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The Provincial Election is approaching - make sure you familiarize yourself with the parties and show up to vote (or vote by mail-in ballot) on October 24, 2020. The candidates (at the time of publication) up for election for the position of MLA in the Nelson-Creston riding are (left) Brittney Anderson for the NDP, (middle) Nicole Charlwood for the Green Party, and (right) Tanya Finley for the Liberal party. See inside for more on information on these candidates.



Tai Chi at Crawford Bay Beach: Zoe Anderson and Bryce are pictured here doing Tai Chi at the beach. They can be found there most weekday mornings between the times of 7 and 8am. Zoe invites others to join if they are inclined. For more info, you can call or text Zoe at 250.777.1091. It is free or by donation (pie, cash, undying love and affection, tomatoes and more are all options, says Zoe laughingly). When colder weather prevails, they hope to move the practice indoors (location TBD).

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Mainstreet Meanderings

by Editor
Ingrid Baetzel

If you see Shirleen Smith's letter below, you will read that due to the change over in the emergency notification system from the RDCK and complications due to power and internet outages, many people in Riondel were unaware of the drinking water issue after the storms last month. Here is the information from the RDCK's website as to how to stay informed during emergencies.

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NEW EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS SYSTEM: VOYENT ALERT!

Voyent Alert offers a user-friendly experience with a smart phone app, and the ability to receive a detailed map of the affected area. The system will also support text messaging, and phone calls.

Managing Your Account

To access your account, go to: <https://ca.voyent-alert.com/vras/client.html#!/login>

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What is the Emergency Notification System?

The RDCK's Emergency Notifications System is a mass-notification system that allows the RDCK to send out critical information to residents and visitors in the event of an emergency.

When is it used? The system is used in the case of an emergency or disaster that requires you to take

action; whether that means you need to evacuate or shelter in place. The system will also be used for RDCK Water Notifications, to learn more go to RDCK Current Advisories.

How does it work? The notification system uses advanced geospatial technology to send personalized alerts based on your selected locations. When you register, you will be given the option of receiving notifications via the mobile app, mobile phone (text and/or call), email or landline. The notifications that you receive will include information relevant

to the emergency, a map showing the affected area and directions such as shelter in place or Evacuation Orders/Alerts.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GREEN THIS TIME

Dear Friends:

In this provincial election, I am endorsing Nicole Charlwood, of Nelson, to be the new Green Party MLA for the Nelson-Creston provincial riding. I have always been a staunch supporter of the NDP. My grandfather helped found the CCF in Saskatchewan, our family has always supported the NDP. I have voted NDP since I was 18 and I am now 71.

But I have watched in huge dismay as the NDP have utterly failed in every way to tackle the growing list of environmental issues and climate emergency issues in our province. From announcing Site C going forward, to continued old-growth logging, from Mr. Polley, to selenium in the Elk River and this into the Kootenay River and Kootenay Lake system, from their support for pipelines and their lack of support for Indigenous Land Rights, the NDP have failed the people and the environment of BC, and they have made no moves toward changing this lack of environmental and climate emergency policy.

I disagree with this election; I think it is really bad timing. I agree with Sonia Furstenu, the new leader of the BC Green party on this. But I think it is also gives all of us an opportunity to move forward in recognizing that both jobs and the environment are important. We can't just continually mine and dam and log the natural resources of BC, we can't just keep destroying wolves and caribou and cougars and bears and salmon with no reckoning of the cost. We can't keep subsidizing oil and pipelines and logging and lying about what is really going on.

So yes, I am going Green. I will read all the Green policy papers, I will stay on top of all their promises. I will work for them because I want to be part of moving this province to a greener, safer future. I am doing this in the name of my utterly beloved

grandchildren and all their friends, for the bright and beautiful children who come to my beach and swarm my house for cookies and laugh and play. I want them to have a green, beautiful earth with all the animals and plants and birds and insects still thriving. We owe the future to our children. Governments have ignored this for far too long. I want to be part of changing the direction of the government towards a healthy, bio diverse future.

I first started marching against the Vietnam War in 1967, and since then I have worked for women's rights, for the environment, for peace, for the right of people to love who they love, and against all forms of racism. These are difficult times as we all know well. All the more reason to work as hard as we can to move forward into a better future.

Luanne Armstrong MFA Ph.D, Boswell

NEW EMERGENCY ALERT PROCESS

Dear Mainstreet,

A head's up to residents of Riondel, and possibly the whole East Shore. Whatever method you were formerly using to receive emergency alerts no longer works. During a recent water emergency in Riondel, many/most residents were not aware of this and consequently did not receive any alert.

People can imagine what could go wrong if no alerts go out: from drinking untreated water to not preparing for evacuation. It would be a very good idea to look into signing up with RDCK for emergency notifications.

Shirleen Smith, Riondel

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM RESULT OF WINDSTORM

Dear Editor:

The aftermath of the powerful wind storm that ripped through the East Shore caused multiple downed trees along the lake road including a very large cottonwood that fell across the road blocking access to the school, fitness place and residences.

With help of local heros and their chainsaws, the tree was quickly and skillfully cut into nice sized rounds and rolled uphill to the elementary area to build an outdoor classroom circle.

Neighbours are happy to see the tree being repurposed and used by the kids. Thank you neighbours for your help.

Julia Kinder, Crawford Bay



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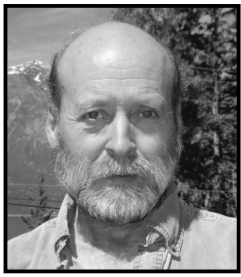
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RDCK Area "A" Update

by Garry Jackman,

Community Volunteers:

It has been a number of months since I have touched on this topic, but with the end of the calendar year just a few months away I want to once again thank all of the community volunteers who donate their time and skills to assist with the delivery of many regional district services as well as supporting the numerous community driven organizations.

On behalf of the RDCK these include the volunteer fire and road rescue members out of Wynndel and Riondel, the Sanca water commission, the Riondel Commission of Management, the Recreation 9 Commission, the Economic Development Commission and Economic Action Partnership members (jointly supported by two RDCK economic development services). Currently in transition as of the summer, the Build East Shore Tourism advisory committee served to direct work utilizing two provincial grants (supplemented by some RDCK funds to leverage the grants).

I also want to note my continued appreciation for alternate director Gina Medhurst, who is very much a committed community volunteer on several fronts, who picked up where Mike Jeffery left off after his support to my position for several preceding years. The alternate director position, one which I understand fully having filled the role in the past, comes with all of the reading and homework and none of the stipend. Having another person in the community who is aware of the inner workings of the RDCK, including matters discussed in closed sessions, is valuable when another

opinion is needed.

In the role of an electoral area director we do not have a local elected council which understands all of the very local issues. Even tiny incorporated villages with only a few hundred full time residents have the ability to elect a local council of 5 members, while the electoral areas can have only one elected rep so they must work through a regional board of 20 directors to gain traction on issues requiring regional staff support. My colleagues on the regional board often have similar issues or concerns, but they are focusing their attention primarily on communities in their back yards and the process of coming together to take action for the "greater good" can be slow and at times not fully effective in resolving the specific problems we face. Volunteers fill the local role of tackling local issues in a timely manner from a position of full understanding.

Some of the volunteer appointments will expire as of this December 31st, while other commissions or committees did not have a full compliment of volunteers for the past year. New volunteers would be welcomed for the Riondel Commission of Management, Rec 9, the Economic Development Commission and of course the fire and rescue services. Please contact me if you want information on these positions.

Parks: Our regional parks staff have reviewed options for creating a more accessible, physically stable route into the Crawford Creek parklands while minimizing impacts on the conservation areas. Staff are ready to go to local contractors for pricing. There is sufficient funding in the current budget to create the new driveway this fiscal year which would mean access for this winter will be improved as well as all of next year. There has also been renewed interest in creating accessible public restrooms, given the impact COVID has had and will continue to have on the trav-

elling public and local residents. Depending on costs there may be an opportunity to combine a restroom with the new access. Look for an information release from staff on plans in the next few weeks.

I still want to move ahead with the public process for developing a site management plan for the Crawford Creek property and then expand the exercise to address lake access at several other locations within Area A. The process will need to be online or using mail in comments sheets. In past years we would have faced a push to go to community prior to the end of October, realizing many residents are only seasonal. With an online process the timing into the fall will be less critical.

Fall meetings: As I mentioned last month, each fall local governments from across BC gather to discuss issues of common interest plus meet with cabinet Ministers and senior provincial staff. Key areas of interest have been water (both concerns about watershed protection and the requirements for treating drinking water), forestry (again often around watershed protection but also focusing on wildfire risk reduction), waste management (recycling in particular) and various other items which may not have equal impact or urgency across the regional district.

The meetings with ministers and senior provincial staff went forward as planned, but the format and content around the briefings and workshops in the following week were changed at the 11th hour as the provincial election call was made just prior to our virtual meeting days. Provincial ministers were no longer officially in their positions (except for the Minister of Finance in her "caretaker" role during the election period) and senior ministry and crown corporation staff have restricted interactions with us or the public during the campaign period.

The Minister of Environment did release information just days prior to our meeting which provides some hope for improving the efficiency of the recycling program in rural areas as well as plans for other initiatives to reduce environmental pollution. If you send me an email I can provide links to some of the press releases and reports.

Service resumption: For the most recent announcements, please continue to check out the website (rdck.ca) in the top right corner of any page and click "news" then "latest news". This is the most frequently updated location on the website and you can go back several weeks to view previous postings.

The latest item of note is the reopening of the public pools (with pre-registration) as of October 13th.

We are still not holding public hearings for Area A as we do not have suitable facilities available to allow for both in person (socially distanced) and virtual participation by the public.

If you have questions or comments on any topic please drop a note to gjackman@rdck.bc.ca or call me at 250-223-8463.



Hidden Taxes

by David George

Where do we go from here? By the time most will read this column we will be less than three weeks from an unnecessary and irresponsibly called provincial election.

While Quebec is suffering from the irresponsible actions of many young people, and is back to locking down Montreal and Quebec City, Ontario is said to be suffering from the dreaded second wave of the virus Covid-19 which will necessitate more and more restrictions and closures of public areas and businesses.

Aside from an increase in Covid-19 cases in our province, which may affect our provincial election, further information has emerged that the controversial Site "C" dam is being built on unstable ground, which may well make it too hazardous to complete.

Just as we hear of our American cousins requesting mail-in ballots in large numbers, it is expected that many voters here in BC will request mail-in ballots, especially as actual voting locations will not include schools this time. As of Monday night September 28th, more than 431,000 requests were received.

Three political parties have said they will run a full slate of 87 candidates; those being the Liberals, the NDP, and the Greens.

In addition to those three, there are also Conservative, Libertarian, Christian Heritage, Communist, and BC Ecosocialist candidates. No Natural Law, Rhinoceros, Communist Party Groucho Marxist, or Social Credit this time.

In our own riding of Nelson-Creston, the incumbent Michelle Mungall will not run again. She will retire with a pension from her 11 years service as an MLA, the last three of which were in two portfolios as

a cabinet minister. That pension is estimated as being in the vicinity of \$80,000 per year.

Candidates for our riding are:
Brittney Anderson, NDP;
Nicole Charwood, Green;
Tanya Finley, Liberal.

There may be other candidates, as nominations will have closed on Friday 2nd October at 1:00pm.

Advance voting will take place from Thursday, 15th October to Wednesday, 21st October from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (local time) but at deadline time locations were not known. Look for this information on the website: <https://elections.bc.ca/>

Now about those absentee mail-in ballots: There will be lots and lots of them. So many, in fact that I predict that election results will not be known on election night Saturday the 24th of October. This is because although the mail-in ballots must be received by Elections BC by election day, the counting of them will not begin until Friday the 6th of November. Counting might be completed as scheduled by Monday the 16th of November. Does anyone want to bet it will be?


Remembering back to the election in the land of our American cousins in the year 2000, they did not have a final result until after Christmas.

So, my faithful readers, we could face a situation in which there is no government of our province until Christmas or even later, all because Mr. Horgan thought calling a snap election while he was very popular, even during the present pandemic, was a good idea.

Some of us may be looking to buy an electric vehicle in the next decade or so. Just recently the all-electric Chevy Bolt was being offered at around \$52,000. Even better, the Tesla3 was selling for around that price.

Just recently, I was lined up for the 9am ferry here, and there was not just one, but two of the Teslas in the lineup. Imagine not using gasoline or oil ever again, not to mention the savings on maintenance.

Imagine!



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October Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Tip of the Month: One of the most important months in U.S. history is upon us, with it leading up to a historic Presidential

Election. Mars in powerful Aries remains retrograde all month and it will make hard aspects to Saturn, Pluto, then Jupiter all by October 19 synchronizing with MAJOR POWER PLAYS by governments the world over. Mercury entered secretive Scorpio in late September and turns retrograde on the 13th then turns direct again on November 3rd, election day! The New Moon in Libra on October 6th reveals the signature of a challenging, powerful, emotional cycle.

Aries (Mar 21- Apr 19)

These are dramatic times and you are feeling the impact strongly. Circumstances close to home are challenging you to give more and it does appear that you will make sincere efforts to keep the peace.

