Bear bites New Denver resident in wrestle to save dog

by Timothy Schafer

When Ralph Wilson saw his dogs being attacked by a black bear, he didn’t hesitate.

The 47-year-old New Denver man had been walking Carpenter Creek to go fishing with a friend on Thursday, September 15 when he rounded a bend in the trail and saw the commotion.

Two of the three dogs were actively engaged with the bear — the bear’s jaws were locked on his border collie’s head — so Wilson gripped his fishing rod and dove in. He swung at the surprised bear and managed to draw its attention away from the dogs, but the bear did not let go of the collie.

Wilson dropped his fishing rod and wrapped his arm around the bear in a headlock and squeezed — and he received a bite for his effort. The quick wrestling move saved the dogs and wrapped his arm around the bear, he said. "I didn’t act." Wilson said before Wilson left for the health center. "I thought my dog was dead and he would have been if I didn’t act.""But she was acting as a bear would naturally in defence of its young. It's not an unusual behaviour." Although there wasn’t much indication the bear had been on the trail for long — and was likely passing through — it was just the latest chapter in the ongoing saga of the bruin invasion in New Denver.

As one of the worst afflicted areas in the West Kootenay region for human-bear conflicts, DeBoon said there have already been eight bears trapped and destroyed this year in New Denver — more than anywhere else in the region.

"Call it the battle of the Baby Boom Bruins, but a proliferation of bears in the Slocan Valley municipality could be tied to an abundant crop of huckleberries two years ago in the Kootenays," DeBoon said.

When sows go into their den for the winter in a healthy state with a good layer of fat, he said, they certainly can have more offspring than if they were in poor condition.

"Bear populations, as are other wildlife populations, are cyclical to food availability and that appears to be one of the contributing factors here," he said.

An increase in the bear population and a scarcity of berries in the upper reaches of the region due to a late spring has bear boomerangs looking in the valley bottom in search of food.

But local bear expert Wayne McCrory disagrees. He is currently finishing a Bear Smart study on the bruins for the upper Slocan Valley and, although he admits New Denver is a real problem area compared to other areas of the Slocan Valley — both rural and otherwise — there are other contributing factors to the bear epidemic. New Denver has a much larger population of fruit trees than other areas, he said, greater than neighbouring Silverton where bear-human conflicts are almost non-existent. And with many absentee landowners, several wooded and creek travel corridors that come down into these highly nutritious food spots (orchards), and nearby viable black bear habitat, it’s a recipe for bear problems.

"So the bears aren’t in town because they are starving, that’s a myth; even during years of low huckleberry production," McCrory said. "Bears aren’t starving. If that was the case we would all be overrun in many areas."

Bears leave the huckleberry patches while they ripen in spring, said McCrory, come down for the cherries in June, and if they find it is pretty good they are going to stay in town for the summer. And they do. They hang in nearby wooded areas while other fruit ripens.

"Most people either tolerate the bears or avoid them, and they get feeling quite comfortable," he said. "If they don’t have that natural food in the interim they’ll switch to other foods, that are, in this case, more human-produced foods than they would ordinarily go after." DeBoon said.

The bear problem in New Denver is multi-layered, McCrory said. With so many fruit trees, all of the fruit cannot be picked from June to September in the village. The volunteer ‘Harvest Share’ fruit-picking program can’t gather in all of that fruit before it enters bears down into the village.

And Bear Smart presentations made to the village and the community haven’t sunk in, he said. Some people still put their trash out the night before pickup in non-bear-proof containers.

A bylaw in New Denver states that people are to place their garbage out the day of pickup and recommend freezing meat scraps until garbage day.

As well, the Province’s offloading of the Bear Smart program onto volunteer groups several years ago — like the Valhalla Wilderness Society — has meant the government’s role is relegated only to responding to complaints, and destroying the problem bears. What is needed has to come from the provincial level, McCrory said. When bears first show up in town, they need to be trapped and taken away — has meant the government’s role is relegated only to responding to complaints, and destroying the problem bears. What is needed has to come from the provincial level, McCrory said. When bears first show up in town, they need to be trapped and taken away.
North Slocan Trail Society and Kaslo Sufferfest collaborate to fix K&S Trail

by Jan McMurray

The bridge on the K&S Trail, which was washed away in the July 10 debris torrent that also damaged the Sandon road, has been replaced with a 24-inch-wide plank bridge – just in time for the Kaslo Sufferfest.

The second annual Sufferfest, happening on October 1 and 2, will use the K&S Trail, the Galena Trail, Hi Road and the Old Sandon Road for the 100-km mountain bike race on October 1. The event also offers a 40-km bike race, a 50-km trail run, a 25-km trail run and a 10-km trail run.

Race Director Janis Neufeld of Kaslo explained that the Kaslo Sufferfest Society hired a crew of professional trail workers to make sure the trails were ready for the Sufferfest races. She and Mike Koolen of New Denver, president of the newly formed North Slocan Trail Society, collaborated to repair the damage done by the debris torrent on the K&S Trail.

Koolen was very happy to have the help of the professional trail crew. "When the debris torrent came through, it wiped out access on either side of the former bridge and widened the whole creek bed by probably double," explained Koolen. "So we side-hilled a new trail on either side of the creek crossing and put in the plank bridge."

Neufeld reports that the trail crew, from Backcountry Trail Experts out of Fernie, spent 10 days doing trail work in the Kaslo and SandoNew Denver areas. She says they did a lot of work on the professional trail, making bypasses for sections that were deemed unsafe and too difficult to race on, and cleaning up areas that were log jammed.

"Kasco Sufferfest is happy to be able to fulfill its mission of contributing to the communities it is a part of by helping to establish and maintain the trail networks in the area for all users to enjoy," said Neufeld.

Koolen says the North Slocan Trail Society will not build a bridge on the K&S to the specs of the previous one until they know the area is safe. "There are huge rocks and deadfall poised to come down again. We’ll give rap proposed three seasons until we know all the debris has come down," he said.

The Province has now decided that the debris flows were not triggered by the Payne Mine portal, as was originally thought. A provincial spokesperson reported, “Staff from both Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) and the Ministry of Energy and Mines agree the slide appears to have originated in nearby natural forested steep terrain. Numerous side tributaries were contributing large flows of water to the creek at the time. The flow emptied into a channel that was not conditioned to the amount of water it then had to contain. As a result, the flow caused numerous minor erosion events and incrementally picked up considerable sediments as it flowed down the channel.”

An FLNRO spokesperson said staff found no correlation between the increased flow and the forest road maintenance in the field. The event will be open to anyone interested in trail advocacy.

Koolen said he decided to form the society because he felt there was a gap between “the more hard core free ride crowd and the more regular kind of tourists that visit New Denver and Sandon, so I was looking to develop more family oriented trails,” he said.

Society members hope to develop the K&S Trail to the standard where families can enjoy it. “It is designated by the Province as a non-motorized trail, but ATVs can access it to a point – we may be dealing with that issue down the road.”

Koolen reported that Valhalla Wilderness Society, with the help of the provincial Recreation Sites and Trails Branch headed up by Dan Relbin, will be replacing both the Payne Millsite and the Viola Mac interpretive signs along the K&S Trail, and the plaque on the two roadside interpretive signs that were fixed up with a grant from the Kootenay Savings Community Foundation.

Koolen says the Wakefield Trail has not been maintained for a number of years. The society’s priority will be to notify people that the trail goes through bear habitat and that it is quite steep and more suitable for mountain bikers than recreational cyclists.

Cody and Mike, volunteers from the newly formed North Slocan Trails Society and Lake and Henry, professional trail crew members hired by Kaslo Sufferfest repaired the damage done on the K&S Trail by the debris torrent in July. Double timbers were laid to bridge the debris that washed away, and a new access was carved into the steep side slopes of the creek. L to R: Cody, Luke, Mike, Henry.

The Valley Voice welcomes new reporter

Rupert Daily News, Parksville Morning Sun, photographer (Prince Albert Daily Herald), desk editor (Saskatoon StarPhoenix, Fort MacMurray Today) and reporter (Nanaimo Daily News, Yorkton This Week and Enterprise, Wynyard Advance, Interior News (Smithers) and Comox Valley Echo).

He also now edits The Nelson Daily, an online news website, part of the Lorne Sheep Publishing network of independent journalists in the West Kootenay.

Schafer is originally from Saskatoon.
Final appeal documents filed in Sinixt Perry Ridge court case

by Timothy Schafer

The Sinixt Nation could be back in court in Vancouver in October over their current opposition to logging on Perry Ridge.

Court records show the final ‘factum’ document for their appeal has now been filed.

Although the notice of appeal was filed March 4, 2011 with the BC Court of Appeal in Vancouver, it took several months for arguments supporting the appeal to coalesce, said Sinixt Nation’s counsel David Aaron. The factum is dated August 26, 2011.

The Sinixt are appealing the court’s decision to dismiss their petition, filed last November with court hearings in January and February, seeking the right to consultation on the Perry Ridge timber sale.

At the time of the appeal in March, the Sinixt had requested that the court hold off dismissing their petition until the appeal could be heard — which the court denied.

That same day last March, an appeal had been issued against the Sinixt blockade of Sunshine Logging’s operation on Perry Ridge.

Bear bites New Denver resident in wrestle to save dog

continued from page 1

long way away. Currently, they are taken only a short distance away.

“So it would be an early treatment for the problem,” he said.

But constrained by shrinking budgets and only five field officers left to cover the entire West Kootenay, DeBoon said management has become complicated by a lack of time and resources.

“By the time we have to get involved with a trap, we are dealing with bears that are habituated and are a public safety risk. When they get to that stage we don’t relocate them. We trap them and destroy them,” he said.

“It’s been our experience, when people prefer to have tree-ripened fruit, it gives off an enticing odour underneath fruit trees, and pick any fruit from the ground, it will attract bears and they will find it — and the problem in New Denver will continue.

“We encourage people to pick the fruit now to remove the attractants,” he said. “But people may also have to accept this year that bears are going to be around and will get a large amount of their fruit, because, basically, that is what they are after.”

Final appeal documents filed in Sinixt Perry Ridge court case

The Sinixt Nation could be back in court in Vancouver in October over their current opposition to logging on Perry Ridge.

Court records show the final ‘factum’ document for their appeal has now been filed.

Although the notice of appeal was filed March 4, 2011 with the BC Court of Appeal in Vancouver, it took several months for arguments supporting the appeal to coalesce, said Sinixt Nation’s counsel David Aaron. The factum is dated August 26, 2011.

The Sinixt are appealing the court’s decision to dismiss their petition, filed last November with court hearings in January and February, seeking the right to consultation on the Perry Ridge timber sale.

At the time of the appeal in March, the Sinixt had requested that the court hold off dismissing their petition until the appeal could be heard — which the court denied.

That same day last March, an appeal had been issued against the Sinixt blockade of Sunshine Logging’s operation on Perry Ridge.

Bear bites New Denver resident in wrestle to save dog

continued from page 1

long way away. Currently, they are taken only a short distance away.

“So it would be an early treatment for the problem,” he said.

But constrained by shrinking budgets and only five field officers left to cover the entire West Kootenay, DeBoon said management has become complicated by a lack of time and resources.

“By the time we have to get involved with a trap, we are dealing with bears that are habituated and are a public safety risk. When they get to that stage we don’t relocate them. We trap them and destroy them,” he said.

“It’s been our experience, when people prefer to have tree-ripened fruit, it gives off an enticing odour underneath fruit trees, and pick any fruit from the ground, it will attract bears and they will find it — and the problem in New Denver will continue.

“We encourage people to pick the fruit now to remove the attractants,” he said. “But people may also have to accept this year that bears are going to be around and will get a large amount of their fruit, because, basically, that is what they are after.”

A few Bear Aware tips:

• Keep barbecues clean and inside campers, and use the bear-proof garbage containers.

• Pet food left out on the back porch, barbecues and bird feeders can be bear attractants. Remove the food and clean the barbecue.

• Pick up fruit from the ground underneath fruit trees, and pick any fruit still on the trees.

To contact a conservation officer, phone 1-877-952-7277.

The Sinixt Nation could be back in court in Vancouver in October over their current opposition to logging on Perry Ridge.

Court records show the final ‘factum’ document for their appeal has now been filed.

Although the notice of appeal was filed March 4, 2011 with the BC Court of Appeal in Vancouver, it took several months for arguments supporting the appeal to coalesce, said Sinixt Nation’s counsel David Aaron. The factum is dated August 26, 2011.

The Sinixt are appealing the court’s decision to dismiss their petition, filed last November with court hearings in January and February, seeking the right to consultation on the Perry Ridge timber sale.

At the time of the appeal in March, the Sinixt had requested that the court hold off dismissing their petition until the appeal could be heard — which the court denied.

That same day last March, an appeal had been issued against the Sinixt blockade of Sunshine Logging’s operation on Perry Ridge.

Bear bites New Denver resident in wrestle to save dog

continued from page 1

long way away. Currently, they are taken only a short distance away.

“So it would be an early treatment for the problem,” he said.

But constrained by shrinking budgets and only five field officers left to cover the entire West Kootenay, DeBoon said management has become complicated by a lack of time and resources.

“By the time we have to get involved with a trap, we are dealing with bears that are habituated and are a public safety risk. When they get to that stage we don’t relocate them. We trap them and destroy them,” he said.

“It’s been our experience, when people prefer to have tree-ripened fruit, it gives off an enticing odour underneath fruit trees, and pick any fruit from the ground, it will attract bears and they will find it — and the problem in New Denver will continue.

“We encourage people to pick the fruit now to remove the attractants,” he said. “But people may also have to accept this year that bears are going to be around and will get a large amount of their fruit, because, basically, that is what they are after.”

A few Bear Aware tips:

• Keep barbecues clean and inside campers, and use the bear-proof garbage containers.

• Pet food left out on the back porch, barbecues and bird feeders can be bear attractants. Remove the food and clean the barbecue.

• Pick up fruit from the ground underneath fruit trees, and pick any fruit still on the trees.

