding possible late night parties, noise, public parking, and public access to Mori Trail by way of Becker Lane. Jorg and Ulli Becker answered questions from the public and council, commenting that their clients were a clientele of business guests who would not be making noise or conducting late night parties. They noted that the Village had named the lane Becker Lane, and said they were well aware it was public, to the point of informing visitors and locals that access to the Mori Trail and beach were available to all from the lane. They suggested that improved signage would help.

During the regular meeting, council approved the re-zoning.

• A request from Mel and Gayle Swanson, campground attendants, to close the washrooms in Centennial Park for the day of the Garlic Festival was referred to Public Affairs. The Swansons reported that the washrooms were extremely messy after last year’s festival, and not satisfactorily cleaned by the festival’s hired cleaners. The festival has portable toilets on the site, and the Swansons suggested that the Village rent two additional portable toilets, one for each side of the campgrounds.

• Mayor Wright reported meeting with Richard Johnson of the Slocan Solutions Society and an engineer to examine the public dock near Kohan Gardens. Johnson stated he felt money was available for repairs, and Wright noted that a boat cleaning station could be located on the east side of the boat launch by the Kohan Gardens. Water for a pressure washer would be supplied by the standpipe located at the gardens. Slocan Solutions has received grant funding to improve the dock and install a boat washing station there.

• Of three quotes received for painting the museum, council approved the lowest bid for $25,700 from T&J Renovations, Penticton. The other two quotes, from Nelson and Kaslo, were considerably higher.

• Councillor Greenword reported that the water reservoir was repaired. Two of the new dry wells were completed, the remaining two were in place, and the crew had concerns about the condition of the marine wharf. The Ian Zack and Mel Scroggins barge had been placed on the Mori Trail. The time taken to collect garbage had increased due to new businesses, and the crew was happy with the new pick-up truck.

• Councilor Murphy reported a request from Mel Nikkik to tour Greer Park and the north Village entrance berm. Nikki can improve Greer Park with four helpers in one day, at an estimated cost of $700. Nikkik advised that the work on the entrance berm would be done by volunteers, and Wilf Wilson had offered to organize them.

• During public time, resident Heather Fox asked council if Park and Rec would do a clean-up crew for the debris on the beach at Biglow Bay caused by the high water. Mayor Wright noted that RDCK had no plan in place, and Councillor Murphy suggested writing to Recreation Commission #6 to see if something could be done.

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Engineering firm would “make things at KMC for $65,000, and said the geothermal system can be installed for the City Hall building. Mayor Lay said he thinks the system was installed for the City Hall project with a total budget of $110,000. Terra Therma company designed and done for $65,000, pointing out that the engineering fee is too high for a project of this size.”

Village budgeted $200,000 for the project. IDQ Engineering confirmed that they will design the geothermal system for the Kembali Memorial Centre, the call for tender, participant in the tendering process and supervise the job for $45,100 plus HST. The services of TRUE Engineering will cost $19,200. The engineering fee is too high for a project of this size.

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Kaslo District: July 12: Kemp Creek reservoir contract awarded
by Jan McMurray

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New partnership formed to manage Lardeau Valley website

We now list houses for rent or sale on the ‘Where to Stay, Where to Play’ page of www.lardeauvalley.com. New information, photos and new pages will be added as the year-long project of managing the website grows successfully. The first project comes from the Columbia Basin Trust and the Kaslo and District Community Forest.

If you can’t find what you’re looking for or want to send us info or photos relevant to the site, just contact LINKS at links@lardeauvalley.com

Toad Rock Rocks event to close after nearly a decade
by Art Joyce

This was the last year for the Toad Rock Rocks motorcycle rally, which ran for nine years. Toad Rock rock camp owner owner Mary Laird emphasizes however that her business remains open, and a popular destination for motorcyclists. During the past two years Laird had begun to downsize the event to keep it under 1,000 motorcyclists.

There’s been some confusion over whether Toad Rocks is the campground but in fact I’m cancelling the rally so I can concentrate on the campground.”

Laird says the idea for Toad Rock Rocks was inspired by an associate with the BC Association of Motocyclists who suggested it could be used as a fundraiser for the association. Laird had been thinking of building a motorcycle campground on her property. The three-day event featured live music and in recent years Laird decided to focus on the Kootenay lifestyle, allowing local vendors an opportunity to showcase their wares. Some of the highlights in previous years have included the Rippin’ Ratillas, Sunshine Drive, Roxo and other local bands.

“In the early years I had artists from outside the area because locals were saying, we can listen to local bands anytime. But eventually I decided this is what I like to listen to and we have plenty of talent in the area.”

She said she has tried to dispel the “dangerous rebel’ myth associated with Harley Davidson riders, whom she says are typically well-behaved people with good jobs. Given the price tag for these motorcycles – $30,000 or more – your average Harley rider is more likely to be a sometime government official, or dentist than a criminal type.