Taurus (Apr 20-May 20)

A busy cycle continues and deepens. Positively, you are able to enjoy the creative challenge. Expect this trend to both continue and deepen progressively. Make every effort to direct frustrations to constructive ends.

Gemini (May 21-Jun 20)

You are among the luckier ones this month in terms of your ability to see the silver linings. Yet, it has and continues to be a scraping process for you and more significant layers will be removed this month.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

Things are moving hard and fast now and you can feel it. As eager as you are to forge ahead, others are

posing obstacles and creating delays. Making sense of it all is a challenge due to your own emotional reactions.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)

October begins with a determined pace. Circumstances are pushing you to be sober and realistic with financial realities especially. You will have to make extra efforts to overcome emotional turbulence..

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

As determined as you are to feel solid and stable, it does not come easy. Like a ship tossed by stormy seas, you are challenged to ride it out. Positively, the outer stresses will support profound, creative self-expression.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Despite desires to advance, you are inclined to lay low. Yet, you will be riveted by larger social realities. These won't only be on the news, however, and you could experience a full measure of their drama.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

A busy time behind the scenes is likely this month. So, do not expect a period of retreat. Circumstances are pushing you to make meaningful contributions. It will feel more like you have joined the underground resistance.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Social, ethical and legal themes associated with freedom and justice are extra important to you now. Are your views and perspectives realistic or idealistic? Are you in touch with reality or are you dreaming or in denial?

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

A summons to be seen and heard is sounding. Yet, you may be contending with wavering confidence levels. Although you are willing to put up a good fight, you may have to absorb some hard blows.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You feel compelled to see a bigger picture. Yet, you may be realizing that there is so much to see that you

feel a bit overwhelmed. Make efforts to remain objective to see all sides as clearly as you can.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Perpetuating the balance of work and play continues. Yet, you will be giving more to others than usual and will have to manage your time well. The second half of October could prove confusing so it will help

School District 8 Announcement

At its meeting on August 25, 2020, the Board of Education, for a second time, censured Trustee Gribbin for breaches of the Board's Expectations of Trustee Conduct and the Trustee Code of Ethics, including making false, misleading and derogatory statements about the Board and its Staff in public communications. Details can be found at: sd8.bc.ca/news/second-censure-school-trustee

The Board is committed to healthy dialogue, as well as demonstrating respect as part of its core mission to focus on excellence for all learners in a nurturing environment.



Crawford Bay Hall UPDATE

Submitted by Susan Hulland
Crawford Bay Hall Board Director

We have good news again regarding our goal of raising \$41,550 to complete Phase Two of our "Rejuvenation and Preservation Project". Our association was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Regional District of Central Kootenay's Community Development Program. A hearty thanks to our Area A director, Garry Jackman and to his team for their support with this discretionary funding. With the receipt of a kind donation from John and Bonnie Pelletier we only have \$7550 left to raise towards the above-mentioned goal!

We have also received a generous gift of furniture from a local benefactor but of course have no room for storage! Our hope is that through "Helping Hands Day" on October 10 the furnishings will be sold and the funds added to our Phase 2 total. Our local youth group will deliver to you. Photos of all items will be posted on our Facebook page (@crawfordbayhall).

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Work on the hall's new water system will begin soon. Plumbing and electrical work will be done by Tri-City Pumps & Power of South Slokan and the trenching done by Steel Wheels of Crawford Bay. We have applied to the Nelson & District Credit Union for financial help with the estimated cost of about \$14,000 for this important work which was made necessary when our old system was destroyed by Crawford Creek this spring.

The BC Heritage Assessment of our 1938 building is almost finished but some critical information is missing. THE QUESTION IS: When was the fifteen-foot addition added to the north end of the hall and what got reconfigured inside the building during that renovation? (See illustrations on page 10) Please help us with this if you can by emailing shulland@cbhall.ca or phoning me at 250-227-9387 as soon as possible.

This month we offer special thanks to Cherry and Garry Maclagan for painting new lines on the tennis courts at the park and to Doug Blackburn for cutting down windstorm damaged trees near the old soccer field at the hall.



"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." - Walt Disney

Have you ever thought about turning your passion into a business? Do you think you have what it takes to be an entrepreneur? Contact Community Futures for more information on Programs & Workshops available to you!

Call Amanda Murray at 403-678-7044 or amurray@futures.bc.ca to book a free appointment in Creston. www.futures.bc.ca

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2020 Candidates for Provincial Election

(from <https://globalnews.ca/news/7332881/bc-election-2020-nelson-creston/>)

The New Democrats have dominated this Kootenay riding since the early 1970s. Social Credit and BC Liberal MLAs have scored rare wins in that time, but the NDP has won every election in the riding since 2005. Veteran MLA and Jobs Minister Michelle Mungall, who has held the seat since 2009, is not running for re-election.

Nelson and Creston form the main population centres in the riding, which stretches to Yahk in the east and north up Kootenay Lake past Poplar Creek.

Candidates

- BC NDP: Brittney Anderson
- BC Liberals: Tanya Finley
- BC Greens: Nicole Charlwood

Nelson-Creston has long been fertile ground for the NDP, and the Greens and the Liberals had a strong presence in the last election.

Mungall captured the riding with a comfortable 14.03 per cent margin of victory in 2017. It was the 33rd closest race in the province, based on the margin of victory, and the 18th closest of the 41 seats the NDP won.

2017 ELECTION RESULTS:

NDP: Michelle Mungall — 7,685 votes (42.19%)
Greens: Kim Charlesworth — 5,130 votes (28.16%)
Liberals: Tanya Rae Wall — 5,087 votes (27.93%)
Independent: Jesse O'Leary — 164 votes (0.9%)
Independent: Tom Prior — 149 votes (0.82%)

Read below for more on the three candidates who were announced by the time of printing:



Hacker's Desk

by Gef Tremblay

Oligarchy

Oligarchy (from Greek ὀλιγαρχία (oligarkhía); from ὀλίγος (oligos), meaning 'few', and ἄρχω (arkho), meaning 'to rule or to command') is a form of power structure in which power rests with a small number of people. These people may be distinguished by nobility, wealth, education, corporation, religion, politics, or military control. Such states are often controlled by families who pass their influence from one generation to the next, but inheritance is not a necessary condition of oligarchy.

-source: Wikipedia

I don't often talk about politics and it is not because of a lack of interest or because I want to stay politically correct. I generally feel that there is more to politics than what is marketed to us. I use the word 'marketed' here because the more I study marketing the more I see parallels between traditional marketing and how the media talk about politics. News outlet seems to use similar principles and technique than the ones used in marketing. Media tends to thrive on drama and when a politician becomes a daily source of drama, the focus becomes more on the characters themselves, rather than what's really happening.

To add to my confusion, a few years back, two Cambridge professors published a research paper demonstrating that the political system in the United States is an oligarchy and not a democracy. Using data from the last many years, they measured how policy changes in their government were attributed to popular votes, or lobbying of corporations or actual changes made to benefit the very few elites (the 1%) of their society.

Here is a quick glance of their research. This represents the distribution of changes in policies according to which group lobbied for these changes to happen:

78% Economic elites (the 1%)

43% Corporations

24% Other Interest groups

5% General population

(The total is over 100% as there are many changes that benefited multiple groups at the same time.) If this doesn't make sense to you, please take the time to read their full research here: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/perspectives-on-politics>.

In their own words as a conclusion: "When the preferences of economic elites and the stands of organized interest groups are controlled for, the preferences of the average American appear to have only a minuscule, near-zero, statistically non-significant impact upon public policy."

Now you might say that this only applies to the United States, which is partly true, but there is more to the story. When you look at economic agreements, for example the TPP or the Trans Pacific Partnership, which gives tremendous power to corporations, you soon realize that businesses now have the right to sue a country if a law or policy affects the way they do business. For example, Tik Tok is now suing the American government over the announcement to ban its services in the USA. So, in a sense, an oligarchy that has legal tool against other countries affects greatly other democracies around the world.

So what can be done? Well for one thing, I think it's important not to feel separated and against other. The media is a great source of divide, creating quite a polarization amongst the population. In the States, everything is blue or red and if you are not of the same opinion, then you are enemy.

It also feels like the focus is pointed/shifted from what might be really important, to something more

distracting and entertaining. I am not really sure what should be the focus if you really want to be politically involved. Following market trends? Understanding which corporations affect which policies or law making? Defining who is the 1%? This elite group should probably be the focus of a well-informed citizen.

Your money is how you vote. It's important to know who you're giving your money to and how these businesses modify or influence our country or other countries. For example, Coca Cola not only abuses south American countries, forcing farmers to cultivate cocoa leaves, they are also invested in pharmaceuticals, and reselling cocaine in the form of Novocain. In short, giving your money to this corporation is giving your support to their action.

There are many oligarchies around the world, Russia and China being two of them. It might be interesting to study the systems around these countries to understand how this could influence our decision making.

As you can read, I am unclear as to how I can act in a world where our democracy might not be as democratic as we're being told. It's hard to figure out what can be done to bring more freedom and peace and I truly understand why the next generation is completely detached from the whole political circus. I remember as a kid, I saw people making fake promises to get elected to then not act on their promises. I thought to myself, "This seems to work for them, maybe I start lying too and see where it leads me". This was my first impression of politics. 35 years later, it does not feel like it got any better.

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Oct 28, 2020**

NDP acclaims Brittany Anderson as Nelson-Creston candidate

The provincial election will be held on Oct. 24

Nelson city councillor Brittany Anderson has been acclaimed as the Nelson-Creston BC NDP candidate for the Oct. 24 provincial election.

"I am excited to join John Horgan's team and keep B.C. moving forward," said Anderson in a news release.

"Nelson-Creston, and all of B.C., have been well served by the last three years of a John Horgan government. They have protected health care and education, and avoided the kind of draconian cuts the former B.C. Liberal government inflicted on British Columbia."

Anderson said she wants to showcase BC NDP's work on climate change — especially the CleanBC strategy — "and protecting services that people count on."

Anderson's candidacy follows MLA Michelle Mungall's decision, announced on Sept. 16, that she did not intend to run in the next election.

BC Green MLA Candidate Announced

The BC Greens are very pleased to announce that Nelson resident Nicole Charlwood is our MLA candidate in Nelson-Creston.

"I am honoured to have been chosen," says Nicole. "Nelson-Creston is a special riding in the province. I have been asked by many people across the Kootenays to run for MLA. Voters here have a chance to send a strong voice for real change to the Legislature in Victoria. We don't have to worry about strategic voting. It's a clear contest between the NDP and BC Greens. Voters here can freely choose the strongest voice that represents them for the policies they want."

BC Greens are strong supporters of local economies and innovative small businesses. We love our

natural mountain home and we recognize the climate change dangers we face from forest fires and smoke pollution. Together we are working hard to move towards sustainable living that deals with the climate crisis, reduces our impact and lets us live more in balance with the world we love.

"Many of us are dissatisfied with the NDP's business-as-usual approach that seems to take up where the Liberals left off. LNG, the Site C dam, the Trans-Mountain Pipeline, under-managed forestry - BC can do better."

"With unique Kootenay Lake communities like Ymir, Argenta, Kaslo and Riondel we share a rural paradise. We know it and we appreciate it," Nicole says. "We are ready to come together to protect it and to build local livelihoods so everyone here has a home, and a safe and supportive place to raise our families."

Nicole and her husband are parents to two teenagers and live on a small acreage west of Nelson. Born and raised in Ontario, she served at the age of 13 as a Page in the Ontario Legislature. She has lived and raised her family here since 2000 and has been deeply involved in the community.

Nicole currently serves on a RDCK Watershed Advisory Committee, is the Treasurer for Nelson Waldorf Community School Association, has been a Review Committee Member for Columbia Basin Trust Community Grants and served as Acting Executive Director for West Kootenay EcoSociety.

At her core Nicole says she is a mother, foodie, singer, outdoor enthusiast, arts lover and activist. "I express my values by actively volunteering, buying local and by financially supporting co-ops, community schooling, small businesses, and community service organizations."

"I am inspired by what has been accomplished by the current minority government and the Green balance of power. Under the leadership of Sonia Furst-enau, I'd love to see at least ten more of us elected as Green MLAs in this provincial election and make further bold strides across party lines."

Tanya Finley named Liberal candidate for Nelson-Creston

Finley is president of the Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce.

Tanya Finley will try to break a 15-year grip on the Nelson-Creston riding by the NDP as the candidate for the Liberals.

Finley, the president of the Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce, announced her campaign Saturday ahead of the Oct. 24 provincial election.

"I've had so many people ask me to run over the years, and that's a humbling thing," said Finley in a statement. "I'm excited to put my name forward with the BC Liberals, and to work for the people of the riding rebuilding our economy and renewing confidence in British Columbia."

Finley will take a leave of absence from the chamber as well as the Nelson and Area Economic Development Partnership during the campaign, according to the chamber.