To contact a conservation officer, phone 1-877-952-7277.

The Sinixt Nation could be back in court in Vancouver in October over their current opposition to logging on Perry Ridge.

Court records show the final ‘factum’ document for their appeal has now been filed.

Although the notice of appeal was filed March 4, 2011 with the BC Court of Appeal in Vancouver, it took several months for arguments supporting the appeal to coalesce, said Sinixt Nation’s counsel David Aaron. The factum is dated August 26, 2011.

The Sinixt are appealing the court’s decision to dismiss their petition, filed last November with court hearings in January and February, seeking the right to consultation on the Perry Ridge timber sale.

At the time of the appeal in March, the Sinixt had requested that the court hold off dismissing their petition until the appeal could be heard — which the court denied.

That same day last March, an appeal had been issued against the Sinixt blockade of Sunshine Logging’s operation on Perry Ridge.

Bear bites New Denver resident in wrestle to save dog

continued from page 1

long way away. Currently, they are taken only a short distance away.

“So it would be an early treatment for the problem,” he said.

But constrained by shrinking budgets and only five field officers left to cover the entire West Kootenay, DeBoon said management has become complicated by a lack of time and resources.

“By the time we have to get involved with a trap, we are dealing with bears that are habituated and are a public safety risk. When they get to that stage we don’t relocate them. We trap them and destroy them,” he said.

“It’s been our experience, when people prefer to have tree-ripened fruit, it gives off an enticing odour underneath fruit trees, and pick any fruit from the ground, it will attract bears and they will find it — and the problem in New Denver will continue.

“We encourage people to pick the fruit now to remove the attractants,” he said. “But people may also have to accept this year that bears are going to be around and will get a large amount of their fruit, because, basically, that is what they are after.”

A few Bear Aware tips:

• Keep barbecues clean and inside campers, and use the bear-proof garbage containers.

• Pet food left out on the back porch, barbecues and bird feeders can be bear attractants. Remove the food and clean the barbecue.

• Pick up fruit from the ground underneath fruit trees, and pick any fruit still on the trees.

To contact a conservation officer, phone 1-877-952-7277.
What about Sandon?

I swore, after writing on the subject of Sandon the last time around, that I would never do so again. Too many people get too excited. Too many long-winded letters pour in, and I feel obliged to publish opinions, even those that I disagree with. Don’t give anyone an excuse to get hysterical, I reasoned. I’m coming to the end of my term as president of the Sandon Historical Society though, and I just can’t restrain myself any more. Sandon was the largest city on the mainland of British Columbia at one time. It was built to serve the fabulously rich mines of the Silvery Slocan. It had hotels, saloons, stable, train stations, mining offices, banks, churches, houses, stores and a large red light district. Fortunes were made and gambled away on its crowded streets.

It’s a fabulous story, and it’s ours. Every year, the site draws thousands of tourists from all over the world. Unfortunately, there’s little to keep them there. They can tour the historical society’s museum, buy a few trinkets at the Prospector’s Pick, and peer through the windows of the Silversmith power house. If you don’t have an overweening interest in Vancouver transit buses from the 1960s, or happen to be on your way to Idaho Peak, there’s very little reason to ever come back.

All the stakeholders supported the idea in principle. We will need ongoing restoration work. The replica buildings need to be finished. The Vancouver trolley buses need to be hauled away. The site needs protection as a designated heritage site. A proper survey of the land needs to be done, and the crown land should be incorporated into a heritage park of some kind.

We need to encourage the thoughtful development of Sandon. Not the grandiose plans of 20 years ago to reconstruct the city, but rather some small-scale projects – a signage project would be a good place to start – 20 small-scale projects, maybe.

A project during his term in office, and for dedicating staff resources to it. It was built to serve the fabulously rich mines of the Silvery Slocan. It had hotels, saloons, stable, train stations, mining offices, banks, churches, houses, stores and a large red light district. Fortunes were made and gambled away on its crowded streets.

A project during his term in office, and for dedicating staff resources to it. It was built to serve the fabulously rich mines of the Silvery Slocan. It had hotels, saloons, stable, train stations, mining offices, banks, churches, houses, stores and a large red light district. Fortunes were made and gambled away on its crowded streets.

Peaceful co-existence with bears impossible

Peter Roulston, I admire your bravery for standing up in the face of knee-jerk environmentalism and proposing a reasonable and sadly inevitable solution to the problem of danger bears in our populated villages. These are human beings and bears are too much like us in their dietary preferences for a peaceful co-existence.

The recent, funny, and true anecdote of the bear entering the New Denver laundromat and leaving by the back door would not have been at all humorous under slightly different circumstances.

Will Chambers, Silverton

Salary freezes

It is all good and well for George Abbott to tell the public how there is no money for pay increases for teachers, as his Liberal government did to health care workers and other public employees facing bargaining. Unfortunately he neglected to mention that since taking office, such salary freezes did not apply to our elected officials, who have had the good fortune of pay hikes well in excess of any other working BC taxpayer.

Robert Fitzpatrick, Sicamous

Apathy about bear problems

I didn’t know whether to laugh or cry when I read Mr. Roulston’s quip.

What part of picking your own fruit don’t you understand?

And obviously you are totally uneducated about bear behaviour. Why are the choices in town so preferable to these bears? Because of people’s ignorance. Bears deserve respect, not garbage.

And just imagine a Rambo armed to the teeth roaming through the peaceful town of New Denver, ready to shoot when a black nose rounds a corner at any given location! Hear me?

Maybe you should move to Alabama.

Gisela Stein Nelson

Thanks for Slocan’s 110th anniversary celebration

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Slocan Village Council, the many volunteers (Peggy Ingram, Joyce Johnson, Madeleine Perriere, Helma Rainey, Pat and Peggy Ashton and MANY others) who worked tirelessly to make this special event so great. Vendors from all over the valley joined together and we had a blast! A celebration of this caliber takes incredible planning and work to accomplish under any circumstances and these folks did the job in under eight weeks. Amazing.!!

Our small village of Slocan has again shown what can happen when a spirit of cooperation, hard work, and friendly welcome is not only welcomed but put into practice.

With sincere thanks,

Mai-britt Gingras

Slocan

Walking the walk

In March of 2011, over 100 residents of Slocan Park signed a petition requesting a public meeting to discuss the proposed “very large” gravel pit application on private property at the end of Hart Road. The ministry has responded; there will be an information meeting at Slocan Park Hall on September 27 between 4 pm and 7 pm. Professionals from the consulting group representing the applicant will be in attendance with all information that is pertinent on display. They will answer questions and discuss issues. Unfortunately the owners of the property will not be in attendance. The new Chief Inspector of Mines representing the Provincial Government will be in attendance. The public will be given the opportunity to review the science behind the application, hear what is proposed and record their concerns or further inquiries through an exit survey.

Remember that the willingness to, and the success in, changing this application to something that we all live with rests solely in our hands. This is a serious issue that will affect Slocan Park residents. Please take the time to attend this meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Peter Kabel

Slocan Park

Finding a way to live with bears

Typically, Peter Roulston’s periodic diatribe against bears is predictably offensive. He usually designs the bears, it’s our territory. To support his position, he raises so much paranoid concern that we should all be locked fearfully in our houses, mowing down our fruit trees, and forced into an evening curfew. He blames our desire to find ways to co-exist with the bears by taking reasonable measures, as urged by Bear Smart, as being complicity and apathy.

If I follow Roulston’s twisted logic, that we should shoot bears when they approach town because this is our territory, I presume when he rides or walks in the bush, they’d be justified in eating him. After all, it’s THEIR territory, their habitat. Hungry animals, like hungry people, do break through boundaries with the produce wealth we have. However, I’ve been here for 44 years and this is the first year that there has been any instance of a bear hurting anyone in or around the village. I’ve heard of the occasional instance, in which a bear injured a person, involved a mother bear defending her cubs and the owner successfully saving his dogs by beating the bear off.

I’m sure Roulston would urge that the trails are ours too, and that only people matter. Because the truth is that we humans have taken everything for ourselves. Not only the town, and all the trails that surround it, but all of the land. We log it when we want, we mine it when we want, we destroy wildlife habitat whenever we want and, yes, we create a park when we want, when we can convince government to spare something from exploitation.

Because we can and do destroy or preserve as we wish, we have a responsibility to respect other forms of life and to find ways to balance our own safety with tolerance. That means a willingness to accept some slight degree of risk rather than go about slaughtering all the wildlife that could possibly, in rare circumstances, pose a risk to a human. In truth, it is not apathy and complacency to try living with the bears, but compassion and respect for life. So I urge Roulston to let cooler, more compassionate minds find the solutions.

Richard Caniell

New Denver

EDITORIAL / LETTERS POLICY

The Valley Voice welcomes letters to the editor and community news articles from our readers.

Letters and articles should be no longer than 500 words and may be edited. We reserve the right to reject any submitted material.

Please mark your letter “LETTER TO THE EDITOR.” Include your address and daytime phone number for verification purposes.

We will not knowingly publish any letter that is defamatory or libelous. We will not publish anonymous letters or letters signed with pseudonyms, except in extraordinary circumstances.

Opinions expressed in published letters are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Valley Voice.

The Valley Voice

Box 70, New Denver, BC V0G 1S0

Phone: 250-358-7218 Fax: 250-358-7793 E-Mail: valleyvoice@valleyvoice.ca Website: www.valleyvoice.ca

Publisher - Dan Nicholson • Editor - Jan McMurray • Food Editor - Andrew Rhodes

Science Editor - Richard Smith • Reporter - Timothy Schafer • Contributing writers - Michael Dorsey, Dan Spring

Published and printed in British Columbia, Canada

The Valley Voice is distributed throughout the Slocan and Arrow Lake Valleys from South Slocan/Plumbery Junction to Edgewater and Kaslo on Kootenay Lake.

Circulation is 7,600 papers, providing the most complete news and advertising coverage of any single newspaper serving this area.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: CANADA $58.24, USA $89.60, OVERSEAS $134.40. E-Mail Subscription $22.40 (Prices include HST)

Canada Post Publications Mail Agreement #40021191
Smart meters
Two pieces in the September issue of Art Joyce about presentations and interviews with BC Hydro’s Gary Murphy on smart meters were informative. The Nakedschool.com forum helped clear any doubts about sceptical to the financial, the necessity for energy management, the energy savings and the health benefits. Something about the whole process of putting smart meters on has stunk from the beginning. The process reminds me of a lot of the Campbell government’s foisting the HST onto BC citizens. “Just trust us. We are on your working behalf.”

There is an ‘Opt Out’ if we are willing to go there. With a lot of hard work and planning and no doubt higher electrical rates, we could create our own power cooperatives in our communities. Therefore, the possibility of distributed generation with solar on homes, public buildings, and farms.

There are many steep falling small creeks where the power doesn’t have to dam, divert, or run streams where the scale is kept small and natural aquatic systems are respected. How deep is the best depth that heats the hot springs in the area? Perhaps true geothermal steam generation is possible augmented with high hog fuels. As cooperatives, we could contract with the two past councils and Village employees, who have accomplished numerous strides in the past six years – a waste system for the future years for improvements to the Memorial Hall; a new Official Community Plan; new zoning to accommodate smaller lots that allow many older properties to rebuild; new campground washrooms; renovations to the arena and new supply of potable water for crops and buildings. We could just sit back in our own little corner of BC and let that be enough. Buildings and the interior of BC have diversified their life, toughen up – appropriately!

We are working on your behalf. “With that comes great power over its fellow Americans to pursue their happiness.”

The official story days after 9/11 that the air was fit to breathe, when they knew very well it was deadly. Hundreds of deaths and severe illnesses of first responders resulted from this deliberate, inhumane lie.

More lies that don’t comply with the official story include the following into their own footprint of the three steel-framed buildings, as can be only achieved by controlled demolition. WTC7 was not hit by a plane and had only a few minor office fires in it, and several people are on record at the time saying that the building was about to come down. Traces of industrial explosive used for controlled demolitions have been found on site. There was molten steel in the ruins for weeks, something only possible if demolition explosives were used. Following the attack the remains of the steel structure, vital evidence, were removed before any investigation could be undertaken. We have to ask ourselves, was the WH House forestalled an independent investigation into the building as long as it could, then it gave very inadequate support. Bush and Cheney refused to testify under oath to the commission, or without each other present. No evidence was considered that didn’t conform to the official story, and even the 9/11 commissioners have now spoken out against their own report. Hundreds of engineers, architects and other professional people do not swallow the official story of 9/11 and want a new, honest, investigation. However, there are many very powerful people who don’t, and many “patriotic” Americans who like the official story. How do you get around that way it is? Don’t hold your breath for an impartial review any time soon.

Keith Newberry
Slocan

New Denver needs an ESL
Several other towns in the interior of BC have diversified their economies by building colleges for ESL (English as a Second Language) students. I believe that New Denver should consider building a school for overseas students.

Enrollment is typically $30,000 to $50,000 / year (not counting food and lodging) and would provide a year-long boost to our economy. Furthermore, the students will be using local ski slopes, boats, movies theatres, and golf courses, which will help local businesses. All of this money would be coming from overseas, which will make the school price of the district.

Even better, the students will be here year-round, so the jobs created will be permanent and not linked to the tourist season.

We would likely wish to build dorms for the students which they could rent for the semesters that they stay with us. For students on a budget, they may be able to rent a room from families in New Denver, Roseberry and Slocan.

A library filled with books and English media would be a good fit for us.

Best of all, teaching people is an infinitely renewable resource.

Having co-ed visiting us for a year or more will help our young people gain a more cosmopolitan outlook towards the world.

Finally, if the ESL school is a success, we may branch out into other subjects. New Denver has a strong green ethic. Programs about Environmental Studies, Biology and Ecology would be a good fit for us, I believe.

If people feel that this is a good idea, there are numerous active and retired school teachers and principals in the area who could give advice on how to proceed.

We would likely need government participation to build new or help local buildings and dorms. If crown land were donated for the project, the land expense would be much smaller.