“Consider myself to be your average Harley rider. I’m grey and middle-aged and overweight and there’s nothing scary about me at all.”

Laird says one of the reasons she’s giving up the event is that she’s tired of battling government officials and spending a small fortune on permits and licensing. She’d far rather see that money go to her charity of choice. In order to be an approved tourist location she has to have gender specific washrooms, which she refuses to do. The ensuing hassles with the Ministry of Tourism, and we have plenty of talent in the area. She says her goal is to create an atmosphere of acceptance for all so long as they’re well-behaved. “It’s what makes my business unique. People will come here and we’ve made it so that I can do it the way I want and still meet official approval.”

She relates the story of a woman from Edmonton who crashed her bike on the wooden bridge between New Denver and Kaslo on the way to Toad Rock Rocks. She was taken by her husband to Kaslo hospital, and Laird drove the resident and police to the Nelson Hospital. Two days later the woman was doing a bellydancing performance at the event.

“After the event a Toad Rocker – crash on Thursday and bellydance on Saturday when you’re 56 years old.”

Laird emphasizes that everyone is welcome at her campground – including kids and dogs – but especially motorcyclists. She says she adopted this policy due to years of hassle with the Ministry of Transportation, was just another reason for her to pull the plug. Yet Laird has won awards for her business, which has brought plenty of money into the local economy. She says her goal is to drive off the area because locals

Water Street Planning Select Committee for information, and to the Development Services Committee until the Water Street Planning Select Committee has fulfilled its terms of reference. The petition submitted at the last council meeting by Dave May regarding Water Street will also remain with the Development Services Committee until the Water Street Planning Select Committee has fulfilled its terms of reference.

Councillor Frary received a letter from Peter McAllister of the Kootenay Agroforestry Society regarding Woodlot 494 in the Back Road area. He informs council that the proposed 2011-2012 Woodlot Scenery Plan is available for review. Staff will let McAllister know that council has no concerns or comments. They will design the geothermal system for the City Hall overhang over the sidewalk.

A development variance permit (DVP) was granted for the laundromat building development to reduce the rear property line setback from 4.5 metres to 2.976 metres, to increase the height from 12 metres to 12.5 metres, and to overhang Front Street sidewalk by 1.524 metres.

Minutes of the meeting of the Liquid Waste Management Planning Select Committee held July 4 were referred to the Municipal Services Committee for discussion of terms of reference to engage an engineering consultant, terms of reference and makeup for a local planning committee, and other matters relating to the Liquid Waste Management Plan.

A letter of concern was received from outside the area because locals think the site is an accretion (growth in size over time) bylaw is so difficult to read. She said the tender for the Kemp Creek reservoir liner replacement was awarded to Magilo Installation Ltd. for $167,305 plus HST. The services of TRUE Engineering will cost $19,200. The engineering fee is too high for a project of this size.

Councillors Hewat and Cormie were authorized to register for the 2011 UBCM annual conference being held September 26-30 in Vancouver. Councillor Frary said he would not go, as he is not running for re-election in the fall.

The Village will apply for fuel treatment operation funding for Kaslo South and North prescription areas for the July 22 deadline, and will submit a strong letter to the Minister of Forests and the UCBC to update the proposed funding parameter change.

Mayor Lay explained that previously, the grant covered 75 percent of the project cost and the municipality could use funding from other programs (such as Job Opportunities Program) as its 25 percent contribution. This year, the municipality will have to come up with the 25 percent.

The Village will contact Progressive Forestry to inquire if the first edition draft Columbia Basin Trust Climate Change Action Plan, Discovery Tool publication was considered in creating prescriptions.

Streetlight repairs on A Avenue will move forward with three local contractors invited to submit tenders on the project. Foreman Walker reported that the project would cost approximately $20,000.
Kaslo Arena Association’s books are in order

by Jan McMurray

The RDCK request for a financial audit of the Kaslo and District Arena Association was rescinded at the July 21 RDCK meeting.

In an interview after the meeting, Director Andy Shadrack stated, “It’s my responsibility as the Regional District director to ensure that public funds are used properly. When I was satisfied that that was the case, I moved a motion that allowed for the release of the arena’s operational funding for 2011/12 and rescinded the audit motion.”

Director Shadrack was satisfied after the arena association had a third party review of its 2010/11 books and the reports found “nothing untoward” in its financial dealings.

“Given the size of the arena association and the scope of the limited engagement we conducted, we were satisfied it was appropriately managed and funded at all times,” said the report.

Managing your money – with the VanderBoom Team

The ages of insurance – what it means for you

Change can be tough but we live with it every day. We age, our working, personal and family life changes. Our financial goals and expectations change. And as these things change, so does our need for insurance. Here are the types of insurance that make the most sense for each of life’s three main stages.