She has co-owned Finley's Bar and Grill and Sage Wine Bar since 2003. Her announcement also adds her contributions to the Nelson Police Foundation, the BC Chamber of Commerce, Nelson Rotary Club and a 2017 award given for hiring individuals with disabilities and barriers to employment.

She said she has the ability to work with diverse groups of people to find solutions.

"I hear lots of politicians talk about plans and ideas, but they're not able to put things into action," said Finley. "I'm a mom, an entrepreneur, and a business leader. My whole life is about consulting, making decisions, and moving quickly to turn ideas into action. I want to put that same energy to work for the people of Nelson-Creston."

If she wins, Finley would be the first Liberal to represent the riding since Blair Suffredine's four-year term from 2001 to 2005. Previously, no Liberal had won Nelson-Creston since Frank Putnam held the seat through three terms from 1933 to 1945.

Riondel Fire and Rescue Blotter

by Fire Chief Cory Medhurst

October is Fire Prevention week and once again the Riondel Volunteer Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) — the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years — to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in Canada. The majority of reported home fires started in the kitchen. Most home fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

"We know cooking fires can be prevented," said Lorraine Carli, vice-president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA. "Staying in the kitchen while cooking, using a timer, and avoiding distractions such as electronics or TV are steps everyone can take to keep families safe in their homes."

The Riondel Volunteer Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme.

The most important step you should take before making a meal is to Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen! A cooking fire can grow quickly. I have seen a few homes damaged, and people injured by fires that could easily have been prevented. Here are a few safety tips that go along with this year's theme.

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly. Remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or have consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 1 meter around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Due to the ongoing restrictions regarding gatherings, we unfortunately will not be hosting any events in support of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!". However, we highly recommend having a look at the official website for Fire Prevention Week at www.fpw.org. Check out some of the family activities you can do at home, and the educational material is well worth the read.

With Dr Henry lifting First Responder restrictions in September, we have seen a return to normal call volume with more calls to assist the ambulance. Note that last month I reported an MVI on August 30th, but it was on the 29th in Gray Creek. Our calls to date are as follows:

August 30th – The Creston RCMP called early in the morning to inquire about the possibility of having one of our members drive up to the Mt Loki trail head in search of a missing person's vehicle. The person was last known to have hiked Loki the day before and did not return home. One of our members was able to drive up to the trail head and confirm that the vehicle was indeed there. Search and Rescue from Kalso took over but asked our member to stay with the vehicle to talk to hikers coming down and watch the vehicle for the person's return. Some technical issues like a radio

to communicate with SAR, and some food and water were required for the member on the mountain which we organized and had delivered via another member. SAR found the missing person in unknown condition, releasing our member to return home.

August 30th – 2 members responded to a sudden medical emergency in Crawford to assist BCAS but were called off on route as assistance was not required.

August 31st – 2 members attended a medical FR call in Riondel to assist the Paramedics with a time sensitive, difficult patient move. Members were quick to respond and helped move the patient to the ambulance.

September 4th – Someone camping near the Gray Creek bridge heard what they thought to be another vehicle crash on the highway. Understandably concerned from the incident days before, the person called 911. Three members responded to find nothing of notice in the area. It turned out to be a trailer disconnecting from a vehicle, coming to a loud and abrupt halt on the highway. No persons or vehicles were in the area upon the crew's arrival.

September 10th – After a massive windstorm brought down trees and powerlines, we were called to various situations across the East Shore. One call of note had 3 members responding, while waiting for permission to leave the fire boundary with the Wildland truck, to a possible wildfire out near Gray Creek's East Shore Properties. Luckily one of the responding members lives in Gray Creek and was able to assess the situation immediately. He found that a house near the highway had a small campfire lit to make coffee during the long power outage; the house below, closer to the lake saw smoke above and immediately called 911. Thankfully, this was not a serious incident, but we thank those who called just in case; we would rather be called off on our way then not be made aware at all.

September 10th – Another incident caused by the windstorm was a massive tree falling across the powerlines in Crawford Bay, on Walkley Road at the school. It was called in as blocking the highway; but when 1 member in the area investigated, it was determined that it was only blocking Walkley and that highways had already been there and were aware.

September 14th – 6 members responded to an MVI in Crawford Bay. A large drilling truck towing a pickup truck misjudged a corner while heading South and rolled the rig into the oncoming lane's ditch. The rig flipped onto its roof causing much damage to both vehicles. The driver was able to get out on his own, suffering minor injuries. The crew secured the scene and waited for the RCMP and highways to take over the scene.

September 18th – 3 members responded to a serious fall in Riondel as BCAS was delayed. The Riondel ambulance was in Creston on another call, but fortunately and by chance, the Nelson Ambulance was on the ferry bringing a vehicle to Riondel and was able to take the call. Our crew waited and assessed the patient until the Nelson ambulance arrived.

September 21st – 3 members responded to a medical FR call in Crawford Bay. Members arrived on scene with the ambulance crew and assisted with patient care.

September 22nd – The same 3 members found themselves back in Crawford Bay to assist the ambulance with another medical FR call. The crew helped with patient movement to the ambulance.

It has been a busy month for calls, and our training as usual. We have been fortunate to have our newly hired Regional Training Officer, Clay MacEwan over a couple of times to go through some excellent practice techniques.

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the retirement of one of our longest standing members. October 1 this year brings an incredibly sad moment for our department. This day will see the end of a nearly two-decade span of professional volunteerism, community

dedication, and excellent leadership from my Deputy Fire Chief, Robert Boker.

Robert joined the Fire Department back in 2002 after learning that the department was facing a difficult time operating due to an extremely low membership. Over the years Robert has trained hard to become an invaluable member of our team, traveling away for training, making time on weekends for in house training, helping with practice nights, and also being available for all of our calls, usually being the Incident Commander for our most challenging ones.

Robert became my Deputy Fire Chief in 2014 when I took over as the Fire Chief for Riondel. I agreed to take on the role only if Robert was the Deputy. DFC Boker has done an amazing job at helping me feel secure in my roll, helping to keep the department, and me, on track, and has been a huge mentor, teacher, assistant, and friend to us all during his time.

As with most things in life, change is inevitable. After 18 years of service, Robert has decided to make a change in his life and alter his priorities moving forward, which includes not carrying a pager 24 hours a day and taking some personal time for self-reflection. Robert will be remaining in the community, so I encourage you to please thank him for his years of dedication and service to the communities of the East Shore when you see him next.

I would personally like to thank you Robert from the depths of my heart, for your years of friendship, service, comradery, leadership, knowledge, and dedication to our service. You have helped to shape this department in so many ways for so many years that I could go on and on, but I won't. I hope you get some rest from the everyday ear to the radio my friend and leave the worry to us! We all look forward to seeing you in the community in a different role.

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Thoughts from the Frog Pot

by John Rayson
GLOBALIZATION

The title of this column is used as a metaphor for our lack of reaction to constant change.

In this column I will attempt to discuss globalization: a process that is affecting all of us and occurring on an ongoing basis. It does have a relationship to the covid epidemic as well. Globalization means the speed up of movements and exchange of goods, services and ideas all over the world. Globalization can be economic, cultural or political. In this column we shall focus mainly on the economic changes associated with globalization. In addition, the process has been aided by changes in transportation and communication; it affects all of us, regardless of our location. Most living on the Eastshore have tv's, iPhones, computers and access to the internet to name only a few of the benefits we enjoy.

To demonstrate the extent of, and our lack of knowledge of global trends: the largest dairy herd in the world is in Saudi Arabia. Previously, the Saudi's grew enough hay for feed, as they used water from an ancient aquifer. Now, no water; Saudi's have bought land in Iowa to grow hay as feed and export the hay to Saudi Arabia. Result: U.S. now exports water to Saudi Arabia [as hay].

There are many positive aspects of globalization, aided by the free trade policies adopted by most western countries. We have seen the development of global supply chains, lower shipping costs, delivery of exotic goods to our stores plus all of the above have occurred

with lower prices. As noted, even living on the Eastshore we have benefited. Thomas Friedman wrote a book in 2005 called "The World is Flat", in which he extolled the benefits of globalization, a book I read and agreed with at the time. Globalization has resulted in increased profits to companies and a rising stock market. We have all bought into these advantages, enjoying our low cost and variety of goods, no matter our location. Many own stocks or have pensions that are funded by investment of organizations in the stock market.

There is a negative side to globalization; a negative that has been creeping into public thinking in the past few years as we see trade wars, increasing shipping costs and a movement of manufacturing to different countries seeking the lowest labour costs. It has become apparent that the middle class in Canada and the United States is shrinking and manufacturing in these countries has declined dramatically. Historically, the middle class filled the best manufacturing jobs and consumed the goods produced. We have been assured that in any event these jobs would have been lost to automation; an assumption that must be questioned as new factories built in countries such as Mexico are "state of the art" and still require significant manpower to run: albeit at \$4.00 per hour vs \$34.00 per hour. I wonder why they are in such countries and where do the profits flow???

The middle class in Canada and the U.S. has not had a wage increase, relative to inflation, for over 40 years. The middle class is shrinking and the profits and share price increases have gone to the top 1% of the population. A recent book, by a Canadian, Jeff Rubin titled "The Expendables" [Subtitled; How the Middle Class got Screwed by Globalization], highlights many of these issues plus raises a number of other questions. Questions such as; if we have trade wars and higher tariffs on goods entering the country, why do we not have higher prices and inflation? A good question, and

to date there does not appear to be a good answer. Will China buy more goods from the U.S. and thus decrease the trade balance? If so, will that mean they buy less from other countries such as Canada, with resulting higher prices for Canadian goods? We are in the dark.

Many of these changes were occurring prior to the onset of the Covid epidemic but have become more acute with the epidemic. We now see the closure of plants in other countries due to Covid with resulting shortages of items in our own country: example; ventilators, masks and other personal protective equipment. The shortages are enhanced by the dependency of supply chains on the requirement of items manufactured solely in one country; not our own.

The future is uncertain. It would appear that global supply chains will not completely disappear but individual countries will wish to ensure their supply of vital goods by manufacturing them at home. The result of course will be an increase in middle class manufacturing jobs but an increase in price.

This column is entitled "Globalization" but in fact is a continuation of the columns on Covid as the epidemic is having an effect on all of our processes. We are living in a world that is semi-global or global in terms of goods and services but our regulatory mechanisms are local or national. What will be the effect on our systems; will global supply chains persist or will we end up with a hybrid model; will more goods be produced locally? What will be the effect on our standard of living? Change is inevitable as we address the issues.

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Young and Dumb

by Arlo Linn
On Fairy Tales

"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want

them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales." -Albert Einstein

The older I get, the more I begin to understand the importance of fairy tales. Perhaps their implicit importance is lost on you when you are a child, as so many important lessons are, but that the older one gets the more one appreciates stories of that nature. Fairy Tales are stories of whimsy and they require the reader of the story to step out of the real world, and instead inhabit a world with dragons, or trolls, or elves. While reading a fairy tale, the suspension of disbelief must be upheld by the reader at all times, be they adult or child or the story's true message and moral risk being lost. This is not a fault of the fairy tale, but instead is its greatest strength. In contrast, modern stories in literature, and also in TV and film, are attempting to become increasingly realistic, with more relatable heroes and villains. This type of thinking permeates even our remakes of fairy tales, generally leaving us with films that poorly resemble the desired outcome of the original story. For an example of this, we can look at the 2007 film, *Beowulf*.

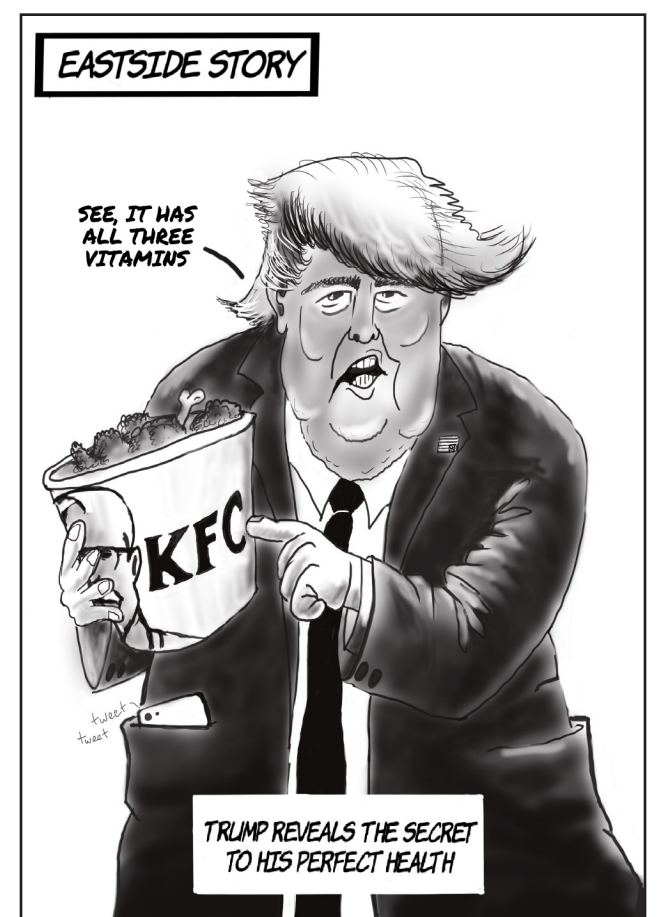
The story of Beowulf is very ingrained into our culture. I imagine most people could tell me about the story in broad strokes, even without having read the epic poem, watched the film, or indulged in the numerous remakes of the classic story. The movie does

a very fine job of putting forward the story in a very true-to-script way, and except for some minor changes, the movie *Beowulf* is very similar to the poem it's based on. The main difference between the movie and the poem is the character of Beowulf himself. In the poem, Beowulf is a noble warrior of immense power, but he is also noble, and forthright in his speech and actions. He gives praise to God and to his king, he does not worship himself, a true hero in every sense of the word. This changes in the film adaptation. Beowulf is still noble, and he is certainly still a hero, but his character is lessened. He becomes a braggart, and a liar. He is quick to anger, and his men respect him less. In other words he has become more realistic, or as realistic as a monster slaying viking can be to a modern person, but is realism necessary in a story such as this? Traditionally protagonists were paragons of virtue and nobility, but modern protagonists are becoming more nuanced, and sometimes possess flaws that can paint them as a villain in certain situations. The addition of flaws to Beowulf does make him a more relatable hero, but it takes away from the story as well. When one reads *Beowulf*, the goal is not to relate to him, but instead acknowledge what makes him a hero, and then moving forward try to adopt some of those personality traits to make yourself more heroic. That is something that adults can do consciously, but children do it more subconsciously in imaginative play.