Likely the entire facilities (including library) could be built for around one million dollars. Obviously if the project goes ahead, we will have construction firms, tradesmen & women.

I strongly feel that this project would be a great, year-round boon to the people & business in the town.

R. Smith
Roseberry/Coquildam
New Denver council, September 13: Campground tree fruit members might get the axe

by Jan McMurtry

• The campground contractors wrote to council to request the removal of the two fruit trees in the campground. The fruit is not edible, only good for making juice for the children. She said one of the cherry trees is right beside the children’s playground and they’ve had to chase bears out of it several times this season. Councillor Murphy said he wanted to have a look at the trees before making a decision. The issue was referred to the next meeting.

The campground contractors also indicated in their letter that they were disappointed with the statement in the August 24 Valley Voice article that garbage was left out overnight at the campground. “We tend to all garbage cans nightly at dusk and re-bag in the morning,” they state in the letter.

• Mayor Wright reported that there was a shortfall in funding for the Secure the Shore project. Both indicate that they are opposed to the project as it relates to Bellevue Avenue. Council voted to refer the letters to the Secure the Shore project committee and council’s General Affairs committee “so they are aware of the concerns and can consider them at the appropriate time in the process,” said Mayor Wright. He said that council is not directing the project, but has input into it.

• Mayor Wright reported on the Slocan Solutions Society project to extend the public dock and install a boat washing station at Centennial Park. He said construction of the extension is almost finished and arrangements are being made to get it through customs. The extension was built in Spokane. Design of the boat washing station is also completed, and the station will be constructed on site before the end of October.

• Councillor Bunka reported on a meeting regarding the RDCK management plan with RDCK planning department staff and Area H Director Popoff. A coordinator will be seconded for the project, and each of the three villages and Area H have been asked to budget $5,000 towards the project in 2012. The CAO reported on meetings regarding the RDCK building bylaw. Due to liability issues, the RDCK would like New Denver and the other small municipalities that participate in the RDCK building inscription service to use the RDCK bylaw rather than their own building bylaws. The discussion is ongoing. Councillor Bunka said the six small municipalities involved (New Denver, Silverton, Slocan, Nakusp, Kaslo and Salmo) would be meeting soon to discuss this among themselves. Bunka said this would not come up again on the RDCK agenda until January 2012, so there is time for discussion and investigation.

• The CAO reported on the September meeting of the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission (EDC). Bunka said she “ruffled some feathers” when she asked about conflict of interest – a member of the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce board is on the EDC board, and the EDC soliciting funds from that Chamber. She said that elected local government officials must excuse themselves from the vote in this type of situation, and she wonders if some held true. For the EDC, Bunka said the Chamber member is “very valuable” on the EDC board and this was not a question of personal conflict of interest. There was no definitive answer to Bunka’s question at the meeting; there is nothing written in the EDC documents about conflict of interest. Mayor Wright said that council is directing the project as it relates to Economic Development Commission. “I am disappointed that my efforts to build a working relationship between the Commission and the Chamber of Commerce have been perceived as a conflict of interest,” he states.

Mayor Wright said that the RDCK is the body that appoints people to the EDC, not the Village, so the Village cannot accept his resignation. Councillor Bunka said she would ask the RDCK about this.

• Council received a letter from the executive director of the International Selkirk Loop asks council to consider joining the organization at a cost of $100 per year. Councillor Murphy said the memo was the best one he has ever seen, and the CAO agreed. Council decided to purchase a membership out of fees collected for business licences.

• An email from the executive director of the International Selkirk Loop asks council to consider joining the organization at a cost of $100 per year. Councillor Murphy said the memo was the best one he has ever seen, and the CAO agreed. Council decided to purchase a membership out of fees collected for business licences.

• Mayor Bunka reported on the EDC documents about a Slocan Solutions Society project to promote an alternate route to Revelstoke than the current ferry system. Council decided to look into this further and bring it back to the next meeting.

• Councillor Greenworld reported that preliminary pump test results indicate a flow of 400 gallons per minute. The current well pumps out 170 gallons per minute. The CAO said the water test well look very good, as well.

• A memo from Public Works notifies council that the old washrooms at Centennial Park are in need of some major repairs, and recommends that council begin exploring financial options for replacing them. The memo was referred to the next meeting.

• The CAO asked council to re-consider its sani-dump coupon policy, as some people from out of town are collecting coupons, and others are reselling them, indicating that the coupons may be being copied. This was referred to the General Affairs committee.

Village of New Denver

NOTICE OF 2012 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS

Section 224 of the Community Charter allows Council to exempt from taxation property:

1. (f) in relation to property that is exempt under section 220(1)(h) [buildings for public worship];
2. (i) an area of land surrounding the exempt building;

The following properties are proposed for exemption:

1. Lot 6, Block 14, Plan 9501, District Lot 542, Kootenay District (Turner Memorial United Church);
2. Lots 78 & 8, Block 35, Plan 557, District Lot 549, Kootenay Land District (St. Anthony’s Catholic Church);
3. That portion of Lot 23, Block 45, Plan 557, District Lot 549, Kootenay District (1 & 26) (26) (2) A (KM25643) (St. Stephen’s Anglican Church), commencing at the southwest corner of Lot 26, Block 45, thence north thirty-five feet, thence east forty-five feet, thence south forty-five feet to the southeast corner of Lot 23, Block 45, thence west one hundred feet to the point of commencement;
4. Lots 1-3, Block 48, Plan 557, District Lot 549, Kootenay District (Pentecostal Church);

For the year 2012

Carol Gordon, CMC Administrator

SILVERTON BUILDING SUPPLIES

216 Lake Avenue, Silverton
Phone: 358-2923
Toll-free: 1-800-332-6588
sbs@silvertonbuilding.ca
New general store opens in New Denver - June’s Trinkets & Treasures

by Jan McMurray

Yet another new business has opened in New Denver. June’s Trinkets & Treasures had its first day on Saturday, September 17 and will celebrate with a grand opening on October 1. The new general store is located where Ann’s Natural Foods used to be.

“I’ve been dreaming of opening a general store for 10 years or more, and finally the stars have lined up and I’ve been able to do it,” said store owner June McMillan-Reitmeier.

June has taken over the Sears and Purolator services, so people can continue to use those services exactly as they did when the store was Ann’s.

True to the style of a general store, June’s Trinkets & Treasures offers a wide variety of items: gifts, wrapping paper, cards, party supplies, Hallowe’en costumes, jewellery, watches, socks, hair products and accessories, personal care products, sewing supplies, board games, puzzles, school supplies, stationery, cleaning products, diapers, baby bottles, and vitamins.

“I want to keep it affordable – I’d like to keep the gift items under $20,” she said.

People will also be able to order flowers from the Kaslo florist through June’s Trinkets & Treasures.

“I want to keep it affordable – I’d like to keep the gift items under $20,” she said.

June has lived all her life in New Denver, having moved here at the tender age of one year old. When she was 13, her mother started the first Sears outlet in New Denver, in the old drug store. “I think my mother would be very proud of me,” she said.

A huge thank you is owed to Ann Bunka for supporting June in this endeavour. “She has been my mentor,” said June. “She has taught me so much, about business, and she pushed me to realize my dream and open this store. I hope her luck and legacy will rub off on me.”

June also acknowledges the huge support she has received from her husband and best friend, Rick Reitmeier, and all of her children. June’s Trinkets & Treasures joins the long list of new businesses that have opened in downtown New Denver this summer: New Market Foods, Rutabaga’s Natural Food Store, What’s in Store (gifts and candy), Inspirations by Sanderella (handcrafted gifts, coffee and crepes), Valhalla Arts (art gallery), and Rory’s on Main Restaurant. “It’s really exciting to be part of the new energy and enthusiasm in downtown New Denver,” commented June.

June McMillan-Reitmeier has opened June’s Trinkets & Treasures in the old Ann’s Natural Foods building in New Denver.
A meeting was held August 3 with the Villages because they are concerned about their own building bylaws. The RDCK bylaw instead of the Villages’ building code is part of the building inspection service area. It seems, then, that the municipalities must comply with the RDCK bylaw or find an independent alternative to building inspection. CAO Richardson told council that it would be very difficult for the Villages to support a building inspector, and recommended sticking with the RDCK. He said autonomy issues could be addressed in the OCP and zoning bylaws (heights, setbacks, etc.).

Councillor McGreal voiced her concerns, “We will all have to work with the RDCK,” she said.

Councillor Elliott said some villages have things in their bylaw that should be in their land use bylaw or zoning bylaw. He said there are still ways “to keep our autonomy” if the RDCK goes with the RDCK bylaw.

The six Villages will meet to discuss other options, such as obtaining building inspection service from Nelson or Castlegar.

Councillor Patterson reported on a meeting with Eric Clough of the Slocan Valley Seniors Housing Society, which is looking for a location to build affordable housing. The land under consideration for the project is in Slocan and is included in the wellness Centre. However, the society is looking at other locations elsewhere in the valley as well, “so even if Slocan is willing to go along with this, we may not get it,” said Patterson. The project is in very preliminary stages.

Councillor Patterson is to set up a meeting with the curling club to discuss improvements required at the curling rink by the Village’s insurance company. Required improvements include a fixed extinguishing system, i.e. a sprinkling system, to protect all cooking equipment, and to reduce water consumption in small communities. A revised proposal has been made for a project that includes leak detection, a water-main replacement plan and rain barrels for WE Graham School.

Councillor was opposed to this. Acting Corporate Services Manager David Mills provided an update on the Village’s projects under the CBT Water Smart program. The Village’s 3% loan was paid off by the Village with the CBT’s 1/3 contribution. There is $2,458 left in the budget for the project, which is expected to reduce water consumption in small communities.

Active Corporate Services Manager David Mills provided an update on the Village’s projects under the CBT Water Smart program. The Village’s 3% loan was paid off by the Village with the CBT’s 1/3 contribution. There is $2,458 left in the budget for the project, which is expected to reduce water consumption in small communities. A revised proposal has been made for a project that includes leak detection, a water-main replacement plan and rain barrels for WE Graham School.

The Village had originally wanted to apply for funds under the program for Slocan, and water meters are not considered to be a cost-effective way to reduce water consumption in small communities.

A meeting will be held on September 25th 2011 at the Legion Hall, corner of Delaney and Harold Street in Slocan village, to encourage public discussion of the economic circumstances that will prevail if the Mill closes permanently.

The meeting will commence at 4:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm. Slocan Holdings will be hosting a salmon dinner at 6:00 pm.

All those interested in the survival of the village after the closure of the mill, with the inevitable tax implications that will ensue, are invited. Please bring your ideas and hopes for the village with you.
Winlaw’s Unity Music Festival will carry on
by Jan McMurray and Timothy Schafer

The Slocan Valley is losing one music festival and has gained another. We’d heard out that 2011 marked the last year of Littlefest, a roots and indie music festival that ran for six years at Little Slocan Lodge. But 2011 also marked the first year of Winlaw’s Unity Music Festival, a great success that will be back again next year.

Chris Berger, the main force behind the Unity festival, reported that there were around 900 people in attendance at the two-day event at Sleep for Sissies. “I’ve wanted to put on a festival in Winlaw for many years, and I knew that world music, reggae and hip-hop was the right kind of music to bring in,” said Berger. “What I wanted to do with this festival was to bring community together to have a good time, and I succeeded!”

The festival producer Felicity Gervis was an invaluable member of the organizing team, Berger said, as was June Medlar, who coordinated the volunteers. “We had volunteers — and people coming to the festival — from far and wide... Kamloops and Vernon,” Berger reported. There were posters up all over the province and a presence on Facebook. “I asked a lot of people how they had found out about the festival and it was through Facebook that really helped spread the word,” she said. Berger consulted the astrological charts to see what would be an appropriate weekend to hold the festival, and found that August 26 and 27 was the right time.

“The weekends before and after that date weren’t good but the weekend we chose... the moon was in Leo, so yes, that was a great time for people to gather,” she said.

Festival organizers are all volunteers, and profits are being donated to community groups. This year, recipients are the Whole School and the Valhalla Wilderness Program at WE Graham School. Berger says they will probably set up an application process for next year.

To help keep the festival going, a non-profit society was created called the Slocan Valley Cultural Alliance, which will be putting on other arts and music events in the area. With eight founding members now, they will undertake a membership drive to add more people to the Alliance. Yearly memberships cost $10. Contact Chris Berger at 226-7902 for more information.

Dave Scanlan and friends come to Hidden Garden
submitted
Better known as the bassist in the Nelson band, Rosy, Dave Scanlan has played in a variety of Kootenay bands for several decades. He also sings and plays acoustic guitar, with a focus on original tunes, and songs by little-known artists from the American southwest.

He will be performing at the Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver on Saturday, September 24 at 7 pm.

For this performance, Scanlan will be joined by good friends Mary Bassingthwaighte, on violin, and Merv Walker on percussion.

Walker’s jolly, solid drumming has been the driving force behind some of the band’s best work. Scanlan’s bass playing has made him a Kootenay legend, and he has been the driving force behind some of the hottest blues, funk, and R&B bands in the region. In this trio, he pares it down to the bare bones, using hand drums and simple percussion instruments, and adding some vocal harmonies.

Bassingthwaighte is a classically trained violinist who has recently moved to the Nelson area from Missoula, MT. Her fabulous tone and great sense of melody add a great dimension to this trio.

A couple of very special surprise guests may join the trio on a few songs.

Admission is by donation, with all proceeds going to benefit the Hidden Garden Gallery.

NOTICE VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER
TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE
Residents of the Village of New Denver are requested to take notice that a temporary street closure on the portion of 6th Avenue between Union Street (Hwy 6) and 413 Kildare Street (St. Anthony’s Catholic Church) will take place from Wednesday, September 28, 2011, through Thursday, September 29, 2011, so that a new water connection may be made for The Rock.
Eighteen people squeezed into the chamber gallery to hear how council would handle this. Council decided to schedule a public meeting for October to hear residents’ views on the issue before considering an amendment to the OCP and zoning bylaws.