Under 40 – As you begin to build your family, insurance should be a simple and economical solution to your emerging needs. You’ll want to protect your family by establishing a source of cash that will pay off your debts in the event of a death. Life insurance pays a lump sum to your beneficiaries. Term insurance is often the most affordable kind of life insurance for young families. It pays a specified amount to your beneficiaries, but premiums increase with each policy renewal and get very expensive over time.

Disability insurance is a must. It provides a regular income stream should you become disabled and unable to work. You may already have some disability insurance as part of your employee benefits package but backing it up with your own personal plan is a good idea.

Over 60 – Your personal and financial life are maturing and becoming more complex. To keep pace, consider increasing life insurance protection for both you and your spouse. Look at changing to a type of permanent insurance coverage that can fulfill your estate planning needs. Whole life insurance offers a guaranteed amount of coverage for life and, unlike term insurance, the premium never goes up.

Disability insurance assumes even more importance and now is the time to also check out critical illness insurance. It provides a lump sum payment that you can usually use any way you wish when you are diagnosed with a medical condition covered by the policy, such as heart attack, stroke or cancer.

Over 60 – You have different reasons for revising your insurance protection – like using life insurance to pay estate liabilities (the taxes on your registered savings plans, capital gains on real estate and other investments) so your beneficiaries can inherit the entire value of your estate free of tax consequences. Universal life and whole life insurance work well for estate creation and preservation and the investment component can be a source of non-registered retirement savings. Term insurance isn’t a good option at this time. Most term policies don’t allow renewal after age 75 or 80 and the premiums are prohibitively expensive.

The chances of disability rise with age, so check your coverage and consider adding long-term care insurance to your policy so your loved ones are not burdened with the expense of caring for you.

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Position: Slocan Valley Outreach

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• Must be flexible, available and willing to work evenings and weekends as required.

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**THE HIDDEN GARDEN gallery presents** Patrizia Menton’s UP CLOSE IN NOICE July 25-30. Reception Wed, July 27, 7-9pm. Gillian Redwood’s I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW, Aug 1-6, Reception Mon, Aug 1, 7-9 pm; and Juno’s Grantham’s LIGHTSTREAMS. Aug 8-13, Reception Wed, Aug 10, 7-9 pm.

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**The Valley Voice July 27, 2011**

The Valley Voice takes place on Sunday, August 7. Registration begins at 11 am at the Thrulls Building Guild, Perry’s Side. Because of the unsettled weather and river conditions, it’s advisable to contact Slocan Valley Recreation at 250-226-0008 close to that date to confirm if the Float will be going ahead.

SONO NES PRESS invites you to meet author Kim Muehl at a celebration and launch for her new book, The Third Crop: a personal and historical journey into the photo albums and shoeboxes of the Slocan Valley 1800s to early 1940s at the Vatican Whole, 3762 Little Slocan River Rd, Vallican. BC, Sunday, August 1, 3:30-5:00.

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NOTICES


IN LOVING MEMORY of Lorin Bennett, July 21, 2011. How we miss the welcome footsteps of the one we loved so dear. Oft we listen for his coming Fully sad that he is near. Thou are gone but not forgotten Fresh our love will ever be For as long as there is love We will always think of thee. - Miss you and Love you from your family

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Photo exhibition to celebrate 40 years of Vallican Whole

submitted

Two art exhibitions at the Kootenay Gallery of Art in Castlegar will likely be of particular interest to Slocan Valley residents. Marcia Braundy’s exhibition celebrates 40 years of community activities at the Vallican Whole Community Centre. The show, curated by Marcia Kazanjidzic of Wells, BC creates thought-provoking art on the theme of destruction wrought by the pine beetle. The opening reception, with both artists in attendance, will be Friday July 29 at 7 p.m. and the show will run until September 10.

Building the Building – Building Community, a photographic exhibition in the West Gallery profiles four decades of dedicated community work by the volunteers of the Vallican Whole Community Centre and the Rural

HOST


Alternatives Research and Training Society (RARTS), The Vallican Whole is an architecturally interesting and beautiful building created by the women, men and children of the Slocan Valley and beyond. The centre was a longtime home for the Whole School (1976-2008), and has become a centre for the education and celebration of rural ideas and practices and through 100-Mile food events, Locavore Feasts and Rural Skills Workshops.

The Vallican Whole Community Centre has been the home for Women’s Festivals sponsored by the West Kootenay Women’s Association since the 1970s, diverse fundraising events for local initiatives, and honouring community celebrations like the First Responders Ball for firefighters and emergency workers from New Denver to Crescent Valley.