The fairy tale does not rely on using scenarios that readers can empathize with and understand, but instead it places you in very unfamiliar territory populated with magic, and knights, and horrible beasts.

The world does not become familiar through the relatability of it's heroes, but instead by their valour and moral value. The heroes of fairy tales are not meant to be relatable, they are meant to be admirable. They

call out the best in all of us, to be greater than who we are. Perhaps this is why modern viewers shy from true fairy tales, because the stories demand the best from us. Fairy tales ennoble children and teach them that while the world is populated by dreadful monsters if you act properly you will have the strength to slay the dragon and save the village, but that anything less than perfection will lead to your downfall and ruin.



by Al Gerge, Crawford Bay

What is Happening with the Community Bus?

Activity Report from the AGM of East Shore Transportation Society

Submitted by Laverne Booth of the East Shore Transportation Society

It was two years ago in September 2018 when we first heard that the TAPS bus from Creston was for sale. The allotted time period to sell the bus to a non-profit organization was imminent, and there were others competing for the bus. I couldn't help myself, I called all the east shore non-profits that day and asked if they would support buying the bus, all said yes, but.... they did not want to own the asset.

We sent in an offer to Valley Services saying we had an original donation of \$500 from a Riondel champion, and we would fund-raise for the rest of the \$3000. The campaign snowballed and by December we had the purchase price, which Valley Services accepted. The bus was ours and on December 21, 2018 volunteer Catherine White, with logistical support from Merrill Hagan, drove the bus home to be parked for several months at Mike Jeffry's land in Crawford Bay. The success of the fund-raising campaign was thanks to the East Shore Advocacy Society who offered an account for the funds, and the Nelson and District Credit Union who accepted donations. A huge thank you to all who donated and for the services of these local organizational assets.

Why buy this bus?

Having long been at community planning sessions and hearing the need for transportation, and having conversed several times with Tom Wishart of the health society, Garry Jackman, Fran O'Rourke of the Riondel Seniors Association, we all seemed to agree that it made sense to get "something" on the road. If we could test out a local bus, and to continue to work with BC Transit to get regular bus service to the East Shore, we could move the transportation options forward.

So here was the opportunity to get the 2001 Ford E250 eleven seater passenger bus on the road. We formed the East Shore Transportation Society in June of 2019. The bus had to be federally and provincially registered, regular safety checks every six months at Creston Truck. Insurance is pricey, and depends on the clean driving record of the hired drivers. Our drivers have Class IV license, clean driving record and criminal record checks.

We did a survey of 224 residents and 75% said "Yes" they would take the bus for a variety of reasons including access to health services, recreation, and social events. Grants have included an original \$3500 Community Development funds (Area A RDCK) for insurance and other start-up costs, and then another \$5000 CD grant for staff and marketing. \$1500 from the Nelson and District Credit Union for operating expenses, \$1000 from the Kootenay Lake Lions Club. \$10,000 from Columbia Basin Social Grants to promote social inclusion with the bus.

We have had wonderful donations to the project from the Riondel Seniors, and individuals such as Wai Yin Fung. These donations are very much appreciated. We would love to give charitable receipts to future donors and would like to be part of an East Shore Fund to encourage donations by residents to projects they support. People see the value of having some form of public transportation and perhaps would like to contribute in some way. If you have any ideas of how we can do this, to get the money circulating in the community around transportation options, please speak to a board member.

I personally feel we need a fleet of cars, owned individually, operating perhaps by donation to provide neighbours with rides down the mountain to meet up with the bus or ferry. Without something like this, access to the bus can not be assured, the bus can vary

off the highway slightly but is not 4X4.

Business Plan

We began with introducing the bus on the weekend of Starbelly Jam and East Shore Community Day, July 2019. We attended the Riondel parade, the Food Roots market in Crawford Bay, drove a shuttle from the ferry to the Starbelly Jam, and drove a couple down to Jam night at the Sirdar Pub, and drove people who needed some sober help after the baseball tournament in Riondel. Thanks to our drivers John Edwards and Doreen Nault, this all went smoothly. The rides were appreciated. We didn't have time to advertise this service properly but nonetheless around 30 people took the shuttle to and from the Starbelly site. They were thrilled they could take the bus from Nelson to Balfour, cross the ferry, take the shuttle and get home by bus. This is a future business opportunity for the bus and Starbelly Jam or other local events.

Next we advertised regular weekly trips to Ainsworth Hotsprings in the fall of 2019. We offered rides to the clinic on Wednesday morning. We tried to set reasonable rates such as \$5 to clinic and \$10 to Ainsworth. The first (and only) trip to Ainsworth took 6 people, we had a blast talking and telling stories on the bus, had a soak and some great food, and came home on the bus delivered to your door.

We were about to start regular routes into Creston and provide rides to volunteers and visitors at the Ashram, when Covid hit. We decided to wait until things calmed down. When Cartwheel Farms was looking for driver and vehicle for their community supported agriculture food delivery program- we started talking. We have rented the bus to Cartwheel Farms one day a week from June to November 11. They pay a daily rental rate to the bus and are employ our drivers. This has been a great opportunity to get the bus out and being seen. Our drivers Doreen Nault and Jodi Robertson have been fantastic through the heat of the summer.

From the middle of November to mid February we would like to offer service to the ferry and to Creston each week. We hope the bus can connect to the health connector bus from Creston to Cranbrook hospital, also to Mountain Man Mikes Calgary service (if possible), along with access to recreation programs, shopping and having lunch. This will likely be two days a week including two trips in one day so visitors from Creston can also come our way.

The East Shore Youth Network is interested in using the bus for youth transportation and are training their own driver (to be hired by the society). Better at Home is considering that since private cars can no longer drive elders to appointments that perhaps we can engage the bus.

These are all opportunities arising out of needs in the community where people step up and together perhaps we can figure out ways of collaboration. We are very encouraged by the support of Yasodhara Ashram, and we look forward to their opening in January 2021 to see how we can support them.

We continue to be in contact with the Regional District and Tom Dool. BC Transit was to meet with us this spring and has been postponed. We will let you all know when they come out, last time we met in the fall of 2019, we had a large and representative group of people.

I sit on a provincial Community Bus forum and take part in meetings with small bus systems on Islands on the West Coast. There have been meetings with provincial transportation people and they are wanting to figure out how to support community buses, so that is good news. It looks like a three way funding split for Interior Health, RDCK and BC Transit or other provincial transport funding is what we should be looking for. We have been fortunate to get a large amount of funding during the set-up stage of the bus project. Generally speaking, after this first stage, funding may be harder to get. We know that it is unlikely that the buses, although regular, will fill up. People are slow on the up take but hopefully winter conditions will help them decide to catch the bus.

It would be wise for us to develop a way for our local community to support the bus- aside from taking the bus and perhaps gifting tickets away to others, there are people, perhaps part-timers who want to

invest in the bus. How can we find a way to grant charitable donation receipts and have more funds circulating through the hands of the residents as we hire people to transport people and goods around.

I would like to see us buy an electric bus as soon as possible. BC Transit is going in that direction. We have put a lot of funds this year into maintenance. Other places that have gotten an electric vehicle are so thrilled with it- no cost (city gives them electricity), no maintenance, and their volunteers love to drive it! Someone needs to do a feasibility study and Laverne would gladly help to do that.

We have a wonderful board including Catherine White, Les Elgert, Dee Gilbertson, Florence Teraiff, and Laverne Booth. We have room for a couple of more directors. Many thanks to retiring directors John Smith, Tom Wishart, Merrill Hagan and Peter Spaans. It takes a great team to make things happen.

Thank you for the original investors in the bus- without you this could not happen. Thanks also to Garry Jackman who has been very supportive of the bus project.

BEST SHORE BUS

submitted by ESTS

Photo credit: Rebecca Fuzzen

Tom Lymbery honored in the naming of the community bus.

The East Shore Transportation Society is pleased to announce that a name has been chosen for our community bus. Thank you to all who entered the 50/50 draw to name the bus. We did get some great names from residents, one 11 year old boy suggested "Lil Ms Patti Wagon" and many of you favoured "Patti Wagon" as it is clearly printed on the bus. Not to worry, our new name "Best Shore Bus" will be painted brightly on the community bus.

Tom Lymbery is credited with the name of the bus. Tom was often overheard at Chamber of Commerce meetings, someone would say "East Shore" and Tom would mutter "the Best Shore".



Tom has been given a lifetime bus ticket and one for his partner Sharon Lymbery is in the mail.

Tom has truly been a force for good in his 90 plus years on the East Shore. A tireless activist on our behalf he has been active defending our ferry, the Greyhound bus route, Gray Creek Pass, as well as an active member in the Kootenay Lake Lions Club, Gray Creek Hall, Gray Creek Historical Society and the East Shore Kootenay Lake Community Health Society as well as writing his two definitive works on the history of the East Shore.

As we all know, behind the great man is a great woman who supported all this work. Thank you to Sharon Lymbery for her beautiful contribution. Tom and Sharon are relocating to Nelson and we wish them all the best. The literary and historical people know Tom as the treasure he is, so we know he will have many interesting visitors in Nelson.

Thank you Tom and Sharon and congratulations on supplying the inspiration for the naming the Best Shore Bus.



Tom's Corner

by Tom Lymbery
Movies at Gray Creek Hall

Have you ever wondered what the glass porthole in the kitchen door is for at the Gray Creek Hall? Brian Denault built the window into the door through which movies could be projected while confining the noise of the projector to the kitchen.

Weekly feature films were very popular in Gray Creek in the early 1970s. It was especially so in the winter months for those in uphill Gray Creek who lived above the limits of West Kootenay Power service. The movie program was organized by David and Doreen Zaiss who had established their home here from the US, unhappy about the Vietnam War that the US had become involved in.

People took turns bringing popcorn and we would vote on the possible choice of movies to come. We have to commend David and Doreen for finding available recent movies. Where did they get the projector and screen which made these attractive events possible?

“Catch 22” (1970) is one movie we remember well, and perhaps we could have seen it twice or more to explore the ramifications of the plot. “Sometimes a Great Notion” (1971), starring Paul Newman who was also the director, was easier to understand. An Oregon family logging operation found they were almost forced out of business by a union strike. After buying a new McCulloch chainsaw, one brother takes it into the union office and bucks their desk into several pieces. Watching them getting into a jeep, four-year-old Ingrid piped up from the audience, “Are they going to Lymbery’s?” “The Illustrated Man” (1969) was again a complex story – a person covered in tattoos, in four parts on his frame, with each part apparently representing a different story. We should have had Gerald Panio to interpret some of these complexities.

Sharon and I have always been movie buffs. We never missed a show and enjoyed whatever came. Anyone out there with memories of other films? It was always a crowded hall, and a very memorable time of what our new uphill back-to-the-landers brought to our community.

All the Kootenays have benefited from those who had been driven out of the US by the Vietnam War, including Corky Evans. Corky had just about made it to the BC premier’s office. Those who purchased former 1908 orchard property in Hippy Hill (uphill Gray Creek) were hoping to stay away from electric power, TV and telephones. The power only went as far as Marian and Rudy Engel’s place (later Peter Duryea’s),

where there were several deep freezes plugged in by those living higher up. So the movie program was a most welcome connection for all families.

Brian and Adrienne Denault and Doreen and David Zaiss had successfully completed a dome house on Anderson Road. Their house barely survived a roof fire. Doreen came rushing down the hill for water to prime the well pump. Sharon and I filled a cream can, and Doreen raced us back up around corners in her dash to get to where David and Brian were attacking the fire by the roof stovepipe. It took three to get water from the well as the pipes weren’t connected - one to hold the pipes together, one to pour water to prime, and one to pump - but we got a bucket line going and saved the building. The dome house survived for several more years, until renters didn’t replace the supports they had removed, and heavy snow caved in the roof.