The problem stems from the fact that, since 1993, single family dwellings have not been an allowable use in the Lakeshore Development zone (LD1), which extends along the waterfront from the boat launch on Nelson Avenue west to Eighth Avenue. The many single family dwellings that were built years ago in this zone are grandfathered or “legally non conforming.”

However, a number of homeowners in byls zones have reported that because their homes are “legally non-conforming,” they are having difficulty obtaining mortgages, and that insurance companies will not provide insurance to the maximum value of their properties. Mayor Hamling reminded the gallery that this situation is not reserved just for Nakusp. It is due to policy changes at banks and insurance companies, not as a result of changes to the OCP and zoning bylaws.

As well, as stipulated in the Local Government Act, if one of these houses were significantly destroyed (over 75 per cent of the structure), owners would not be allowed to rebuild a single family dwelling there unless they applied to council to have their property rezoned.

On Tuesday night people indicated they believed council should amend the bylaws and allow single family dwellings in the zone.

The allowable uses in the Lakeshore Development zone (LD1) included retail sales, hotel, marina, multiple family residential and restaurant. This has remained the same since 1993. The intent of this is to ensure that lakefront properties will not be developed into private residences, making the waterfront inaccessible to the public.

“It’s a misconception that the last time we went to a new zoning bylaw (2008) that has changed,” said acting Village chief administrative officer Linda Tynan. “It has been consistent throughout since 1993. That is not to say that it is not time for council to look at the bylaw. That’s why I’ve cautioned on a knee jerk reaction to what one person has said. We need to have full public comment on this.”

And the voice of the people was heard, as council voted unanimously and without debate on setting an October public meeting for the whole community to discuss the issue.

One man asked if they would be paying a commercial tax rate on their property as a result of changes. Tynan said BC Assessment would only assess a property as to its use — as a residence in this case — and not according to the zoning rezoned in it. “You are taxed the same as any other residential property,” she said.

Tynan’s report also points out that council decided to have the opportunity to apply to council to have their property rezoned on an individual basis to allow for a single family residence. However, to date, it appears that no property owners have done so.

Teachers’ strike to be explained at meeting September 22

The inside track on what the current teachers’ action means locally will be available for parents of children in School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) this week.

The first District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC) meeting will be at the Nelson school board office on Thursday, September 22 at 6 pm. The evening will feature a presentation from the Kootenay Lake Teachers’ Federation, as well as the SD8 superintendent of schools, Jeff Jones, to talk about job action and what that looks like in the local schools.

The meeting is open to the public, said Susan Wilson, treasurer of both the SD8 DPAC and the BC Federation of Parent Advisory Councils. There was some concern if the senior students would receive report cards in time to apply for scholarships, said Wilson, a concern the BC Teachers Federation has quelled by saying they would provide report cards to students so they can apply for college and university entry.

The meeting will help people leading up to October 10, the next important date in the current job action. The provincial BC Teachers Federation has gone back to the courts of law asking for clarification on their job action rights.

Provincial pulls BCCPAC funding

Notice has been received from the BC Ministry of Education that the BC Federation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) can expect no funding for the 2011/12 year.

BCCPAC will not begin a fall conference this year, but will begin co-hosting regional conferences.

This has no effect whatsoever on the local PACs, said Wilson. Operating funds for local PACs come from gaming funds from the Province, called Direct Access Grants. Their funding formula is $20 per student.

The money is distributed for extracurricular events within BC (not for textbooks or classroom supplies). Although the ministry recognized the “important work being done by BCCPAC” to support district parent advisory councils and parent advisory councils’ building knowledge skills and capacity, “they weren’t able to match the $250,000 they gave you in the 2010/11 fiscal year.”

“We are unable to meet your request to provide these same grants this fiscal year and will need to provide support in a non-fiscal manner,” said Education Minister George Abbott in a September 7 letter to Ron Whiteaker, president of the BCCPAC.
Bellevue restoration work in New Denver set for this fall

by Jan McMurray

Restoration of the slope below Bellevue Avenue in New Denver is scheduled to go ahead this fall.

The recently hired project manager — Catlin Perry, a young woman from Silverton with a degree in Environmental Studies and Political Science — has come up with a planting plan for the Bellevue bank in consultation with the Secure the Shoreline project partners (the Village and Slocan Lake Garden Society).

“We’re recommending a variety of native shrubs and bushes, and eight trees,” reported Mayor Wright after the planning meeting. “We took into consideration the recent letters that have come in from interested parties as well as the ongoing public discussion we have had over the development and maintenance of the Bellevue bank over the years.”

Wright said that although the Ecosystem Restoration Plan (ERP) completed for the project recommends that 18 trees be planted on the slope, the prescription for eight trees still meets the criteria for stabilizing the bank.

Perry said the planting would probably be done during the second week of October, and would likely include mock orange, Oregon grape, Saskatoon, nootka rose, snowberry, occumapay and lilac bushes, and laurel, birch, white pine and ash trees. She said the trees would be planted along the edges of the treatment area so as not to impede the view of the lake from Bellevue Avenue.

The view is a huge issue for people in the community who are opposed to the project. A petition, available for signing at Glacier View Service and at a station sometimes set up on Bellevue Avenue, states: “We the undersigned are opposed to any planting along this area and encourage the Village of New Denver, BC to let the people be heard and opinions respected and stop this project!”

Let us continue to enjoy the view which is also an asset to help rescue workers HELP distressed boaters on the lake.”

Mayor Wright points out that public consultation over the years has proved that there is no consensus regarding the view is a huge issue for people in the community. “People living next to public land often think that the public land is theirs,” said Wright. “It’s not, and if they feel that council is not listening to them; it’s because council is trying to listen to everyone in town.”

The Secure the Shore project was initiated last fall by the Slocan Lake Garden Society (SLUGS), which approached the Village about the possibility of restoring the shoreline at Kohan Garden. Barb Yeomans of SLUGS reports that council was supportive of the idea, and suggested that the Bellevue area be included. Yeomans said SLUGS agreed to include Bellevue in the fundraising plans for the project.

Mayor Wright said, “Council was very happy to hear that there was a group willing to raise funds to mitigate any adverse effects on the Bellevue bank because of the vandalism that occurred last fall. Because of the vandalism, the restoration of the Bellevue bank is a priority for us this year.”

Last fall, 19 trees on the Bellevue bank were girdled, and council had them cut down in the spring. Despite efforts by council, including notifying the RCMP, no information has come forward to identify the person(s) responsible for this act of vandalism.

The Secure the Shore project committee had an Ecosystem Restoration Plan (ERP) done for the Kohan and Bellevue areas. The plan, completed by Eileen Snyck of Benchmark Environmental Services out of Castlegar, was submitted in late August. The $2,348.64 cost of the ERP was totally covered by Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives funding.

An application to the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) for plant materials for the restoration work has only been partially successful. Yeomans reports that two FWCP scientists visited the Kohan and Bellevue sites in June, and determined that the Bellevue site has more ecological value and is more of a priority for restoration work. FWCP agreed to provide the funds ($2,000) for the plants for the Bellevue site only. SLUGS had originally requested $7,000 from FWCP.

Perry’s $1,250 contract will be paid for by the Village. Council budgeted $1,000 for the project this year and agreed to contribute another $450 from the Village’s general maintenance budget at the most recent council meeting.

The ERP identifies two degraded areas adjacent to the Bellevue for restoration work. One is located on the slope across from the Bellevue and Seventh Avenue area. The ERP states that mature trees have been cut here over the years, “which has generated an invasive weed response and some erosion.” Another concern is that residents have been dumping yard waste here, resulting in the growth of common lilac and rhubarb. The second area is at the south end on flat land, where a stand of aspens were girdled last fall and subsequently removed by the Village. Invasive weeds have started to grow here as well.

The treatment goals listed in the ERP for the Bellevue area are: to provide habitat for songbirds; to reduce the occurrence of invasive species by planting native shrubs and trees which will out compete weed species; to prevent erosion; and to discourage residents from dumping yard waste over the bank.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with the planting can call Perry at 250-358-7107.

The Slocan Lake Garden Society and the Village of New Denver wish to gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the following for their support of the Secure the Shore Ecosystem Restoration Project (Kohan Garden, Bellevue Street), New Denver

- Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Fund, Village of New Denver
- Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Fund, Village of Silverton
- Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program

Thank you…

The Hills Recreation Society would like to extend a hearty and heartfelt thank you to all those who helped make the Hills Garlic Festival a success on September 11. In particular we would like to thank the following:

- the people of the Village of New Denver, especially the residents of the Orchard, for welcoming the Garlic Festival into Centennial Park again
- the mayor, council, and village staff for their support and assistance
- Mel and Gayle Swanson, campground hosts, for their help throughout the weekend
- all the volunteers from Hills and elsewhere who cheerfully contributed their time and energy
- Lucee Grad Classes of 2012 and 2013 for welcoming over 6000 people to the Festival, keeping the lines moving, and helping willingly with other tasks
- Katrina Sumrall and all the Green Team volunteers for managing waste and recyclables, especially for their efforts in making the composting system a success
- Al Niguid and Bill for driving the shuttle bus
- Craig Korth & Friends and Heavy Shelt for fantastic music, Flydini the Magician, Kelsey Law, Dawna McNellman, and Visions Alpuppy for great family entertainment, and Bubbles the Clown for bringing joy and smiles throughout the day
- all the growers, craftspeople, and vendors who brought their produce, wares, services, and information to the Garlic Festival and who contributed to the Hills Rec Society raffle baskets
- the community at large for supporting the Garlic Festival as a fun event and a fundraiser for the entire community.

Proceeds from the Garlic Festival provide support for the following organizations and projects:

- Hills Community Park tennis court maintenance
- Hills community recreation activities, including yoga classes, ski trail grooming, family picnic, summer youth recreation program, volunteer appreciation dinner, youth education bursaries, and involvement in development of rail corridor for public recreation
- Hills Fire/Community Hall project
- Hills Community Doukhobor Society
- Lucee School Grad Class
- Sokol Sportsmen’s Club
- Summit Lake Ski Hill

Raffle basket winners: Melinda Baldwin, Carol Bublitz, Diane Webb, Gayle Swanson, Tanis Chodala, Vanessa Hepperle, Diane Harke, Marcie Mahr

Contest winners: Best Poem — Gita Kolanda; Heaviest Clove — Diane Webb (.50 g); Largest Bulb (stiffnecked varieties) — Cindy Marcil (195 g); Largest Bulb (softnecked varieties) — no entries; Best Braid or Wreath — Diane Webb

50/50 Draw: Roger Parisotto ($511)

Visit our website: www.hillsgarlicfest.ca

Thank you one and all!! See you next year!!

Some local residents are opposed to the restoration of the slope vandalized last fall. This sign and petition were set out on Bellevue Avenue last week.
Boards of education have an opportunity right now to provide input on the Province’s funding formula for allocating operating grants to school districts. Education Minister George Abbott agreed to provide this opportunity at the request of the president of the BC School Trustees’ Association, Michael McEvoy.

“Many boards have expressed concerns about the funding formula and have called for meaningful input to the model for distributing education funds,” says McEvoy in a letter to School District 8 Board Chair Mel Joy. “These concerns vary, so it is critical for us to hear from as many boards as possible to determine the range of concerns and whether there is consensus on specific changes that should be made.”

McEvoy’s letter asks boards to send in their submissions by October 3, and says submissions will be reviewed by a representative committee, made up of eight board chairs.

“Expressions of interest have been received from board chairs who would like to sit on this committee, says McEvoy, who is reviewing the EOIs and will select eight committee members “to ensure appropriate representation of district size, geography and interests.”

McEvoy explains that the representative committee will review the submissions and prepare a report identifying areas of consensus as well as a summary of the recommendations from all boards. This report will be submitted to the ministry and Technical Review Committee (Ministry of Education committee made up of secretaries treasurers and ministry senior staff) and shared with all boards by the end of October. The Technical Review Committee will submit its recommendations to the minister and Technical Review Committee (Ministry of Education at the beginning of February.

“The Little Jake children’s adventure books by Castlegar cowboy poet, Jake Conkin, have made it to the iPad. The Adventures of Little Jake & Many Skies – All in a Hay’s Work. The game is based on the webseries, ‘The Adventures of Little Jake & Many Skies,’ which was adapted from Conkin’s books. “Little Jake is a great game, for even young children,” says Tracey Mack of Urban Safari, the company that produced the game. “It’s simple to play and there are audio cues along the way to help children along, yet it’s challenging enough for tweens and even adults to enjoy.”

This family-friendly game challenges players to stack bales of hay as high as they can, without them tipping over. In a kid-friendly Free Play mode, players use their sense of timing and hand-eye coordination to follow the target arrow to throw bales of hay and successfully stack those hay bales. As the players progress, the arrow increases in speed, and the stack begins to wobble, such as funding protection, rural supplements, etc.) and not the overall amount of funding that is made available provincially. That, of course, is a matter of ongoing concern which BCSTA continues to advocate.”

New iPad game based on Little Jake books by local author for a greater challenge. There’s also a two-player mode that allows players to play with their friends.

For older children and adults, the game offers the more challenging ‘Balance Mode,’ where the hay bales need to be stacked left and right to maintain the balance of the stack before it topples over, as well as ‘Timed Mode,’ where players compete to see how many hay bales can be stacked in 30 seconds.

Kid Riot digital, Urban Safari Entertainment and Monkey Ink Media partnered together to release the game.
**Nakusp council, September 13: No prison for Nakusp**

by Timothy Schaefer

• Nakusp is out of the running to land one of the new provincial prisons proposed for the West Kootenay, according to a report delivered by Mayor Karen Hamling.

Because there were a lot of emails for the Regional District of Central Kootenay seeking the area, Mayor Hamling asked Acting CAO Linda Tynnan to ascertain what was happening. Tynnan found out the Province is still considering the four sites they were considering before, and that Nakusp is far too removed to be considered.