This exhibition, curated by Helen Sebelius, documents through iconic and everyday photographs, taken and collected by Marcia Braundy, the construction, maintenance, community initiatives and celebratory gatherings. It also includes the recent development of the ecological sculpture park on the site. Each of these events draws from different elements and individuals that make up our larger community. In the East Gallery Claire Kazanjidzic will present her exhibition Message from the Beetle. Her work is a response to the impact on our forests as a result of the pine beetle epidemic. Her giant canvases reflect this devastation, and at the same time carrying a message of hope. The art is also a tribute to the forests of British Columbia during this International Year of the Forest.

The Kootenay Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday 10-5 p.m and is located across from the Castlegar Airport.

Artist Velisek offering private show by artist Claire Kujundzic of Wells, a photographic exhibition of her work is a response to the story of the Vallican Whole in photographs by Marcia Braundy is on exhibit at the Kootenay Gallery across from the Castlegar Airport July 29 September 10.

Peter Velisek has an exhibition of his paintings at his home in upper Vallican on August 13 and 14 between 3 and 8 pm. Recent paintings from on Heritage Way. For more information visit www.kootenaygallery.com.
Kaslo Jazz Etc. Festival celebrates 20th anniversary

by Art Joyce

The Kaslo Jazz Etc. Festival is celebrating its 20th anniversary on July 29, 30 and 31 with an eclectic, energizing mix of artists. The new Kaslo Bay Performance Facility – also known as the new floating stage – will make its appearance just in time for this landmark anniversary. The weekend will be hosted by CBC Radio Saturday Night Blues host Holger Petersen, jazzing up the festival with a healthy dose of blues.

“There has been a lot of hard work put into fundraising for this new stage facility which will be a huge asset to the whole community,” says Executive Director Jim Holland of the Kaslo Jazz Etc. Society.

Friday night will break in the new stage with three great bands, The Crackling, Dan Mangan and Delhi 2 Dublin, for the low ticket price of $35. Delhi 2 Dublin have quickly become music festival favourites since their inception in 2006, with a no-holds-barred approach to music that blends world beat, Punjabi, Celtic, electronica, dub, reggae and anything else the band can chuck into the stew. Mangan is another artist whose star is rising fast, noted by the Vancouver Province as incorporating into his songs “razor-sharp phrasing to the sage poetry of his everyday life observations.”

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This friendly-family event includes entertainment for all ages with a children’s tent full of crafts and something for almost everyone’s musical tastes. Looking for roots/folk rock? Check out Toby Beard. Need a little samba thrown in to that mix? Give Maria in the Shower a listen. Still hooked on the experimental jazz-rock fusion pioneered by Miles Davis and driven forward by bands like the Mahavishu Orchestra and Weather Report? Then don’t miss Sinistro.

Need a dash of funk and pop in your jazz? Try The Consonance. To name just a few.

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Blues lovers will thrill to the swizzling guitar sounds of David Gogo, twice awarded Guitarist of the Year at the Maple Blues Awards. Although still young in blues years, Gogo has already been honoured for a lifetime contribution to the blues in Canada by Saturday Night Blues. Jim Byrnes, a 40-year blues veteran, needs little introduction, having performed with blues legends Taj Mahal, John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters and Robert Cray. For those who can’t resist the smokin’ sounds of expertly played blues harp, check out Mark Hummel and the Blues Survivors. Hummel has been complimented by Jerry Portnoy of Muddy Waters’ band for his wide repertoire, including blues, R&B, swing and big band jazz.

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KASLO JAZZFEST
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and other kid’s activities. “We like to take that extra effort to provide the children visiting the festival their own special area,” says Debra Barrett, Kaslo Jazz Etc. children’s tent host. “This year we will be creating stringed instruments for the children to play with and bring home as a memento.”

There will be a number of workshops around town during the weekend and every evening at the Kaslo Hotel there will be a Jazz Jam. Even Jazz Fest headliners have been known to appear onstage at the jams.

Advance tickets for Saturday and Sunday are $68 each or you can purchase a three-day pass for $155. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.kaslojazzfest.com or call the office at 250-353-7548. There are still lots of camping opportunities. You can reserve camping by calling 250-353-2662.

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and other kid’s activities. “We like to take that extra effort to provide the children visiting the festival their own special area,” says Debra Barrett, Kaslo Jazz Etc. children’s tent host. “This year we will be creating stringed instruments for the children to play with and bring home as a memento.”

There will be a number of workshops around town during the weekend and every evening at the Kaslo Hotel there will be a Jazz Jam. Even Jazz Fest headliners have been known to appear onstage at the jams.

Advance tickets for Saturday and Sunday are $68 each or you can purchase a three-day pass for $155. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.kaslojazzfest.com or call the office at 250-353-7548. There are still lots of camping opportunities. You can reserve camping by calling 250-353-2662.

For those who like their blues guitar sizzling, David Gogo is a not-to-be-missed performer at this year’s Kaslo Jazz Fest.