One winter movie night David Zaiss said, “We need a skating rink”. As there wasn’t space near our hall for a rink, this triggered the construction of the fabulous William Fraser Pavilion at the Crawford Bay Park. This was thanks to a Trudeau funding initiative - Local Initiatives Program (LIP for short) - which allowed people to create their own employment. With this federal funding in hand, Bill Fraser designed the pavilion structure, Johnny Stocker did the bookkeeping, and Bill Strom made a model so the workers could see what was needed without having to study a blueprint. The project kept eight or nine workers busy using local wood, much of it donated by Einar and Bill Strom.



Gray Creek scenes from the seventies. Photo by Bill Pennell, courtesy of Bill Pennell

Doreen and David Zaiss with young Ingrid and soon-to-be Jakob with Module 1 of their hexagonal house (more modules would be added later.) Uphill Gray Creek, early 1975.

point of the LIP program was that it did not pay or include a foreman or supervisor. We were so fortunate to have Fraser, the Stroms, and Stocker as volunteers. But in Vallican, the workers had no one to plan their building project or guide them, so they were only able to dig a big depression. In later years, however, their project was properly completed to become the Vallican Whole, a combined community centre and school, and the birthplace of Nelson’s Kootenay Co-op.

All too soon power lines reached further up the Gray Creek hill as the young people wanted TV. Everyone had to pay the power company to extend the lines, but with several joining together on it, this became possible. It would have been even more economic if Norman Anderson had accepted West Kootenay Power & Light’s offer to install the power line up to his home at the top of Anderson Road in 1952. But Norman, never having had electric service, thought it was unnecessary, and declined the offer.

For more photographs and memories of Gray Creek in the 1970s, please see Bill Pennell’s book, “Early Exposures: A Photographic Memoir” (2017), available at the Gray Creek Store.

The crew cut fallen cedar up Crawford Creek and split shakes – 6000 shakes in total. The result was a structurally sound and waterproof space that will continue to serve for many more years to come.

The William Fraser Pavilion was heralded as a success story for the LIP. Not so successful at the time was the “Vallican Hole” near Winlaw in the Slocan valley. The weak

TOM SEZ

by Tom Lymbery

Firewood cutting is much easier with a new saw chain. Please bring you old one to the store so that we can match it correctly.

Easiest pumpkin pike making – put the whole pumpkin in your oven at high heat for 45 minutes or so. When it cools you will find you can peel it very easily and scoop out the centre with a spoon.

Cedar trees lose some greenery at this time of year, which is natural and doesn’t mean they are dying. If the top appears to be drying off, that cedar likely has grown in a spot without sufficient water.

How are electric cars for winter driving? Does the heating system use up the big battery sooner?

Alex Trebek’s new book explains that he was born in Sudbury to a Ukrainian father and a French mother, so grew up fluent in both English and French. When he became a CBC radio and TV personality he was their only bilingual person – a tremendous advantage.

A car hit the highway bridge over Gray Creek. When our Chamber of Commerce protested to Highways that this bridge appears narrow because the pavement is wider, they suggested that if we wanted a pedestrian crossing we could build it ourselves.

Michelle Mungall’s announcement that she will not run for the legislature included her impressive list of achievements and she includes the ferry service. Unfortunately she includes the changes to the ferry – making it to continue to run twice as far as necessary, using twice the fuel, and wasting all traveller’s time. She accepted the influence of NIMBYs to support them in refusing Highway’s research and planning to move to Queens Bay.

Leaf Footed Cedar bugs: It’s that time again – they come inside to hibernate but do not eat or breed so are just a nuisance we have to put up with. Some years are worse than others.

This useless provincial election called by Premier Horgan-Schmorgan for October 24, 2020. Let’s vote him out of office. Several NDP members like Michelle are not seeking re-election – obviously not happy with Premier Horgan.

I was much honoured and surprised by our Kootenay Lake Lions Club to be presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship recently. This was completely unexpected. Ellard Egeland who started our Club was the only other member to receive a Melvin Jones award, named after the originator of Lions.

GRAY CREEK PASS REPORT

by Tom Lymbery

How long the pass stays open for wheeled traffic depends on when the snow comes. Four wheel drives will continue using the road until the snow becomes heavy enough for the change to snowmobiles.

Age Friendly Consultation is Underway in Area A

If you are 55 plus, please consider doing a phone survey regarding how are you holding up in Covid times, and what is your sense of community.

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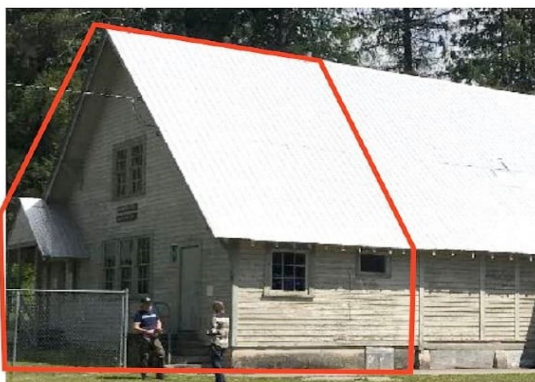
Looking for information???

This photograph shows the 1938 Crawford Bay hall and the attached 1948 school building. The photograph date is unknown but we think it is likely in the early 1950s. Note the stage addition is visible at the rear of the hall marked by a red arrow. Does anyone know the construction date of the stage? Photo credit: BC Archives D-03587



Looking for information???

This photograph shows the Crawford Bay hall in June 2020. A 15' western extension/rebuild is outlined in red. The extension is delineated by vertical battens on either side. Left: western extension as visible on the south and west elevations. Right: western extension as visible on the northern elevation. Does anyone know when this extension was carried out and why?



Looking for information???

This photograph shows the Crawford Bay hall in June 2020. Outlined in red is the area with the surviving mark of where the 1948 school building attached to the hall, and the icicle-and-snow-stopping cinder-block structure around it. A secondary canopy further protects this entrance. Does anyone know when the cinderblock and canopy structures were constructed?



East Shore Reading Centre Report

submitted by Cathy Poch

A successful AGM was held, with social distancing in the Reading Centre on Sept 17.

As most know the hardest part of having an AGM is trying to find willing persons to fill Board positions. We were extremely fortunate, in that the previous executive stood for their positions. Thank you to all.

The Reading Centre has also been fortunate in having volunteers to keep it open, abet with reduced hours--Tues and Sat 12:00 - 3:00, for the past two months, and yes word is slowly trickling to our patrons with an increased usage. Our new item shelf is overflowing with items than have steadily coming. Again thanks to those who help with the processing to ensure a prompt turn-around to ensure these items reach our patrons as soon as possible. As a small token in appreciation all volunteer names were entered in a draw for a gift certificate and the winners were: Susan Dill and Bev Anderson who have been long time volunteers at the Reading Center.

Weeding has been on-going, slowly, so there are boxes of high quality books up for home adoption at the back of the library...these are available for a nominal donation, that will be used for future donations. Thanks to all who use this tax supported facility.

What Autumn Brings at the Ashram

submitted by Nicole Plouffe

We are easing into fall at the Ashram, putting the garden to bed, canning, preserving and feeling full adapting to the on-going changes of the outer world. We were excited to venture into the online classroom in June addressing our need to continue teaching and connecting with others while closed for COVID. The transition has been a learning curve, but we are happy with the wonderful results of our slow and steady approach and now we are connecting virtually with people from all around the globe.

No matter how much we have enjoyed the opportunity to be with people online, we have missed the face-to-face connection with others who frequent the grounds each year. So now we are welcoming people in for extended stays while we adhere to safety protocols. Although we are closed to the general public, we are offering some ways to be with us this year and in 2021:

- Our free Two-Month Karma Yoga Program is for people who want to take time away from their daily lives to learn more about themselves and their life choices. This is an extension of our previous popular One-Month (OM) Program. Minimum two months has emerged as an ideal time-period because of the health requirements created by the pandemic. The program starts with a two-week guided quarantine period – much like a personal retreat – before full entry into Ashram community life as a full-time karma yogi.

- We have Retreat Cabin Stays at the Yasodhara Heights - a perfect way to retreat from it all for short or perhaps longer stays. Whether you want time to work remotely, create or just be, our well appointed cabins will inspire you with breathtaking views and a cozy, warm bright space to simply be yourself.

- And finally, our Yoga Development Course (YDC) for 2021 - Growing In Community, will be slightly different as participants will enjoy a two-week quarantine for more time to reflect and transition. As we reflected upon our 2020 YDC, we saw how important it was to be within community during the pandemic and how we supported each other amongst the ever-changing times.

We have missed you all in the Eastshore community and especially in June when we couldn't host our Strawberry Social. We look forward to the time when we can all come together again. For now, we invite you in these ways and hold you all in the Light.

Contact us for more information at info@yasodhara.org or go to our website yasodhara.org.

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KCP Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund

Request for Proposals

The Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) and Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) are seeking proposals for projects that will benefit conservation in the rural areas around Kootenay Lake, specifically electoral areas A, D, and E within the RDCK.

The purpose of the Fund is to provide local financial support for important projects that will contribute to the conservation of our valuable natural areas. Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLLCF) funding is available for conservation projects that result in the reduction to a known threat to biodiversity. The themes for the Fund are water conservation, wildlife and habitat conservation, and open space conservation.

Projects that are technically sound and effective, and provide value for money through partnerships with other funders will be given priority. Proponents must be a registered not-for-profit organization, First Nations band or local government. Unqualified groups or organizations may partner with a qualified organization. A Technical Review Committee will review project proposals and make recommendations to the RDCK for final funding approval.

To apply for funding, go to www.kootenayconservation.ca/kootenay-lake-local-conservation-fund/

Review the Terms of Reference, paying particular attention to Section 8 – Fund Design and then apply using the application form provided.

The closing date for project submissions is **4:30 pm PDT, October 30, 2020**

Project proposals must be delivered by email to info@kootenayconservation.ca.




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East Shore Youth Network Is Welcoming New Members!

Submitted by Vienna Doenni

The East Shore Youth Network is welcoming new and old members for the 2020/21 youth programming. The Youth Network is an independent programming, supported by Columbia Basin Trust that organizes activities for the local youth. Coordinators Matt and Vienna put on events such as movie nights, hiking trips and various sport activities as well as professional development opportunities.

For the month of October the youth are going to brush up their first aid training at a three day wilderness first aid training (there are a few last spots open for this incredible opportunity). Youth will explore Kootenay Lake by kayak and on a fishing boat, climb summits such as Mount Crawford and explore the West Kootenays by horseback. A highlight of this month will be the Haunted Hall, when the ghosts of the Crawford Bay Community Hall unite to scare those foolish enough to enter!

Youth also help within their communities through volunteering opportunities. This month, the Youth Network is participating in the Helping Hands Day, a day when the young lend a hand to those in need of an extra set. They will also gather funds for the Community Hall renovations by helping re-home furniture; an event in lieu of the usual silent auction. If you or your youth are/is between 12 and 18 years old, don't miss any opportunities and sign up for the East Shore Youth Network (www.eastshoreyn.ca) to become part of the fun.

The East Shore Youth Network is an all inclusive program that anyone can join.

Free Fruit Bushes Available, Apple Gleaning Postponed

by Nicole Schreiber

Community Apple Gleaning and Juicing:

With the complications created by the pandemic, combined with a very low apple crop on the East Shore, we've had to make the difficult decision to cancel this year's apple juicing activities. We thank our donors, volunteers, and sponsors and look forward to a big harvest and easier times in 2021.

Autumn Fruit Bush Give-Away

Kootenay Food Tree Project's 4th annual fruit bush give-away is under way. This year's plants include: **Goji Berry, Saskatoon, red currant, black currant, Nanking cherry, and the naturally dwarfing, very hardy 'Sweetheart' line of cherry tree seedlings, too.** Plants will be given out until they're gone or the snow flies so email kootenayfoodtreeproject@gmail.com to request your plants and book a time for contact-free pick-up in Crawford Bay.

Plants are free to East Shore residents. We simply ask that trees be planted promptly, watered regularly for the first year, and be protected from deer by an enclosed garden or fencing. We also hope that residents who receive plants will propagate them in the future and give some away to their own friends and family (or even donate some back to the project!), in order to keep those varieties flourishing in our area.

Take this opportunity to start or enlarge your fruit garden this autumn!

Kootenay Lake Ferry Service Improvements Project Update

The Kootenay Lake Ferry Service Improvements Project work has continued since the last project update. The new vessel contract has been awarded, work continues on terminal improvements, and the MV Osprey completed its first low-water season post-dredge with no adverse operational impacts.

NEW VESSEL

Following a procurement process that shortlisted three B.C. firms as finalists, in September 2020 the province announced B.C. company Western Pacific Marine Ltd. has been awarded the contract to design and build the new ferry. The new electric-ready vessel is scheduled to enter service in early 2023, and will more than double the capacity of the MV Balfour, which it will replace.