“We’re too far from the courts and trying to get the prisoners back and forth is not something they will entertain,” said Mayor Hamling.

• Mayor Hamling is expected to meet with Dr. Robert Halpenny, chief executive officer of the Interior Health Authority, on September 26 over physician recruitment and communications with the region’s health care provider.

The Nakusp Hospital was set to go on diversion for the weekend of September 16-18 since they had no other doctors working over the weekend but this was avoided when the current locum, Dr. Jon Secord, agreed to stay an extra day and Dr. Norm Lea returned from his course one day early to give the village coverage.

“We may not always be this fortunate,” said the mayor in her report to council.

A report is still forthcoming from Dr. Granger on a June meeting dealing with the Rural Residency Program and the IHA looking for solutions to provide physicians for the communities.

There seems to be a lot of concern that Nakusp is not getting enough physicians because the village does not have enough businesses, said Mayor Hamling.

“That’s not the issue. The issue is the newer physicians don’t want to be here on weekends,” she said.

• In attending the recent RDCK Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting, Councillor Ulli Mueller said now the company setting up the camera is “working on it but I don’t think it is up and running for public viewing.”

Everything is in place on the Village end of it, he said, with the airport facing the insurance or the lease. “We are waiting for the guy to come and configure everything,” said Mueller.

• Village staff is being asked to provide a solution to putting in speed bumps from the new Emergency Services Building to the Nakusp Cemetery. “If there is any place in Nakusp that people are going way too fast it is along those two roads and that’s where kids and adults are along the road and someone is going to get hit,” said Councillor Joseph Hughes.

• The Columbia River Treaty information session has been set for Nakusp, with the Columbia Basin Trust’s brain trust in the village on November 15 to give people an inside look at the upcoming negotiating session. The CBT will be hosting 10 information sessions across the East and West Kootenay to increase the level of awareness around what the treaty is and how it works, as well as updating people on what is being considered as potential changes to the treaty by US and Canadian entities. People will also have an opportunity to have a conversation and share their perspectives around the future of the treaty.

**Meet Gracie!**

NEEDS A LOVING HOME!!

P.A.L.S. needs a good home for this sweet, beauty. Gracie (F5B6), is a medium hair, spayed female. She is a bit shy as she was lost and out in the wild for several months. If you would like to meet Gracie, please call P.A.L.S. at 250-265-3702 or email at info@pals-online.ca.

**List of Registered Electors**

Beginning October 4, 2011, until the close of voting in an election on November 19, 2011, a copy of the list of registered electors will, upon signature, be available for public inspection, at the Village of Nakusp office 91 1st Street NW., during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. An elector may request that their address or other information about them be omitted from or obscured on the list of electors.

**Elector Qualifications**

**Resident Electors:**

• age 18 or older; and
• a Canadian citizen; and
• a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
• a resident of the Village of Nakusp for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
• not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

**Non-resident Property Electors:**

• age 18 or older; and
• a Canadian citizen; and
• a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
• a registered owner of real property in the Village of Nakusp for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
• not entitled to register as a resident elector; and

**ADVANCE ELECTOR REGISTRATION**

Are you eligible to vote at the November 19, 2011 General Elections for Mayor and Council? Is your name on the current list of electors?

If you are not sure you can find out by calling or visiting the Village of Nakusp, 91st Street NW., telephone 250-265-3689. The office is open from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday (excluding holidays).

Advance elector registrations will be accepted at the Village of Nakusp office until September 27, 2011. In the event of the exceptions of registrations on voting days, elector registrations will not be accepted during the period September 27, 2011 to November 19, 2011.

**General Information:**

For further information on these matters, the following persons may be contacted: Anna-Marie Hogg, Chief Election Officer at 250-265-3689

Chief Election Officer

**Burton Internet Society is holding its AGM Sept. 28, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Burton Community Hall. All Internet users welcome.**

**Burton Internet Society**

Playing Sept 23, 24 & 25

Rated PG

General Information:

(250) 265-3703

**P.A.L.S. pet of the Week**

Meet Gracie!

**NEEDS A LOVING HOME!!**

P.A.L.S. needs a good home for this sweet, beauty. Gracie (F5B6), is a medium hair, spayed female. She is a bit shy as she was lost and out in the wild for several months. If you would like to meet Gracie, please call P.A.L.S. at 250-265-3702 or email at info@pals-online.ca.

**Weekly Sponsor:**

**Selkirk Realty**

950 Crescent Bay Rd

(250) 265-3635

Selkirk Realty

**P.O. Box 10**

Nakusp, BC V0G 1R0

**www.selkirkrealty.ca**

**P.O. Box 10**

Nakusp, BC V0G 1R0

**www.selkirkrealty.ca**

**Meet Gracie!**

NEEDS A LOVING HOME!!

P.A.L.S. needs a good home for this sweet, beauty. Gracie (F5B6), is a medium hair, spayed female. She is a bit shy as she was lost and out in the wild for several months. If you would like to meet Gracie, please call P.A.L.S. at 250-265-3702 or email at info@pals-online.ca.
We have expanded! Now three rooms of the best “Boho Chic” in the Kootenays!

318 Broadway St. Nakusp, BC 265-3288

www.casamandala.ca

The girls from the Nakusp Ambassador program did a stint in jail during the Nakusp and Area Fall Fair.

Wendy Tennant and Ganishka Silverfox-Dann at the Studio in Balance table, at the Nakusp and Area Fall Fair.

Slocan Valley BC Rivers Day
Sunday, September 25th
10 am – 4 pm at Appledale Hall

An free educational community event celebrating the Slocan Sinu7kin and Little Slocan Rivers Sinixt Word meaning “Spear through the Head” – A Sinixt Method of Fishing

FEATURING Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Don McPhee, Pre-eminent fish biologist and Professor Emeritus at the University of British Columbia, presenting “The History of the Fishes of the Columbia and Slocan Rivers.”

Wayne McCrory, Renowned Bear Biologist presenting “The Loss of the Salmon in the river systems and the impact to Bears and Wildlife”

Educational Video presentations:

Dr. Robert Sandford, Director of the Western Watersheds Climate Research Collaborative (WWCRC) and an associate of the Centre for Hydrology which is part of the Global Water Institute at the University of Saskatchewan.


Dr. Nathan Goodale, Archaeology Professor, Hamilton College and Principal Investigator/author of 2009 Slocan Narrows Report presentation “A Journey Upstream”

Artwork, luncheon (Salmon & Fry Bread and Vegetarian Sushi rolls, and field trip to the Slocan River and the launching of Sinixt Sturgeon noted canoe, commissioned by Harry Wong, Grandson of Alex Christian, Brilliant, BC.

Youth Event Coordinator funded by Columbia Basin Trust – Keynote speaker funded by RDCK Area

www.sinixtination.org

www.perryrigide.org
Hills Garlic Festival brings huge crowd to New Denver

by Jan McMurray

The 19th Hills Garlic Festival fell on a beautiful hot summer day this year, attracting 5,100 paid attendees. Counting the children, vendors, performers and volunteers, there were about 6,500 people on the festival grounds at New Denver’s Centennial Park on September 11.

“It was great seeing people swimming in the lake, and enjoying the good weather,” said festival coordinator Ellen Kinsel. Last year, the rainy festival day brought out 4,400 paid attendees and a total of 5,400 people. However, a vendor survey done last year showed that vendors were still happy with the volume of sales. The festival has 165 vendors, and many return year after year.

The new composting service provided by MyCroBz Bacteria Solutions out of Kado was very well received. “We are super delighted. Todd [MyCroBz owner] had a big smile on his face all day,” said Kinsel. “We had lots of positive comments – we are so glad we’re doing this.”

There were five waste stations on site, and Kinsel says the volunteers manning the stations, under the direction of Katrina Sumrall, did a very good job of explaining the new system to people. Waste was separated into food, paper, plastic and foil, and recyclables. Only the plastic and foil went to the transfer station. The MycroBz system deals with the food and paper waste.

Kinsel explained that MycroBz owner Todd Veri put the food and paper waste through a shredder immediately after the festival. The shredded material was then placed into sealed drums with the MycroBz product added. After two weeks, the compost will be fermented and will break down very quickly once added to the garden or compost pile.

Kinsel says that next year, she will strongly encourage food vendors to avoid plastic and to use paper plates and wooden cutlery instead. She said the majority of vendors indicated on last year’s survey that if required, they would use biodegradable products even if it cost them more. “But with the MycroBz system, they only have to use paper plates and wooden cutlery, which is cheaper for them, and the best for composting,” she said.

Kinsel says patrons and vendors have contacted her to thank her for such a well organized and wonderful festival, and she tells them the festival would not happen without the volunteers.

“The volunteers are fantastic!” she says. “We have a core group of people from Hills, and every year, a few more people who don’t live in Hills step forward to help.”

Several local non-profits take on tasks at the festival in exchange for a donation. The Hills Doukhobor Society helps with setup, the grad class mans the gates, the Slocan Lake Early Learning Society and Katrina Sumrall’s class manage the waste stations, and Summit Lake Ski Hill provides snow fencing.

“So the money gets spread around, and the Hills recreation programs are enjoyed by the wider community as well,” she said. “Also, people who come spend money in the area on gas, food, accommodation – the festival’s contribution to the economy is significant.”

Lucerne Principal Natasha Miles and husband Tim Sander take a shift at the recycling station at the Hills Garlic Fest.

This little guy loves the garlic from Tipiland Organic Produce.
School District 10: Arrow Lakes Distributed Learning School

Have you been thinking about going back to school, completing graduation, upgrading, or transitioning to college?

- Do you want to complete Grade 10, 11 or 12 courses at your own pace with teacher support?
- Would a storefront online learning school located at Selkirk College in Nakusp, or a classroom at Lucerne School in New Denver help you attain your educational goals?
- Would the option of working from home or around your work or family schedule suit your learning needs?
- Are you between 15 and 19 years old in the Nakusp area?
- Or 15 and older in and unable to attend Selkirk's ABE in Nakusp?

Contact Arrow Lakes Distributed Learning School:
Our Teachers: Nakusp Program - Judy Eichhorst @250-265-3640/9005 New Denver Program - Scott Kipkie @250-358-7222 Principal, Arrow Lakes DL School, Ms. Terry Taylor @250-358-7222 (M, T, Wed am) @250-265-3638 (Wed pm, Th, F)

Notes from the RCMP

- A package the size of a shoebox containing a pipe bomb and other explosive material was discovered at Kokanee Provincial Park on September 7. As soon as it was found near the boat launch at approximately 10:30 am, RCMP secured the area until the Explosive Bomb Disposal Unit (EDU) arrived from the Lower Mainland. At 4:30 pm, the park was fully open again after the EDU successfully neutralized the explosives.
- The package did not appear to be in the park for detonation, but left behind by someone for storage and retrieval at a later time.
- The Nelson Rural RCMP detachment is seeking the public’s assistance on this.
- Anyone with information is asked to phone the detachment at 250-352-2156 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.
- A couple from Kaslo suffered minor injuries in a vehicle accident on Highway 3 at the Columbia Bridge while they were traveling toward Castlegar on September 12. The couple was in a 2003 GMC Safari van.
- The van crossed the centre line and struck a lamp standard and rolled, trapping both occupants inside the vehicle.
- They were safely removed and taken to Kootenay Lake Hospital. Both occupants were wearing their seatbelts, which greatly assisted in reducing their injuries.
- A possible mechanical failure of the vehicle was being investigated.
- A woman from Slocan driving a 1999 Jeep Cherokee received minor injuries after she hit a power pole in Crescent Valley on September 13. The road was closed, opened to single lane traffic after about an hour, and fully opened after about two hours. Power was out until 6 pm, affecting about 952 FortisBC customers in Crescent Valley and Slocan Park. A medical issue is believed to have contributed to the cause of the accident.
 NOTICE TO TRAIL USERS: The Kaslo Sufferfest will be using the following trails for the 100 km Mt Bike race on Oct 1 between 7 am and 10 am: The Galena Trail, K&S Trail, H-Road and Old Sandon Road. There will be approximately 50 racers taking part. The trails continue to be open to the public, however they will be busy and we ask that you take extra caution and consideration. Racers will be moving FAST and we do not want any collisions. Sorry for any inconvenience, and we appreciate your cooperation. The Kaslo Sufferfest Society Janis@kaslosufferfest.com

KASLO SUFFERFEST 2011: Will pass through New Denver on Saturday, Oct 1, between 7:30 am – 9 am, using Hwy 6 from the bridge to the 4 way stop & Hwy 31A to the Galena Trail entrance. Come out and cheer on these incredible athletes as they embark on a 100 km Mt Bike race. Drivers are asked to be cautious and respect marshal’s instructions. THANK-YOU for your consideration. Kaslo Sufferfest Society. Janis@kaslosufferfest.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
Unless noted otherwise, all activities take place in the Grassy Lot next to the Kaslo Hotel.

**Thursday & Friday, Sept. 29 & 30**
9 am – 5 pm Registration

**Saturday, October 1**
7 am Start of the 100 km Mt Bike from Sandon
9 am – 5 pm Area Races
9:30 am – 11:30 am Kid’s Races
10 am – 6 pm LIVEN MUSIC
12 pm Kid’s Awards
1 pm Start of the 40 km XC bike race
1 pm – 7 pm XC MTB Racers crossing finish line
7 pm Awards for XC Races at the Kaslo Hotel
8 pm Shred Kelly LIVE at the Kaslo Hotel

**Sunday, October 2**
6 am 50 km Tour Start Run
7 am – 10 am Registration
8:30 am – 3:30 pm Tour Runners crossing finish line
9:30 am 10 km Tour Start from True Blue Rec Area
10 am – 4 pm LIVEN MUSIC
4 pm Awards

Kaslo council, September 13: Regional Fire Plan coalescing
by Jan McMurray
• Council gave the go-ahead for the Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department to become an RDCK service as outlined in a report from Regional Fire Chief Terry Swan. Swan’s report states that the RDCK will construct a new fire station/ emergency services centre as soon as possible, with the Village providing the land as well as water services, including a fire hydrant, for the new facility. Area D Director Shadrack will provide a grant equivalent to the value of the land (estimated at $85,000) plus the cost of the water service and fire hydrant (estimated at $15,000). Kaslo Search and Rescue and the Canadian Coast Guard will be invited to occupy space in the new facility. The estimated cost of constructing the new centre is $1,430,000.

REAL ESTATE IN KASLO AND NORTH KOOTENAY LAKE
www.century21kaslo.com
kul@century21kaslo.com
250-505-4722

CENTURY 21 MOUNTAINVIEW REALTY LTD.

NOTICE TO TRAIL USERS: The Kaslo Sufferfest will be using the following trails for the 100 km MTB race on Oct 1 between 7 am and 10 am: The Galena Trail, K&S Trail, H-Road and Old Sandon Road. There will be approximately 50 racers taking part. The trails continue to be open to the public, however they will be busy and we ask that you take extra caution and consideration. Racers will be moving FAST and we do not want any collisions. Sorry for any inconvenience, and we appreciate your cooperation. The Kaslo Sufferfest Society. Janis@kaslosufferfest.com

KASLO SUFFERFEST 2011: Will pass through New Denver on Saturday, Oct 1, between 7:30 am – 9 am. Using Hwy 6 from the bridge to the 4 way stop & Hwy 31A to the Galena Trail entrance. Come out and cheer on these incredible athletes as they embark on a 100 km MTB race. Drivers are asked to be cautious and respect marshal’s instructions. THANK-YOU for your consideration. Kaslo Sufferfest Society. Janis@kaslosufferfest.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
Unless noted otherwise, all activities take place in the Grassy Lot next to the Kaslo Hotel.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 & 30

**Saturday, October 1**

7 am
Start of the 100 km MTB from Sandon

9 am – 5 pm
Area Races

9:30 am – 11:30 am
Kid’s Races

10 am – 6 pm
LIVEN MUSIC

12 pm
Kid’s Awards

1 pm
Start of the 40 km XC MTB race

1 pm – 7 pm
XC MTB Racers crossing finish line

7 pm
Awards for XC Races at the Kaslo Hotel

8 pm
Shred Kelly LIVE at the Kaslo Hotel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

6 am
50 km Tour Start Run

7 am – 10 am
Registration

8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Tour Runners crossing finish line

9:30 am
10 km Tour Start from True Blue Rec Area

10 am – 4 pm
LIVEN MUSIC

4 pm
Awards

KASLO & DISTRICT 13: Regional Fire Plan coalescing
COMMUNITY

Nakusp trails group takes on seven trails and applies for rail trail

Submitted

Ten of the Kootenay’s best dancers will thrill you with a trip around the world in one night through contemporary dance.

With dance styles ranging from ballet to Bollywood to modern, and a wide variety of music including French pop, electronic, classical, East Indian, plus a little Beck and Manu Chao, this entertaining evening of dance has the potential to excite and inspire.

It’s appropriate for all ages.

There are only two performances scheduled, in Kaslo at Lighthouse Theatre on Friday, October 7 (7:30 pm), and one week later in Nelson at the Capitol Theatre, Friday, October 14, 7:30 pm.

Tickets for the Kaslo show are available at Sunnyside Naturals for $15 for general admission and $10 for students or seniors.

In Nelson, tickets are available at the Capitol Box Office for $20 for general admission and $16 for students or seniors.

by Timothy Schafer

The Nakusp and Area Community Trails Society has had “a busy inaugural summer,” according to its September newsletter.

They have entered into a formal partnership with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Recreation Sites and Trails Branch, giving them official stewardship of the following trails: Kimbol Lake Trail; Kuskanax Mountain Trail (Mac’s Trail); Cedar Grove Trail; Kuskanax Creek Trail (Hot Springs Trail); Box Lake Trail; Wensley Creek Ski Trails (summer use); and Saddle Mountain Lookout Trail.

Dan Reiben, district recreation officer, helped in obtaining this partnership.

The society’s stewardship team has inspected most of these trails this summer and the maintenance team has begun work, with extensive brushing, clearing and water barring on Kimbol and Kuskanax trails, and general cleanup of Kuskanax Mountain Trail.

The society now heads into tricky waters as they begin application for stewardship of the railbed from Nakusp to Summit Lake.

This is a very complicated issue, as the section from Nakusp to Summit Lake is in the RDCK’s Area K, while the section from Summit Lake Hill onwards is in Area H.

“There have been issues as to whether or not the group will ultimately manage this section [from Summit Lake to Rosebery],” reads the newsletter. Environmental, private property, and non-motorized versus motorized use issues have held up discussions.

“Hopefully, we can all cooperate and resolve these problems before the rail bed is badly damaged by water, beaver dams and improper usage,” the newsletter states.

The group biked the trail from Summit Lake to Hills this past summer, and found it overgrown with brush and grass. They found four places where the trail is completely washed away – one of these washouts is a result of a landslide originating to the north of the highway. In other places, culverts are washed out, and high water in the creek has eroded the trail.

The society also plans to be involved in the maintenance and signage plans for the Wrap Around Nakusp Trail, in partnership with the Village of Nakusp.

The society now has about 40 members and they are looking for more. Membership forms can be obtained at Merixtell Books and Little Mountain Outdoor Gear in Nakusp.

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Advance Elector Registration

2011 General Electors

A registered owner of real property either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust. School District No. 8 Kootenay Lake electoral area for which the voting is taking place for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration.

If there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

List of Registered Electors

Beginning October 04, 2011 until the close of general voting on November 15, 2011, a copy of the list of registered electors will, upon signature, be available for public inspection, at School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), 570 Johnstone Road, Nelson BC, during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. NOTE: An elector may request that personal information respecting the elector be omitted from or obscured on the list for protection of privacy.

Objection to Registration of an Elector

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the list of registered electors may be made in accordance with the Local Government Act until 4:00 pm on October 14, 2011, and must be in writing and may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of School District No. 8 and can only be made on the basis that the person whose name appears has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector for School District No. 8.

For further information on these matters, contact the following persons:

Audrey Mackenzie, Chief Election Officer 250-505-7046
Wilkie Makowsko, Deputy Chief Election Officer 250-505-7071 or toll free 1-877-220-2288.

A. Mackenzie, Chief Election Officer

Ten of the Kootenay’s best dancers will thrill you with a trip around the world in one night through contemporary dance.
ALAC announces concert series in silver anniversary year of Bonnington Arts Centre

The Arrow Lakes Arts Council (ALAC) announces its concert series for the 2011-2012 season. Now in its 34th year of supporting arts-related activities in the Arrow Lakes region, ALAC is offering six concerts in the concert series.

The concert series is being offered in three ways again this year. Tickets may be purchased for each concert, or in packages of three or six series tickets. Those who purchase the package of three or six will have an assigned seat, and the single ticket holders will have open seating.

The season ticket holders from last year will be contacted and their seats from last year will be held for them until September 30. The renewed packages will be available at this time. Anyone else who wishes to take advantage of the package deals may contact Marilyn Massey at 250-265-4087.

The Arrow Lakes Arts Council is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Bonnington Arts Centre this year. The signing of the contract between ALAC and School District #10 occurred 25 years ago, on September 30, to open the renovated school gym into an arts centre for the Arrow Lakes. This event is being celebrated with visual arts displays, an opening ceremony with those involved in fulfilling the vision of this centre, and performing artists. There will also be a reception with an anniversary cake. The public is invited to come and help celebrate on Friday, September 30 at 6 pm. Everyone welcome.

This year’s concert series starts on Wednesday, November 16 with Trio Hochelaga at the Bonnington Arts Centre. Trio Hochelaga, bearing Montreal’s original Iroquois name, has, since its inception in 2000, rapidly distinguished itself on the Canadian music scene as one of the country’s most important musical ensembles. Violinist Anne Roberts, cellist Paul Marleyn and pianist Stephane Lemelin share their passion for the chamber music repertoire ranging from the classical era to contemporary music. Trio Hochelaga has participated in major music festivals in Canada, performed with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, and toured China, Taiwan and Japan. In 2010, their debut at Wigmore Hall in London, England, was one of the highlights for celebrating their tenth anniversary.

The second concert of the series will be Mirror Theatre, on Saturday, November 26. Mirror Theatre, our West Kootenay Artist Concert this season, is again part of the regular season. They will be bringing to the Bonnington Arts Centre a British farce called It’s a Pantomime But Not As We Know It, by Andrew Yates. The crew of the SpaceShip Centipede interrupt their 100-year mission to help the seven dwarves wake up Snow White, and on the way they help Cinderella get the man of her dreams... just another day on the final frontier, give or take the evil queen and mice. This is the second Panto presentation by Mirror Theatre.

The Time Capsule Tour – and the results are so memorable, dance, theatre and day-to-day life are displayed in the contents of a time capsule at each concert! One of the highlights of the season’s concert series. Ted and Marion have taken the art of illusion to new heights by combining it with dance, theatre and day-to-day life – and the results are so memorable, you will want to put them in a time capsule! One of the highlights of the Time Capsule Tour is the prediction of the contents of a time capsule at each performance. On Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 pm, Bax and Chung will be performing in the Bonnington Arts Centre. Bax and Chung perform a delightful one piano, four hands program of music, inspired by dance. Highlights of this uplifting program include Dvorak’s Slavonic Dances, Stravinsky’s Petrushka, Ravel’s Mother Goose Suite, and tangos by Piazzolla. The real life marriage of two great concert pianists, Lucille Chung and Alessio Bax, has led to one of the best piano duos of their generation. A musical love story, this powerful duo has appeared in the United Kingdom, Europe, China, Korea, Central America, USA and Canada. Connecting with audiences as a powerful duo, Bax and Chung are a perfect combination of balance, unity and individual personalities.

The final concert of the season will be on Saturday, March 17 at the Bonnington Arts Centre. Bring out your funny bones! Lorne Elliott is set to send your piggies “madly off in all directions.” With his barely tamed afro, his rubbery face and his miniature guitar, the Canadian musical comedian is the master of all that is silly, sidesplitting and strange. Combining his musical numbers and skits, Elliott is a shrewd observer of the behaviour of the Canadian human animal. Often self-deprecating, always silly and never profane, Elliott has been performing professionally for more than two decades. His ability to entertain is as keen as his wit. Lorne has been featured at numerous theatre arts festivals. He is also an award-winning playwright and his plays are regularly produced across Canada.

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan

Notice of 2011 Tax Sale

The following properties will be sold at the Annual Tax Sale on Monday September 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Municipal Office, Village of Slocan, 503 Slocan Street, unless the Delinquent Taxes with interest are paid prior to the sale:

Roll Number: #94000
Lot 11 & 12, Block 12, District Lot 292
PID: 016-310-802 & PID: 016-310-837
Street Address: 517 Arthur Street, Slocan BC, V0G 2C0

Roll Number: #165000
Lots 19 & 20 Block 23, Plan 496, District Lot 292
PID 017-123-062 & 017-123-071
Street Address: 701 Harold Street, Slocan BC, V0G 2C0

Roll Number: #222800
Parcel C, Block 46, Plan 496, District Lot 292
PID: 023-843-144
Street Address: 1101 Nelson Street, Slocan BC, V0G 2C0

Roll Number: #241000
Lot 11, Block 54, Plan 496, District Lot 292
PID: 016-238-052
Street Address: 520 Springer Street, Slocan BC, V0G 2C0

Property transfers resulting from municipal tax sales are subject to tax under the Property Transfer Tax Act.

Jack Richardson
Chief Administrative Officer
Respected international tourism organization falls victim to fraud

A “valued” member of the International Selkirk Loop (ISL) is alleged to have embezzled funds from the organization.

Suspicion of missing funds was brought to light during a recent tax preparation, and was later verified by an independent CPA firm, states a press release issued by ISL on September 13.

The case is currently under investigation, with the prosecuting attorney having verified information and leveling three felony charges of grand theft. The case will be tried in Kootenai County.

The “trusted former employee” of the ISL has shaken the trust of the organization, said Carol Graham, executive director for the ISL.

She said the first thoughts were about ISL’s member businesses (including many from the Slocan Valley, Nelson and the West Kootenay) the organization, and how this event would affect overall operation.

“This person was a coworker, a valued associate and in a position of trust, and that trust has clearly been violated,” she said.

But the ISL is on firm financial ground, and the alleged incident will in no way impact the current or future health of the organization, added John Reed, chair of the ISL.

“A thorough review of all financial practices is underway, and new policies will be put into effect in order to ensure that anything of this nature never happens again” he said.

The award-winning International Selkirk Loop was founded over 10 years ago, and is North America’s only international driving loop, including major parts of the West Kootenay.

It is comprised of a series of roadways and over 350 member businesses in 65 vibrant communities, which encircle the

However, as we reach peak oil, we are spending more and more to get poorer quality oil. Currently, Saudi Arabia’s remaining oil reserves require it be cooked (rather than burning their own oil to do this, they are importing liquid natural gas in tankers). The energy return of the Saudi heavy crude is about 4 to 1. The Alberta tar sands have an energy ratio of about 2 to 1. These high energy costs to extract and process the oil will drive the price up. At the same time, rising demand in China, India and elsewhere will further increase the cost per barrel. When we pass peak oil, and the production begins to decline, demand will need excess production and energy auctions will send the oil prices through the roof.

People have suggested switching to an alcohol economy. Ethanol has an energy ratio between 2 to 3. Methanol is close to 10 to 1. So I do think that we could switch to alcohol, but we must get away from food alcohol.

Coal is following a similar pattern. The high quality anthracite coal is long gone. Bituminous is in steep decline. Sub-bituminous has peaked and dirty lignite is being burnt in increasing amounts. But the brown coals return much less energy/energy cost than anthracite.

Summary:
We’ve been assured that “there is plenty of oil left” and if the price goes up we will get it. But the cheap light oil is long gone. There is oil left, but it won’t be easy or cheap to get this oil out. And even if we do, it won’t be quick to get. The remaining oil will take huge capital investments and long lead times to extract even after oil prices skyrocket.