As part of CleanBC, the province is working to transition the entire inland ferry fleet to electric propulsion by 2040. The new vessel will be a hybrid diesel-electric with all the systems, equipment, and components required for electric propulsion. The vessel will be fully converted to electric propulsion by 2030, once shore power is installed and reliability of the technology advances for use on a daily basis.

The new ship will be able to accommodate up to 55 vehicles and, used in tandem with the larger MV Osprey 2000, will reduce sailing waits during the busy summer months.

TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS

Terminal design and environmental approvals are ongoing. Work includes capacity and safety improvements within the terminal parking and passenger area, as well as the entrance to the terminals from the Highway. Planned improvements to terminal amenities include upgrades to washroom facilities, new sheltered waiting areas, EV charging stations, and greenspace improvements.

Preliminary land preparation (including tree removal and utilities work at the terminal entrance and along the highway) is scheduled to occur this Fall and Winter prior to the main improvement contract scheduled for tender in early 2021.

BACKGROUND

In 2016 and 2018, the province consulted with ferry users, area residents and businesses about proposed improvements to the service, safety and infrastructure of the Kootenay Lake Ferry. The Province made key changes to the final project plan after considering the input received, along with technical, environmental and financial considerations. Some of these considerations were documented in the 2018 Consideration Memo that can be found on the project website. In April 2019, the Province, with funding support from the Government of Canada, announced that safety and efficiency improvements to the Kootenay Lake Ferry Service will be implemented beginning in the Fall of 2019. The project will involve the procurement of a new right-sized electric-ready ferry, safety and amenity improvements to both the Balfour and Kootenay Bay terminals, and minor dredging in the west arm of Kootenay Lake. Collectively, these improvements will provide ferry users with a safer and more reliable ferry service as well as contribute to the Province's goal of employing electric propulsion on all inland ferries by 2040.

For updates or to find more information about the Kootenay Lake Ferry Service Improvements, please visit <http://www.gov.bc.ca/kootenaylakeferryproject>

Lower Kootenay Band Submits Offer to SD8 for Purchase of Kinsmen Park

Submitted by Curtis Wullum
(Director of Devlpmnt Serv for LKB)

The Return to akiktunam

At the beginning of every Board Meeting of the Trustees of School District #8 (Kootenay Lake), Chair Lenora Trenaman states: *We acknowledge, respect and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District #8.*

A territorial acknowledgement is an act of reconciliation. It is a step in a long march towards doing all those economic, social, moral and psychological steps necessary to change the minds of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Canadians about themselves and their relationship within Canadian society.

On November 6, 2019, Nasookin Jason Louie attended a School District #8 Facilities Planning Meeting at Prince Charles Secondary School in Creston. At this public meeting, Nasookin Louie presented Superintendent Christine Perkins with an offering of tobacco which she graciously accepted upon the understanding that, in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, the School District would negotiate in good faith, the sale of the Kinsmen Park property in Creston, BC to Lower Kootenay Band.

On September 2, 2020 Lower Kootenay Band made a formal offer to purchase the Kinsmen Park property at a price reflecting the appraised value of the property. Given this fair market value offer, yaqan nukiy is excited at the prospect that akiktunam, the traditional name of the site, will be returned to its original owners.

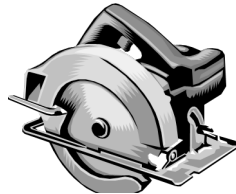
Lower Kootenay Band sees the acquisition and
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development of this property as an opportunity to move the dial towards greater reconciliation and to change the minds of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous valley residents to dream bigger. It is time for the Lower Kootenay Band to take its place alongside the Town of Creston and the RDCK and be central to future community development including the creation of affordable housing and common recreational grounds.

We are excited about the possibilities and hope that all of the residents of the valley can feel this same excitement.

We believe that this name and the promise of this property will resonate not only for the people of yaqan nukiy but will also create an awareness and an alchemy for true inclusivity in the Creston Valley, says Nasookin Louie

Thinking of Renovating?



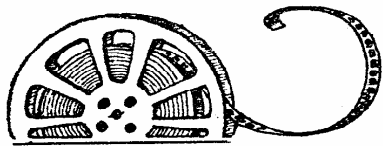
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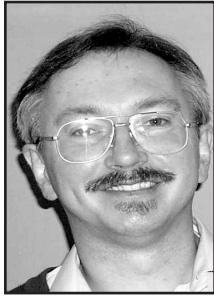
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Seldom Scene

by Gerald Panio



[narrating] *What good is a deed? My grandfathers and great uncles, grandmothers and great aunts, father and mother, broke, tilled, thawed, planted, plucked, raised, burned, broke again. Worked this land all they life, this land that never would be theirs. They worked until they sweated. They sweated until they bled. They bled until they died. Died with the dirt of this same 200 acres under their fingernails. Died clawing at the hard, brown back that would never be theirs. All their deeds undone.* —Hap Jackson

[narrating] *My great-great-granddaddy and his slaves built the farm that I grew up on. One time my granddaddy told me to go out, grab a handful of dirt from the yard and bring it in. He said, "What are you holdin', son?" And I said, "Dirt." "That's right. Now give it to me." So I did, and he says, "Now what's this I've got in my hand?" "Dirt," I says. "No, boy, this is land that I've gotten. Do you know why? Because I own it. Because it's mine. And one day, it'll be yours."* —Henry McCallan

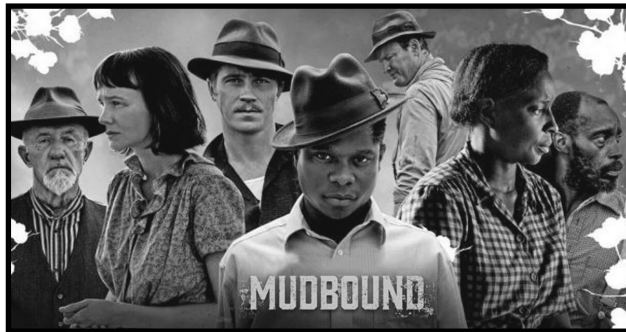
When my mother was a young girl growing up on a small farm near Ituna, Saskatchewan, there was one thing she knew she did *not* want to be when she was older—a farmer's wife. Her own mother had had to raise three children and manage the farm on her own when her husband died in his late twenties. My mother saw firsthand what a hardscrabble farming life looked like, and when she was 18 she left home and found work in Ontario. I was reminded of this because one of the main characters in the Netflix film *Mudbound* (2017), Laura McCallan (Carey Mulligan) finds out the hard way what it's like to go from a relatively secure and sheltered life to eking out a living on a piece of unforgiving farmland in Mississippi. I suspect at least one of her daughters would have learned the same lesson my mother did. Certainly, one of the young daughters of the black sharecropping family that works the same land announces her determination to earn her living as a stenographer as far away from the farm as she can get.

Mudbound tells the interconnected stories of two American families, one black and one white, struggling to survive in the 1940s. Both Laura and the mother of the black family, Florence Jackson (Mary J. Blige) are exemplars of the pioneer women who demonstrated such extraordinary courage and common sense in adapting to the unforgiving lifestyles fate imposed upon them. (For example, 33-year-old cultured Berlin writer Else Lübcke, who in 1927 decided to marry a man she had never met in a country she had never visited, and ended up raising a family in an isolated cabin in north-central B.C.) Florence, the child of sharecroppers, has an edge over Laura in the wisdom of experience—her children are older, she's part of a strong church congregation, she's a midwife—but

Laura is no shrinking violet. When early on Laura's stepfather suggests they sell her piano to make more room in the house for himself, her flat-out refusal (the piano is her last link to her former life) shows the steel which makes her the kind of wife that Henry McCallan will have to rely on to make his vague dreams into precarious realities. Laura understands what her family needs from her, and shoulders the role of dutiful wife even as she knows she could have had a life of greater passion and wider horizons.

Florence is the matriarch of her family. Her dreams are for her children. Her husband, Hap Jackson (Rob Morgan), treats her as an equal. Their love for each other is genuine, reinforced by faith. Hap is the preacher in the unfinished church which by its very existence is a statement of pride and as incongruously beautiful amid the muddy fields as Laura's piano is in her storm-beaten farmhouse.

The two family's lives might have hardly intersected without the America's sudden plunge into World War II. A young man from each family winds up going overseas, and returning home changed. Ronsel Jackson (Jason Mitchell) joins the 761st Tank Battalion, made up primarily of African-American soldiers. The 761st was a vital part of General George S. Patton's strike force, called one of the most effective tank battalions in WWII. This despite the fact that black tank crews were assigned segregated living quarters, separate latrines, and separate blood supplies. Even after the war, Patton was quoted as saying "Individually they were good soldiers, but I expressed my belief at the time, and have never found the necessity of changing it, that a colored soldier cannot think fast enough to fight in armor."



home. A key element of *Mudbound's* tragic arc comes from what happens when a black war hero has to reconcile his wartime experiences with post-war Jim Crow Mississippi bile.

Henry McCallan's brother Jamie (Garrett Hedlund) spends the war years flying B-25 Mitchell medium bombers. He comes home with a fistful of medals—including a silver star—plus PTSD, survivor's guilt, and a soul-killing drinking habit. He's also still got a hankering for his brother's wife. Jamie's dad, a racist slimeball of the first order, sees him as a loser for doing his killing from two miles up instead of eye-to-eye with the enemy.

Neither Ronsel nor Jamie really knows what they're doing back in Mississippi. They do know there's a bigger world out there. But how do you turn your back on family when you know that every hand is needed to force a living from the land? As two veterans who have both had traumatic battle experiences, losing friends in the close, bloody confines of tanks and

cockpits, it's almost inevitable that a bond will form if they're thrown together. Even more so when we learn that Jamie's life had been saved by the intervention of a squadron of P-51C Mustangs flown by the first African-American military pilots. (The Tuskegee Airmen, known as the Red Tail Squadron because of the red paint used on the tails of their fighter aircraft, are finally being recognized for the 15,000 missions they flew protecting Allied bombing runs. Their story is told in an award-winning 2007 documentary, *Red Tail Reborn*, and a 2012 film, *Red Tails*.)

Interracial bonding is a dangerous thing in rural Mississippi in 1946. Especially when dear old Dad entire social circle wears white sheets. Son Henry is not exactly a chip off the old block; he's just no world changer. He's too stressed out by survival issues to question the old order, second-think his master-slave relationships to the black family that works his land, or see his wife for who she is.

There's one more element of *Mudbound's* plot that calls to mind my mother's memories from her early years. The McCallans have a dirt-poor white family working for them. What happens with the Atwoods is one of the small horror stories that my mother hinted were not unknown on isolated farms miles away from the nearest neighbors and from the Law. Unconvinced? Check out journalist Maggie Siggins' *Revenge of the Land*.

Hap Jackson's graveside eulogy near the film's end is a reminder of the terrific power & poetry of the King James Bible's language when delivered at the right moment by the right speaker.

The director of *Mudbound* is a young woman named Dee Rees. In 2018, she was the first Black woman nominated for an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay, for *Mudbound*. The book on which she based her screenplay was by Hillary Jordan, a young white American novelist raised in Dallas and Muskogee, Oklahoma. When Jordan began working on her book, people warned her against writing black characters. Rees rejects this argument: "It's a failure of imagination if you only write what you know—we have to be able to imagine different worlds. You can't be limited by your own experience." (Jordan's second novel was a retelling of Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, where criminals are "chromed," punished by having their skin color changed.)

Mudbound's narrative is unflinching and grim. It is also not without hope, however tenuous. One wants to hold onto that hope in the face of the current daily newscasts that either legitimize racist right-wing goon squads and demonize left-wing protesters, or can't see a difference between high school kids carrying protest signs and fully armed militia who come out to intimidate them.

Mudbound's fine musical score is by another young Black artist, Tamar-kali. Mary J. Blige also contributes a memorable song ("Mighty River") for the closing credits. Check out the video. *Mudbound's* cinematographer, Rachel Morrison, was the first woman ever nominated for Best Cinematography. Prior to that, this was the only non-gendered category that had never nominated a woman. Think about that for a second. The category was established in 1928.

Thanks to the impact of the #BlackLivesMatter movement, local bookstores have recently been featuring some powerful studies of racism in America. I've picked up Ibram X. Kendi's *Stamped from the Beginning* and Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*. Gary Younge had a recent essay in *The New York Times* titled "What Black America means to Europe," exploring the perception of European racial tolerance witnessed by Ronsel Jackson.



pebbles by Wendy Scott Kootenay Autumn and Dragonflies

Sunset and dragonflies; their wings have the soft rattle of cellophane as they swoop past to dance above the quiet surface of a lake – any lake with the dust of late summer evening on its face. Small ones with deep red bodies and hairy abdomens do a lot of bouncing while larger turquoise versions with green faces hover almost motionless then dart away briefly and rebound as if pulled by skinny elastic. The choreography is intricate. I can easily turn them into fairies. And I imagine Victorian storytellers took advantage of their brilliant colours and delicate wings to do just that. But they are predacious creatures and take over on mosquito patrol when the swallows begin their trek back south.

More sunsets – some with dragonflies and some without. Last year, in the Kootenay, we had the dubious pleasure of a bright orange sun descending through a thick haze of smoke that travels up and down this valley from wherever a forest has caught a spark and burst into flame. Another brilliant scarlet and orange sky – without the smoke – seems to be a regular occurrence at Pointe du Chêne in New Brunswick. In this Maritime town, the setting of the sun is a community event worthy of a row of benches at Fishermen's Wharf. There's plenty of parking and plenty of people – some looking, others casting for mackerel and at least one photographer complete with tripod and big lens, to catch the flight of a tern across that exceptional sky.

One of the fishermen is a truck driver – dedicated enough, when faced with the ultimate decision, to leave a woman for his truck. Whenever he's in town, and the time is right, he comes to watch the evening sky and the other watchers. Several elderly couples have their own camp chairs and coffee. Children, with evening in their hair, play quietly on the rough wooden decking.

Young couples build memories in the fading sky.

New Brunswick is a truly bilingual province. It is quite a surprise to hear clerks in fast-food restaurants conversing easily in both French and English. In Quebec clerks and attendants were polite with their English but not so fluent. We spent a couple of days being tourists in Quebec City – with the help of several tour guides, many buses and a very windy voyage up the St. Lawrence. The wind seemed to flatten the river; there were no waves to toss us about but chairs and garbage cans came careening across the deck in an alarming fashion and my hair twisted into a ridiculously tangled mess.

The Plains of Abraham, serene, dignified and somehow, quite British, stretch back from their vantage point 365 feet above the river. It was the first day of June in 1759 when the British set sail from Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island. It took them over three months to reach that cliff. The war, conducted from sailing ships, canoes and barges, was not pretty. Ships and marching units were attacked viciously by Indians and "Canadians" who were at that time French. Indians took scalps whenever they could and the British were not above collecting a few as well. They even engaged in tomahawk tossing if their Indian adversary missed his mark. As they progressed up river, the British collected supplies and plunder and left the fires of burning towns in their wake.

The vigilant French of course could see them coming and were prepared with an army of about 12,000 awaiting their arrival. Unfortunately for them, the Brits chose the side door, so to speak, and were able with a force of about 3500 men, to surprise the French army, overcome them and secure the city in three days.

In the evening, after an impressive sunset thunderstorm, we came back to walk through the streets of Old Quebec. Water dripped off awnings and puddled the sidewalks but it was all wonderfully warm. We sat in a restaurant open to the street and enjoyed elegant service. A gentle ending to a rather hectic day.

Fields, neat, tidy, precise, follow the St. Lawrence east through this old province and seem to stretch to the Laurentian Mountains – just blips in the distance ahead. The Appalachians to the south are not much

more than rolling hills. There is lots of room for sky.

That night, at New Brunswick's Shediac beach, I walked in the Atlantic for the first time. It was surprisingly warm and the sand, soft and silky – no driftwood, no logs and really no surf.

We swam in the dark blue sea in the morning, then went off to find a traffic circle in the middle of the countryside with nothing but fields all around it. But it did head us in the right direction for the ferry across Northumberland Strait to Prince Edward Island. The Confederation Bridge was still nameless, unfinished and eerily suspended in the fog above the Strait. The ferry, tired and ready for retirement, carried us those 13 kilometers to the tiny province with pastel homes, small properties, red cliffs and red sand covered with tiny periwinkle shells – no bigger than the nail on my little finger. They reminded me of a special box given to a childhood friend many years ago. The box, big enough for two decks of cards perhaps, was decorated with the same tiny shells. But the handful of shells I gathered on this island beach seemed much too delicate and fragile to capture on wood. They held the lights of the sea and the sky in their miniature mirrored surfaces. Each pair unique. But, I suppose, each pair also held hors d'oeuvres for all those cormorants and herons that line the breakwaters and wait patiently for tides to come and go with their dinner.

We have no tides here on Kootenay Lake, but we do have a much nicer ferry. Two weeks ago, before the smoke blotted out our mountains, we stood on the hill at Pilot Point beside the lighthouse where our Kootenay dragonflies ride updrafts back and forth like gulls soaring the wind and, higher still, osprey whistle and hunt for their big chick's dinner. Below, silent from here, our two ferries trail curling wakes across the lake. And suddenly, from the direction of the West Arm, a flock of geese rise and form into rather haphazard lines. As they straighten and find their direction, I see one white bird in their formation. I have seen this fellow before, on the beach at Balfour, but never in flight and I wonder how long it took him (or her?) to grow the necessary flight feathers. I'm not sure how chummy this bird will get with its cousins, but is it possible we may see a Kootenay/Canada strain at some point? Bon voyage white goose. Good luck with your endeavors.

Blast from the Stacks Riondel Library News

by Muriel Crowe, Shirleen Smith &
the Riondel Librarians

It's the time of year when elemental ebbs and flows are top of mind. Birds migrate south, to return north again in spring. Tides advance, then recede. Yin and Yang. Black holes collapse and big bangs explode.

Riondel's librarians are finely attuned to such forces. Books are loaned out. Books return. Repeat and repeat. But now a novel twist has inserted itself: a book drop-off slot. As we speak, Nils Anderson is creating a slot in the east-facing door (Eastman-facing, actually) of the library to receive your returns. The slot will be completed by mid-October. You'll be able to pick up your book requests at the library during the open hours (see below), and then return them anytime! The books return, like geese migrating to nest, to be sanitized, and then fledge out into the reading community again.

As well as carving holes in the front door, holes for wiring are soon to be drilled upward from the catacombs below the library to supply power to the exciting new improvements announced in January, courtesy of Columbia Basin Trust: a new computer centre complete with six new computers, scanner, colour laser printer, software, desks and chairs. Look forward to a squad of excited librarians showing off the new space once the renos are completed and we've managed to surmount the pandemic.

On the reading front, fall is the season of new book publication and a tidal surge of new books is expected on Riondel Library's shelves. In particular, we anticipate stiff competition from patrons for Louise Penny's latest, *All The Devils are Here*. Get your name on the

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reserve list to find out what new peril is besetting Three Pines.

While you're waiting, order your other autumn reads by visiting the online catalogue, asking a librarian or taking potluck with a Library Grab Bag. Or access eBooks with your Creston Library card, available for free through Riondel Library.

One reminder that has come to our attention: when accessing the Library Catalogue (click on Catalogue in the website, www.library.riondel.ca, type in "Riondel Reading Centre" - spelled *centre*, and not *center*. Apparently we Riondel librarians favour the Canadian/British spelling.

Finally, during the ongoing public health crisis, we are continuing to take the necessary precautions to keep you safe by distancing, wearing masks, and sanitizing books and DVDs. We thank you for your Covid-prevention efforts as well.

Library info:

Hours: Monday/Wednesday/Saturday 10-12 am

Location: Riondel Community Centre

Contact the Library: the_librarian@bluebell.ca or 250-225-3242

Website: www.library.riondel.ca

How to Take Books out:

- SELECT your books by going to www.library.riondel.ca and click on the Catalogue button, sign in to Library World using Riondel Reading Centre. No password required. Email or phone your requests to the Library.

How to Return Books:

- Drop your books off during open hours.
- About mid-October: drop your books off anytime using the New Book Return Slot!

There are still no overdue fines! But please return your books/DVDs promptly so others can enjoy them.

BOOK REVIEWS

by Tom Lymbery

RAINCOAST Chronicles 17, Stories & History of the BC Coast, edited by Howard White, Harbour Publishing. 80 pages \$13.95 A further selection of Histories, including one on "Ratz" Francis Mawson Rattenbury, Architect who designed so many BC buildings including the Nelson Courthouse and Bank of Montreal. I have a fairly close connection as his son John was a good friend and boarder at St Georges School in Vancouver. Another is Howard White's report on the "Opportunities for Youth" program that he ran to inform hikers of the problems to be expected in hiking the West Coast Trail. He couldn't believe that some turned up barefoot, expecting to survive on berries – most impossible for that 44 miles of most challenging terrain. It continues to be a challenging attraction, even students from Crawford Bay School – also Norm Husband's wife, who wished she had done more training exercises. "Donkey Boiler Coffee" by Arthur Mayse is a hard to believe description of making coffee in the firebox of a steam operated Logging Donkey machine. The eager loggers drank this in half pound tobacco cans as there were no mugs available. Many more true stories in this seventeenth Raincoast Chronicles edition.

BEGINNING SEED SAVING for the home Gardener, by Jim Ulager, New Society Publishers, 88 pages, \$17.99. There may be several books on seed saving but this one is especially for The Home Gardener, who may have thought this was too complicated. I enjoyed saving seed to grow in Mexico where I found seeds germinating in 3 days and growing so fast in the heat – these were miniature yellow tomatoes that I particularly like. Another reason was that you are prohibited from bringing seeds through Mexican Customs. Tomato seed needs to be washed to remove a slimy substance that prevents the seed from sticking together – relatively simple with practice. Or you can just cut the tomatoes into slices and save them, except that you will get clusters of seedlings. This is a worthwhile book to keep in hand and encourages us to do more seed saving – especially as packaged seeds continue to become more expensive.

Smarter Than Jack or Jill

by Sharman Horwood

Animals are smart, amazing creatures. If you have an animal story you'd like to share, please contact me at shhorwood@gmail.com.

Dolphin Aid

Throughout history there have been tales of dolphins helping humans in trouble at sea. Many stories. For instance, in 2000, according to Ross Pomeroy in an online publication, *RealClear Science*, a fourteen-year old boy fell out of a boat in the Adriatic Sea. He “nearly drowned before being rescued by a friendly dolphin. The marine mammal swam up” and pushed the boy back to his father’s boat, where he was lifted out of the water and into the craft. Also, in 2004 and 2007, dolphin pods “circled” surfers at risk from great white sharks until help arrived. My favourite story in this vein, though, is one told by Adam Walker, a professional long distance swimmer. When he was attempting to swim the difficult waters in the Cook Strait between the North and South Islands of New Zealand, he was suddenly surrounded by dusky dolphins. They swam around him, to the side and below, as if they were playing. However, they weren’t playing. When Adam looked about, he saw the great white shark that had been following him.

Another amazing story of dolphins rescuing a human is the incident that was recorded by Maddalena Bearzi and reported in *National Geographic* in 2014. She and her research team were observing a pod of bottlenose dolphins feeding near the shore not far from Los Angeles, California. Suddenly, one of the dolphins abruptly turned and headed in a different direction, out into deeper water. This was so unusual

that the researchers followed as the rest of the pod also turned and trailed behind the first. The dolphins picked up speed, still heading out into open ocean, when they stopped and suddenly formed a ring around a dark object in the water. The object was a girl, about three miles off of shore, and she was almost dead. She was cyanotic from lack of oxygen and had severe hypothermia as well. As Bearzi states in the article, “If we hadn’t found her, if the dolphins hadn’t led us offshore when they did, to that specific place, she would have died.” She was a German girl, visiting L.A., and had tried to commit suicide. However, thanks to the dolphins, she survived.

Stories about dolphins rescuing humans go back as far in time as Ancient Greece, according to the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society. Clearly, dolphins sense human distress and empathize with it. Also, as in the case of Adam Walker, recognize when a human is in a dangerous situation. At the National Aquarium in Baltimore, researchers claim that this response “is thought to correlate with higher forms of empathy and altruistic behaviour.” Apparently, we love dolphins as we do for good reason.

However, dolphins also turn to humans for help.

In 2019, a group of divers were observing manta rays swim at night near Hawaii. As they were watching, a bottlenose dolphin swam up and into the light of their lamps. As it came into the light, and stayed there, the divers noticed that one of the dolphin’s fins wasn’t functioning. They didn’t know why. The dolphin swam up close and presented that side of its body to the nearest diver so he could see the fish hook that was stuck in its fin. Using a tool like pruning shears, the diver began to work the fishhook out of the dolphin’s flesh as the animal kept that side of its body close to him. (The video of this is, by the way, amaz-

ing and short; I’ve posted it to my Facebook page as well as the following Enzo Mallorca story.) Once the hook was out, the diver also removed the fishing line wrapped around the dolphin, embedded in the animal’s skin, and even in its mouth. The wild animal remained calm and stayed close, still in the light and right beside the diver as his hands worked over the dolphin’s body, even though tugging on the line had to hurt. When the diver finished, the dolphin calmly swam away.

On September 27, a famous Italian diver, Enzo Mallorca was diving in the sea near Syracuse, Sicily. His daughter Rossana was with him on the boat. In the water as he prepared for a dive, he was thumped “slightly” on the back. When he turned around, he found a dolphin behind him. But the dolphin didn’t want to play, and it voiced something to Mallorca. Then the animal dived and Mallorca quickly followed it. After about twelve feet, they found another dolphin caught up in a discarded fishing net. Enzo’s daughter handed him a diving knife and after a couple of minutes they were able to free the dolphin from the entangling net. Shortly after the animal rose to the surface, as they watched, it gave birth to a baby dolphin. The first dolphin swam over to Mallorca and touched his cheek, a kind of dolphin kiss, “a gesture of gratitude,” Enzo felt. The pregnant mother would have lasted only a few minutes more. Both she and the baby would have been lost.