It is past time to look for better energy solutions.

More information:

Science Spot:
with Richard Smith

Energy extraction costs and peak oil

‘Peak Oil’ is the point where oil production peaks before its decline. Despite oil company executives saying that peak oil is many years in the future, I feel that there is strong evidence that oil production has currently peaked or will do so soon. Regardless of when peak oil will occur, and much to continue to be a key point, often ignored in debates.

When the first industrialized oil fields came online in the early 1930s, in Texas, they were so close to the surface that one unit of energy invested to free this light crude would produce 90 to 100 units of energy. Look at the amount of energy gained and divide it into the energy invested. Early oil had a huge payback – about 100 to 1.

This led to a period of boom time economic growth, unprecedented in world history.

However, the near surface oil deposits are gone. The oil reserves we now find are much deeper, in hard-to-get-at places. So the energy return/energy investment is much poorer. Oil 100 kilometres offshore and two kilometres below the sea floor is extremely expensive to extract.

A further problem is that the oil found is no longer light crude. It is heavier, sulfur contaminated, and much harder to extract, pump along pipes and refine. For many years we have been consuming harder-to-get oil. In the 1970s, the oil being burnt had an energy return ratio of about 25 to 1. By the 1990s, the oil being burnt had energy ratios of 18 to 1 down to 10 to 1.
Gambling help is here for West Kootenay residents

The approach is non-judgmental and the client sets their own goals for a healthier life,” she said. “All sessions are in the client’s community, or even on the phone if desired.”

Her services are available to anybody who thinks he or she may have a problem and wants to make positive changes in their lives. The confidential counselling services are free of charge and every effort is made to reduce barriers to service – which is available from Grand Forks to Cranbrook.

“By the time they call for help, problem gamblers are frequently desperate and sometimes suicidal,” she said in a release. “They may be facing the prospect of bankruptcy, destroying a relationship, or losing property or a job.”

Help is also available free to the families and loved ones of gamblers. Le Duigou also provides prevention services, such as information booths at community events, colleges, interactive presentations for grades six, eight and high school, as well as to other groups, such as churches, parents, seniors and service clubs.

Look for upcoming information booths at the Pass Creek, Rock Creek/Boundary and Creston Fall Fairs.

Anybody interested in learning more about problem gambling prevention can request a presentation tailored to their group,” said Le Duigou. “There is even training available for community and medical professionals who may be the first to see the signs of a problem.”

If you need help or information because of your own or someone else’s gambling, you can call the Problem Gambling Help Line 24 hours a day at 1-888-795-6111. You can also call Celeste directly at 250-608-2254.

West Kootenay skeptics unite

“Modern world civilization is based upon the achievements of science, and CFI is an authoritative and credible voice defending the scientific outlook in examining belief systems, human values and pseudoscience.”

A Nelson and area skeptics’ discussion group is currently being formed through the Centre for Inquiry (CFI). Spearheading the group will be Nina George. George has recently participated in Kelowna’s CFI group.

CFI community groups provide places for discussion, educational seminars and special speaker events promoting science, reason and free inquiry. Skeptics in the Pub is a popular activity where skeptics and other like-minded individuals meet for informal fellowship and networking.

It is an opportunity for skeptics and rationalists to talk, share ideas in a relaxed, casual atmosphere and discuss topical issues, while promoting critical thinking, good science, and rationality.

The Nelson and area skeptics’ discussion group will be part of Nelson’s first Skeptics in the Pub located at Bogustown Pub in Nelson, Wednesday, October 5, 7-10 pm.

A detailed presentation of CFI will start at 7:30 pm. Future events such as educational seminars and speaking events will be planned for later dates.

For more information, contact Nina George at 250 359 6981.

PREFACE TO THE REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the list of registered electors may be made in accordance with the Local Government Act until 4:00 pm on Friday, October 14, 2011. An objection must be in writing and may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the Village of New Denver and can only be made on the basis that the person whose name appears has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the Village of New Denver.

For further information on these matters, the following persons may be contacted:

Carol Gordon, Chief Election Officer or Catherine Allaway, Deputy Chief Election Officer at 250-358-2316.
We have four healthy 9-week old puppies, choc lab, gold retriever, staffy crosses, all different, for adoption. Call the foster home at 250-352-2008 or check www.homes4animals.com for more info.

by Timothy Schafer
Kaslo area artist Brent Bukowski has been chosen to create the legacy which is the railing for the Railtown Bridge at the end of Baker Street in Nelson.

Chosen by an independent jury from the City’s Cultural Development Commission, Bukowski’s design was chosen out of a score of submitted designs from regional artists.

The design is an array of cogs and wheels of that which has crossed Cottonwood Creek, including wagon wheels, skateboards and everything in between, said Bukowski about his design idea.

Using primarily found objects such as metal and glass – the majority of which are reclaimed from forestry and mining waste – Bukowski has created much sought after art that has appeared in homes and galleries across Canada, including Touchstone Nelson.

Along with Bukowski’s first public art commission, the project is a first for the City as well, being the first art commission arising out of the City’s Downtown and Waterfront Master Plan.

Provincial grant funds received through the LocalMotion program will be used for the railing, and to install sidewalks, curbing and heritage light standards at the four-way stop at the foot of Baker Street. Visit www.brentbukowski.ca for more info, and to link to his Facebook page where you can follow the progress of the project.

Finding the heart and soul of the food movement can sometimes mean getting your hands dirty – in a good way. Kristeva Dowling’s Chicken Poop for the Soul (Caitlin Press, 2011) is a witty, humorous and often bizarre journey of trial and error as the author sheds urban life for rural independence.

Dowling reads from her book on Tuesday, September 27 at the Nelson Public Library and Wednesday, September 28 in Kaslo at St Andrew’s Heritage Hall.

The Kaslo event, in partnership with the Kootenay Food Security Project, starts with a dessert potluck at 6:30 pm, followed by Kristeva’s reading at 7:30 pm.

Coordinator for the Kootenay Food Security Project Aimee Watson was excited to participate in bringing Dowling to North Kootenay Lake.

“Kristeva’s story serves as inspiration for many who have moved to the Kootenay region to create a life of self-sufficiency. It is an essential story we need to hear,” she said.

Food sovereignty is defined as having the right to determine where your food comes from and how it is produced. In 2008, alarmed by the impact agro-business was having on Canadian food quality and security, Dowling decided to take control of her own food source.

In an attempt to achieve 100 percent self-sufficiency on her small holding in BC’s Bella Coola Valley, she ploughed under her land, converted her garage to an intensive care unit for chickens and learned to hunt, fish, gather and preserve her own food. Chicken Poop for the Soul is about a common dream: to leave the city and return to a simpler life.

Both readings are a celebration of good, local food; at Kaslo’s potluck dessert event, local ingredients will be featured. Dessert chefs are asked to bring desserts to the hall by 6:30 pm, with a tag indicating ingredients. The Nelson Library reading is co-sponsored by the Kootenay Country Store Co-operative, which will also provide refreshments that grand co-op community tradition.

Both readings begin at 7:30 pm. Dowling’s reading tour is a project of the Kootenay Library Federation and the host libraries.
AUDIENCES for “KHAOS” OPERA
- The Amy Fergen Institute invites experienced singers interested in joining the chorus for the world premiere performances of the newly commissioned opera, KHAOS, to audition on Saturday, September 24th. For more information and to schedule an audition call Mary Hopkins at 250-352-2959 or e-mail mar-len@shaw.ca. Visit khaosopera.com to learn more about this exciting new opera that will premiere in Nelson in 2012.

CLASSIFIED ADS
THE WINLAY HALL SOCIETY would like to say Thanks to everyone who helped make our 12th annual Slocan Valley Fall Fair a great success. Including but not limited to: Kootenay Savings Credit Union, Playmore Power Products, Forn’s Bakery, Four Seasons Greenhouse, Walter Popoff ROCK, Lynda Laffeur CBT, Mt Sentinel Quest Kids, Ruth and Dean Winlaw Ambulances, Ted and Mo Settle, all the vendors, local volunteers, musicians, and everyone that brought exhibits to enter, and to everyone who helped make our heritage display a big hit.

THANK YOU to all our friends and neighbors for the good wishes. New Denver has been our home off and on for the past 62 years. You are all very special people – we have many happy memories, sometimes sad. We love you all. God’s Blessing.

THANKS to What’s In Store! and Barbara’s for generous donations of prizes to winners of the 2011 Rosebery Regatta! We really appreciate your support. Sigwald, 2010 Commerende Galore and First Mate, Carla.

COMING EVENTS
- The Market happens in New Denver every Friday, June through September, 10 am to 2 pm on 6th and Kildare – local produce and artisan’s wares. Ph 250-358-7733.

THE HEALING DEN in New Denver - bringing today’s great spiritual teachers closer to home presents two ‘audio’ workshops this fall. Sept. 24 & 25 Workshop #1 - Advanced Chakra Wisdom - Insights & Practices for Transforming Your Life with Cyndi Dale, world-renowned author and intuitive healer. Whether you have a lot of previous knowledge of the chakras or very little and want to learn more, this workshop is for you. Workshop #2 coming in Oct. How to Meditate - a practical guide to starting your practice with your mentor with Pema Chodron. Email Karen Dubreuil details@telus.net for complete info on these workshops. Cost $80/workshop, register by Sept. 5 for $10 and save $10.

TEXAS HOLD’ EM TOURNAMENT - Slocan Legion Hall Sept. 24, 6:30 pm. $20 buy-in. Advanced tickets at Mountain Valley Station in Slocan or phone 250-355-2672 to reserve your seat. REGISTRATION NOW!

CORNUCOPIA – THE NATURAL
Bountiful, fabulous deals...and much more! The Valley Voice
250-358-3674 ext. 201 or email: valleyvoice@valleyvoice.ca

VALLEYSIDE HOMES
Call Brian 250-358-2950. For more info leave a message at 265-3674 ext. 201 or email: valleyvoice@valleyvoice.ca
September 21, 2011, The Valley Voice

Selkirk College
CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES: NAKUSP
SPANISH FOR TRAVELLERS, Oct. 4-27;
COOKING WITH DEB, starts Oct. 6;
KNOW YOUR COMPUTER, classes start Oct. 7;
PRENATAL CLASSES, Oct. 14 & 16;
OCCUPATIONAL FIRST AID LEVEL I, Oct. 21;
CUSTOMER SERVICE, Oct. 17;
FOODSAFE, Oct. 17;
WORKING WITH DIGITAL PICTURES, Oct. 15 & 16;
BEGINNER & ADVANCED DIGITAL CAMERA classes, Oct. 22 & 23;
YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR ALL CLASSES. For more information call Selkirk College, 265-4077, e-mail nakuspe@selkirk.ca or drop by the centre 3H Broadway St. Tues.-Fri., 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

FORSRNT


Yoga at the Dome - Rejuvenate your spirit! Drop in classes – Monday and Thursday mornings 9-10:30.

MOBILE HOMES
2012 12 x 60 TRAILER (2 bedrooms), 8’ x 10’ addition, 8’ x 10’ deck. Storage shed with electricity. Newer roof. Energy Pacific windows. Dishwasher, fridge, stove, washer and dryer (newer). Must sell or rent by winter. Phone Sharon Hill, 250-358-2349.


MOBILE, 2 BEDROOMS, 2 HD addition, walkout, new appliances & living room. Appliances, #3 - 217 Zacks Rd, Nakusp. $75,000. 250-265-1763.

SKYWAY - 14 x 7 x 2 bdr, ensuite bathroom, built-in fireplace, 5 appliances, Nakusp, $37,800 obo. 250-265-4096. Cell 250-1425.

FOR RENT

REAL ESTATE
PROPERTY FOR SALE by owner. 52 acre, fully serviced, top soil and equipment for construction available.


686 ACRES - Older growth forest with year-round creek and many building sites with southern exposure make this a great family investment. Sustainable living can be yours at this hideaway near Silverton, B.C. Priced to sell at $530,000. Call Larry @ Landquest Realty 250-513-7231.


NOTICES
FOR INFORMATION ON AA OR ALANON MEETING contact in New Denver: 358-7904 or 358-7118; Nakusp 265-4924; Kaslo 355-2653; Slocan 355-2985; South Slocan 226-7305.

FOR SALE


BERGEN & ADVANCED DIGITAL CAMERA classes, Oct. 22 & 23; YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR ALL CLASSES. For more information call Selkirk College, 265-4077, e-mail nakuspe@selkirk.ca or drop by the centre 3H Broadway St. Tues.-Fri., 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

In Loving Memory


CLASSIFIED ADS

For more information call Selkirk College, 265-4077, e-mail nakuspe@selkirk.ca or drop by the centre 3H Broadway St. Tues.-Fri., 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For more information call Selkirk College, 265-4077, e-mail nakuspe@selkirk.ca or drop by the centre 3H Broadway St. Tues.-Fri., 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

HALL LUMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES
Open Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 10 am to 5 pm
PHONE 250-269-0043
Find us at 261 Lower Inonoaklin Rd. Edgerton, BC

MOBILE HOMES

FOR INFORMATION ON AA OR ALANON MEETINGS, contact in New Denver: 358-7904 or 358-7118; Nakusp 265-4924; Kaslo 355-2653; Slocan 355-2985; South Slocan 226-7305.

NOTICES
FOR INFORMATION ON AA OR ALANON MEETING, contact in New Denver: 358-7904 or 358-7118; Nakusp 265-4924; Kaslo 355-2653; Slocan 355-2985; South Slocan 226-7305.

REAL ESTATE
PROPERTY FOR SALE by owner. 52 acre, fully serviced, top soil and equipment for construction available.


686 ACRES - Older growth forest with year-round creek and many building sites with southern exposure make this a great family investment. Sustainable living can be yours at this hideaway near Silverton, B.C. Priced to sell at $530,000. Call Larry @ Landquest Realty 250-513-7231.


NOTICES
FOR INFORMATION ON AA OR ALANON MEETINGS, contact in New Denver: 358-7904 or 358-7118; Nakusp 265-4924; Kaslo 355-2653; Slocan 355-2985; South Slocan 226-7305.

REAL ESTATE
PROPERTY FOR SALE by owner. 52 acre, fully serviced, top soil and equipment for construction available.


686 ACRES - Older growth forest with year-round creek and many building sites with southern exposure make this a great family investment. Sustainable living can be yours at this hideaway near Silverton, B.C. Priced to sell at $530,000. Call Larry @ Landquest Realty 250-513-7231.

Peter was predeceased by his parents Anton and Dora Kolesnikoff, and his sister Mary Terichow.

The service took place on Monday, September 12, 2011 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the Crescent Valley Community Hall, and was followed by interment at the Kreutzer's Cemetery. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Thompson Funeral Service in Nelson, BC.

As an expression of sympathy, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society 809 Davie Street, Nelson, BC V1L 3J6. Online condolences may be expressed at www.thompsonfs.ca.

Peter A. Kolesnikoff passed away at time Crescent Valley and Winlaw resident on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, long-time Crescent Valley and Winlaw resident in Winlaw, Saskatchewan on October 26, 1926 to age of 84.

Peter was born on a farm in Watson, Saskatchewan on October 26, 1926 to Nina and John Kolesnikoff. He is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Nina (Denis) McLarty in Campbell River, BC, daughter Pearl (David) Brown in Grasmere, BC, son Tony (Rosemarie) Kolesnikoff in Winlaw, BC, along with brothers Max, John, and Joe, and nine grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Nina May

Born March 11, 1963 in Castlegar, BC passed away from a lengthy battle with cancer on Friday, September 2, 2011 at the age of 48.

Nina came to the Kootenays in 1986, spending time in Nelson, Silverton, and Rosebury until she found herself home in New Denver. She enjoyed the peace and quiet, pristine nature, and close knit community feel of New Denver.

Nina was a loving mother and wife, to a son (Steven) and husband (Jeff). She faced many challenges throughout her life, yet was always able to remain positive and optimistic. She had a strength and courage, an unwillingness to be miserable or bitter that is truly inspirational. Nina carried with her the grace of an angel, a patience of a Saint, an unfailing smile of her face. She will be missed greatly.

On behalf of Nina, Jeff and Steven, we would like to extend our deepest thanks to the community of New Denver, and all those who have helped with their kindness, generosity, friendship and time. Such compassion from her friends and family greatly helped to keep her attitude positive, and a smile on her face until her final moment. Thank you.

SERVICES
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL SEPTIC TANK CLEANING - “Serving the Valley” 7 days/week, 24-hr. All-Around Septic Services, Don Brown (250) 354-3644, experience 52-5678.

ROGAN ECRICAN Residential, commercial, industrial, mining. Local references available. All work guaranteed. “We get the job done.” 353-9638.


GERRY CONWAY - Journeyman carpenter/builder 250-265-1363.

SLOCAN VALLEY RIVERFEST 2011 - WINNING PLACES

WITH Heather Holdener, Thurs. at 6:30 pm.

PILIATES TO THE CORE - With Hilary McQuin, Mon. at Slocan Park Hall, Wed. at Brent Kennedy School.

FALL EDIBLES WALK - With Shanoon MacIntosh, Sat., Oct. 1.

PUTTING ON A FACE - Kids art with Tim Farrugia. Oct. 6 at Winlaw School.

THE Valley Voice

September 21, 2011

The Valley Voice September 21, 2011

Be part of the largest Canadian earthquake drill submitted

A 6.4 magnitude earthquake on Friday, September 9 at 12:48 pm sent a series of significant aftershocks just off the west coast of Vancouver Island, with mild shaking felt in many BC jurisdictions.

With the province on one of the most active seismic faults in the world, there are approximately 1,200 earthquakes per year.

On October 21 at 10:20 am, thousands of British Columbians will make history and join others along the west coast of the United States, the Central United States, Guam and New Zealand in the largest earthquake drill in the world.

To date over 110,000 BC residents have signed up to participate.

With the recent reminder that BC is in a seismically active zone and with the many lessons learned from the recent quakes in Japan and New Zealand, there is much to learn from the Great British Columbia Shakeout drill.

The drill takes only a minute and offers people, businesses and agencies the opportunity to practice the recommended safety technique of Drop, Cover and Hold-On, while at the same time serve as a reminder to review emergency plans and your emergency supplies.

For more information on earthquake preparedness and to register for the drill, visit www.shakeoutbc.ca or email info@shakeoutbc.ca.
Selkirk College recognizes professional excellence

Selkirk College’s Standing Committee on Professional Excellence (SCOPE) has announced the recipients of the 2010-11 SCOPE Awards, and Aboriginal Advisor Marilyn James is among them.

“These awards acknowledge the long-term and innovative excellence of our faculty and staff,” says SCOPE member and Chair of University Arts and Sciences Linda Harwood. “Individuals are nominated for the awards by students and peers. It is a wonderful way to note how our faculty and staff have enhanced the student learning experiences at the college.”

Winner of the “Exceptional Performance in Innovation” award this year is Marilyn James. Winners of the “Long-Term Exceptional Performance” awards this year are: Paris Voykin (Student Access and Support), Deb Wandler (Health and Human Services), Carol Retzlaff (University Arts and Sciences) and Allyson Perrott (University Arts and Sciences).

Aboriginal Advisor Marilyn James has been recognized for her outstanding work in independent education. Students describe Marilyn as “inspiring, passionate and tireless – someone who goes beyond the call of duty and is a relentless advocate for aboriginal students.” Faculty are appreciative of Marilyn’s ability to provide students with a “deeper connection to aboriginal peoples and issues.” In the community, Marilyn is recognized as someone who has a genuine “commitment to peace and justice, to health and healing, to cross-cultural communication and cooperation and to speaking truth to power.” This has been exemplified by her involvement in the Mir Centre for Peace at Selkirk College. James is well known in the community as the appointed spokesperson for the Sinixt Nation.

Described as always “going above and beyond,” Computerized Placement Test and Involvement Services Coordinator, Paris Voykin, organizes and runs “Soup’s On” – a parent support group – and has helped students by driving them to school, buying and delivering furniture, helping clean their bonus and providing chickens. Students attest to Paris’ incredible dedication to their happiness and success, saying that “her spirit, heart, and soul go beyond hertiny stature.” Paris’ contributions to the community on behalf of the college is also widely recognized. Colleagues and community members cite her project for education in Africa, her active participation in the Dooitchens and community, and her promotion of “peace and mindful practice” as examples of her community contributions.

Deb Wandler teaches social work at the college and has been recognized as a “true social work professional who listens with an open mind and heart.” Her students consistently describe her teaching style as “supportive, respectful and content-rich” while her colleagues characterize her as a “mentor, an exceptional team mate and lifelong learners.”

In the words of her peers and students, Interim Assistant Dean of Instruction and retired Biology Instructor, Carol Retzlaff, is an “excellent, enthusiastic, well-organized teacher with special ability to capture and involve her students while demanding that critical thinking be a key aspect of class time.”

The nomination of Allyson Perrott (PhD) who teaches chemistry was submitted by students, colleagues, and members of the community. Students describe Allyson as “incredibly passionate about chemistry.”

The SCOPE Awards Ceremony will take place in the Staff Faculty Lounge at the Castlegar campus on Wednesday, September 28, from 5 to 7 pm. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

COMMUNITY

Social well-being supported in the Columbia Basin to a tune of $3 million

Selkirk College’s Standing Committee on Professional Excellence (SCOPE) has announced the recipients of the 2010-11 SCOPE Awards, and Aboriginal Advisor Marilyn James is among them.

“These awards acknowledge the long-term and innovative excellence of our faculty and staff,” says SCOPE member and Chair of University Arts and Sciences Linda Harwood. “Individuals are nominated for the awards by students and peers. It is a wonderful way to note how our faculty and staff have enhanced the student learning experiences at the college.”

Winner of the “Exceptional Performance in Innovation” award this year is Marilyn James. Winners of the “Long-Term Exceptional Performance” awards this year are: Paris Voykin (Student Access and Support), Deb Wandler (Health and Human Services), Carol Retzlaff (University Arts and Sciences) and Allyson Perrott (University Arts and Sciences).

Aboriginal Advisor Marilyn James has been recognized for her outstanding work in independent education. Students describe Marilyn as “inspiring, passionate and tireless – someone who goes beyond the call of duty and is a relentless advocate for aboriginal students.” Faculty are appreciative of Marilyn’s ability to provide students with a “deeper connection to aboriginal peoples and issues.” In the community, Marilyn is recognized as someone who has a genuine “commitment to peace and justice, to health and healing, to cross-cultural communication and cooperation and to speaking truth to power.” This has been exemplified by her involvement in the Mir Centre for Peace at Selkirk College. James is well known in the community as the appointed spokesperson for the Sinixt Nation.

Described as always “going above and beyond,” Computerized Placement Test and Involvement Services Coordinator, Paris Voykin, organizes and runs “Soup’s On” – a parent support group – and has helped students by driving them to school, buying and delivering furniture, helping clean their bonus and providing chickens. Students attest to Paris’ incredible dedication to their happiness and success, saying that “her spirit, heart, and soul go beyond hertiny stature.” Paris’ contributions to the community on behalf of the college is also widely recognized. Colleagues and community members cite her project for education in Africa, her active participation in the Dooitchens and community, and her promotion of “peace and mindful practice” as examples of her community contributions.

Deb Wandler teaches social work at the college and has been recognized as a “true social work professional who listens with an open mind and heart.” Her students consistently describe her teaching style as “supportive, respectful and content-rich” while her colleagues characterize her as a “mentor, an exceptional team mate and lifelong learners.”

In the words of her peers and students, Interim Assistant Dean of Instruction and retired Biology Instructor, Carol Retzlaff, is an “excellent, enthusiastic, well-organized teacher with special ability to capture and involve her students while demanding that critical thinking be a key aspect of class time.”

The nomination of Allyson Perrott (PhD) who teaches chemistry was submitted by students, colleagues, and members of the community. Students describe Allyson as “incredibly passionate about chemistry.”

The SCOPE Awards Ceremony will take place in the Staff Faculty Lounge at the Castlegar campus on Wednesday, September 28, from 5 to 7 pm. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

Sydney Alex Berisoff

April 2, 1922 to August 23, 2011

On August 30, 2011 a commemorative service was held at the Senior Citizen’s Hall in Nakusp. Many friends, family members and former associates gathered to say farewell to Syd. Syd’s family would like to express their sincerest gratitude for every expression of sympathy and concern. Many thanks to those that interrupted their lives and travelled long distances to share the day with us. A special thank you is extended to the many caring neighbours, friends and family who reached out in our time of need.

There were many professionals at the Arrow Lakes Hospital and Halcyon Assisted Living Home who repeatedly went far beyond the call of duty to assist Syd and make his final days more comfortable. To them we are deeply in debt for their kindness. A special thank you is extended to Syd’s dedicated physician, Dr. Norm Lea and colleagues, Dr. Goranson, Dr. Cochran plus many of thelocums that have been serving our community. A sincere thank you is extended to the Clinic staff, to Troy and personnel at People’s Pharmacy and the Ambulance attendants, many of whom got to know Syd on a first name basis. A note of thanks is given to Debbie Guest, her associates and volunteers who worked so diligently to prepare the closing meal and helped with arrangements. Finally we acknowledge two special Angles, ‘one from the hospital and one from Halcyon Home, who on one particular day took it upon themselves to do decisively, professionally and compassionately to greatly assist Syd and his family at a critical time. To you both, the family is deeply in debt. To everyone that interrupted their lives and travelled long distances to share the day with us. A special thank you is extended to Syd’s dedicated physician, Dr. Norm Lea and colleagues, Dr. Goranson, Dr. Cochran plus many of thelocums that have been serving our community. A sincere thank you is extended to the Clinic staff, to Troy and personnel at People’s Pharmacy and the Ambulance attendants, many of whom got to know Syd on a first name basis. A note of thanks is given to Debbie Guest, her associates and volunteers who worked so diligently to prepare the closing meal and helped with arrangements. Finally we acknowledge two special Angles, ‘one from the hospital and one from Halcyon Home, who on one particular day took it upon themselves to do decisively, professionally and compassionately to greatly assist Syd and his family at a critical time. To you both, the family is deeply in debt. To everyone that interrupted their lives and travelled long distances to share the day with us. A special thank you is extended to Syd’s dedicated physician, Dr. Norm Lea and colleagues, Dr. Goranson, Dr. Cochran plus many of thelocums that have been serving our community. A sincere thank you is extended to the Clinic staff, to Troy and personnel at People’s Pharmacy and the Ambulance attendants, many of whom got to know Syd on a first name basis. A note of thanks is given to Debbie Guest, her associates and volunteers who worked so diligently to prepare the closing meal and helped with arrangements. Finally we acknowledge two special Angles, ‘one from the hospital and one from Halcyon Home, who on one particular day took it upon themselves to do decisively, professionally and compassionately to greatly assist Syd and his family at a critical time. To you both, the family is deeply in debt.

We are humbled to everyone that shared in our loss.

The Berisoff and Chernoff Families
Ship to Shore Gourmet Food has been delivering Organic Thanksgiving Turkeys through Ann’s Natural Foods for the last 15 years. Due to Ann’s closing, we shall be offering these birds directly to the public.

Call Jeff or Sandy
250-767-9077 (Jeff) • 250-575-4380 (cell) • 250-317-5909 (Sandy)

Sign-up list also at the Valley Voice

Jeff will call you and deliver to your home

BC Hydro will be changing the old power meters on homes in BC to new smart meters. In the event of a power outage today, you need to let BC Hydro know there’s a problem. Unlike your current meter, smart meters will report a power outage immediately, so we can restore your power faster. It’s all part of the plan to renew BC’s electrical systems, to ensure clean, reliable power for generations to come.

Learn more at bchydro.com/smartmeters