According to Mallorca, “until a man learns to respect nature and talk to an animal in the world, he will never know his true role on earth.”

This interspecies cooperation between dolphins and humans probably is, as the Baltimore Aquarium researchers maintain, a sign of “higher forms of empathy and altruistic behaviour.” Both of which, to my mind, indicate an unusual intelligence.

For the Love of Genre

by Sharman Horwood

North Korean Silences

The novel this month is a different twist is more of a spy story told as a murder mystery. Like Philip Kerr’s Bernie Gunther novels, it also tries to emulate film noir. I call this “mystery noire,” and though the book doesn’t always succeed, it is well done.

Bamboo and Blood by James Church (2008) is his third Inspector O novel. (Prequels are *A Corpse in the Koryo*, 2006, and *Hidden Moon*, 2007.) Given the political and economic conditions of North Korea at that time, *Bamboo and Blood* is very interesting.

Inspector O is a North Korean policeman. He is the grandson of a noted army general, which places him higher in North Korean society than an ordinary officer. The family relationship of course turns out to be as much curse as blessing. As with many others, O obeys North Korean government strictures to survive. His grandfather taught him to obey, but he also taught his grandson about woodworking, and the importance of wood. When O carries chips of different woods in his pocket, he is doing so to counter the political climate: “Wood doesn’t know about politics.”

The novel takes place in the midst of North Korea’s worst famine, after the breakup of the Soviet Union which caused their oil subsidies to cease. Industry can’t function without fuel, nor can heat and electricity, and the country is in the midst of a very cold winter. Arctic air sweeps down into the Korean Peninsula from Siberia. People are dying of starvation; workers take days away from their jobs--without notification or permission--in order to search for food for their families. They go out into empty, frozen fields to try to dig

up something that is edible. There are no animals to hunt, and cars don’t run without fuel so Pyongyang’s streets are mostly empty and covered in ice.

At the same time, their leader’s health is in question. Kim, Jong-il is ailing. To most North Koreans this is a disaster. They have been taught to depend on their leaders for their country’s welfare.

This is a novel of silences, and understanding what isn’t said is important. The novel starts with a request from O’s superior, Pak. O is to take care of a foreign man who is promoting an undefined business. O is told where he can find him, and how O should handle him. The man’s name is Jenö and O is led to believe that he is Swiss. However, he learns Jenö is actually from Israel and wants to visit certain military sites. When O takes the problem to Pak, O is told he must try to help Jenö nonetheless. Pak even puts in a request to an army officer to help O so that the foreigner can visit one military installation in particular.

Shortly after that, O is also told he has to write a report on a dead woman, a government employee. The report is to go to the Ministry, and he is to drop everything else and investigate this woman’s death immediately. O knows her name, but the reader doesn’t. O isn’t told where she was killed, nor how. After he talks to the woman’s father, he learns that she has traveled internationally, and the father thinks she died in Pakistan. O later learns she’d also been to New York, where he travels. At all times, he is watched.

Many of the novel’s events are cryptic, and this is what gives the story a sense of North Korean culture: nobody wants to know too much in this unsure political realm. Army officers can commandeer as they want. When an army officer’s car gets stranded in the ice. He demands that O, who is passing by, give him a push, and threatens to pull out his gun to force O’s help. On another occasion, another army officer does pull his pistol and points it at O because the inspector hasn’t given the officer the right information. O placates him

with small gifts of rice for him and his men.

The novel gives a clear image of just how North Korean people avoid information. They don’t want to know something that might get them killed. Church is a master with this atmosphere. It reminded me of one of my own experiences, at an ATM in downtown Seoul. The bank machines were on a deserted mezzanine; there were stairs down to the subway, and stairs up to the street. I was alone, except for one man using the machine next to mine. He asked if he could help. However, I soon learned that he knew my name and he knew where I worked. I didn’t work in downtown Seoul. It was a very creepy moment, and Church uses events like these to advance his story. In my case, the outcome was good--he worked for the police near the university and had seen me there. In the novel, these moments are as unexpected, and often don’t work out well.

The author, James Church, is a pseudonym and also a mystery. He is identified on Wikipedia as a “former Western intelligence officer with decades of experience in Asia.” He is American and in 2009, he was over 60. According to *The Korea Herald*, an international English-language newspaper, “his name and identity are known in the community of North Korea watchers.” “Watchers” are government spies who examine other countries’ news and affairs. Thus, when the novel crosses the genre boundary between mystery and spy, it reflects qualities of the author’s own life.

In the novel, people’s silence is overwhelming. It achieves that surreal sense of being in another country where people’s actions and responses don’t follow the usual rules, suggesting that this story covers a sensation of alien-ness and obfuscation pervading the country.

The novel’s story really comes together about half way through the book. Until then, the winter’s cold, O’s difficulty in finding out information about his cases take up most of the narrative. There is a great deal more that can be said about this book, but my best recommendation is, read it.

FORESTS ARE FOREVER?

by Anthony Arnold

Forests are unique among natural resources because, unlike ore, oil, or natural gas, forests are constantly at work for our benefit. They are alive. They produce oxygen and store carbon. They provide habitat for animals, including humans. When rain falls, forests store water and release it slowly, preventing floods and providing reliable flows in streams and rivers. They shade the soil so that micro-organisms, shrubs, and insects are able to thrive and increase soil fertility. They are an excellent venue for recreation and renewal. And when properly managed, they produce a regular supply of timber.

In the last month there have been some major news stories from the forest sector. The worst fire season in modern history hit the west coast south of the border taking lives, destroying structures and entire towns, sending thousands fleeing, and fouling the air over half of the continent. Meanwhile in BC, the government, in response to the growing chorus of concerned citizens and scientists, announced plans to reform old growth management policy. With characteristic guile, the announcement came with a delay for logging of several old growth forests, most of which contain no merchantable timber and never would have been harvested anyway. But the announcement was a big deal, and the band played, so it's business as usual until the new policy appears.

Closer to home, another story broke in Grand Forks. Townsfolk there have filed suit against the BC government and forest companies, claiming damages from the devastating floods of the last four years. They cite extensive clear-cut logging in the Granby and Kettle watersheds as the number one cause. The lawsuit is far from frivolous. They have spent almost two years

developing their arguments and lining up expert testimony. I'm waiting with great interest to hear Interfor argue that what happens in the forest has no effect on water.

Climate change is surely the theme that connects all these stories. They demonstrate that climate change disrupts natural systems because climate is a major determinant of how they function. Of course all natural systems are interconnected so the disruptions have far-reaching effects such as fires, floods, declining forest health. As the severity and frequency increases, the effects touch more and more people. Welcome to 2020.

In our community we have a magnificent forest resource. This is rarer than you might think; a few minutes spent on Google Earth will show you how much of BC's forest has been eliminated. As more disappears, what remains becomes more essential to modify the impact of climate change and provide the benefits we depend on. Making a change presents a lot of challenges, not the least of which will be the clash of ideas. Some people think it's just a matter of cutting trees, planting trees, cutting them again. Some people think there's a lot of forest out there, surely we can keep cutting. On the other hand many people believe we are at a crossroads and must make major changes in our approach to forest management, spending more energy tending, thinning, salvaging, conserving. Some people believe everything should be a park. These are conversations we need to have--see the sidebar for some starter material--because there is much work to be done in our forests in this era of climate change besides cutting them down.

The forests we have now ARE the forests of the future. We can't count on some new forest growing up to replace the ones we have already destroyed. The conditions that fostered their growth are rapidly changing. Tree plantations, which definitely are not forests, typically take 50 to 100 years to grow into stands of larger trees...without climate stress. But a complex old growth forest with all its value does not spring up in

a clear cut after a few thousand selected seedlings are plunked into the sunbaked mountainside. That plantation will do little to store carbon, produce oxygen, or mitigate severe climate effects for years, if ever, if it survives, if it thrives. It should be clear that if we want forests tomorrow, we must stop cutting them down today. Industry can participate in a new management style that emphasizes more tending and less cutting in the face of this CLIMATE EMERGENCY, or they can hurry up and grab what they can.

The forests we have now are the only forests we will have for the foreseeable future, and we need them now more than ever. But what's happening on the mountain?

RESOURCES for further research:

- researchgat.net/...323399911: This is an article entitled "The Exceptional Value of Intact Forest Ecosystems"
- greengrowthknowledge.org: Information on a number different climate change files and what people are doing
- bccfr.org: website of the coalition for forest reform
- nationalobserver.com: look for special report Race Against Climate Change
- forestmarchbc.com: Lots of community activism here
- conservationnorth.org: Did you know BC allows companies to turn old growth into pellets for export?
- stand.earth
- youtu.be/mWmKBstNmCQ: an in depth analysis of the wood pellet industry, especially in BC. Not as green as you might think
- cofi.org: Here you'll get the industry point of view. Very slick, very conciliatory.
- veridianecological.org: Rachel Holt of Nelson, methodically lays out the lies and errors in Old Growth management policy
- focusonvictoria.ca: article. Forestry isn't sustainable, folks. Coming from the political heart of BC.



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Crawford Bay Hay Association First Hay Report

by Mautz Kroker

First of all: If you want to do haying for the first time in your life, don't do it unless you have a farming family or a lot of good friends covering your back!

Haying the air strip for the first time was quite an experience, in all the varieties one can think about doing this work ... watching the birds flying up from the high grass, seeing raptors circling above to catch the suddenly uncovered critters in the field, blue sky, a light flavor of the lake when the breeze went the right direction, and big noise, dust, heat, dry tongue, challenged and suddenly broken equipment.

After eight days of happy haying, I faced an equipment breakdown. The grass was cut and drying in the sun, just waiting to get baled. But the baler refused to bale after it had done almost 900 pieces without resistance.

Almost six days of replacing parts followed, driving back and forward to Creston for new components, talking to hay farmers, adjusting and timing chains and so on...

To repeat the first sentence, what would I have done without friends? What would I have done without

Eddy Draper and Mike Jefferies who stood six days by my side, figuring out the delicate soul of an old square baler and working on this damned thing until it spit bales again? Men, you proved yourselves!

And, what would I have done without all those other friends and people who helped me so often to load and unload the trailer, who brought cold drinks, beer, smiles and popsicles or even a lunch on a table cloth under the big maple tree. Yes, thank you all for this help and beautiful experiences; this made it worthwhile to spend more than two weeks on the hot and dusty field.

The hay finally got in, with no rain on it, well and dry stored at three different places and not even one bale was left rotting in the rain.

I sold many bales right off the field or delivered them from there and I am hoping the sell the harvest until the next season. Unfortunately, a good part of the harvest dried too long in the sun because of the baler breaking down that I can sell it only for bedding and at a cheaper price.

Here are some numbers:

- I harvested 1648 bales from the field and sold, as of now, 612 bales. This brought in, so far, \$3400.

- I had to spend \$1713 in spare and new parts to prepare the equipment, to fix the baler and I paid another \$1327.50 in mechanical labour. There is still \$359.50 in the association's account.

- I still have to pay for the fuel, advertisements, the first instalment for equipment and perhaps some more parts to get the equipment prepared for next season.

- In stock as of today are another 1036 bales and I hope to get all of them sold over the winter sold. I



assume this can bring \$5000 to \$6000. When this is done, I am hoping to send \$2000 or more to the park administration and to finally pay myself for the work.

All together, the whole adventure didn't turn out too bad despite the broken baler. And, it's not completely done yet as long there are still bales sitting in the barn. Over the coming months, I'll focus on advertising and winning new customers in the area. Worst case scenario, the unsold hay can be always turned into good organic meat by getting and feeding a cow, some goats or sheep.

I'll definitely apply to hay the field again next year. The learning curve might be less steep then.



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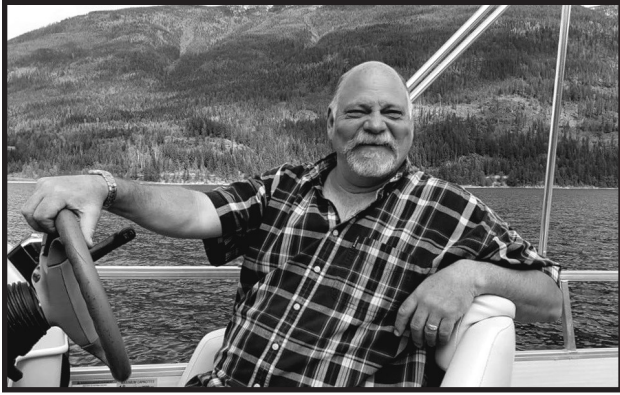
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Notice of Passing

GARBULA, Gregory Andrew



Gregory Andrew Garbula sadly passed on Sunday, August 30th, 2020 surrounded by his loving family after a short but arduous battle with ALS. Greg will be fondly remembered by his friends and family from Crawford Bay, BC to his hometown of Windsor, ON and everywhere in between.

His "Greg"arious personality always led to success both personally and professionally as he never had an adversary that didn't become a friend. His warm demeanour was so cherished by his adoring wife Victoria (nee Rakush), his children Garrett (and Christina), Katarina (and Joel), and Samantha (and Avi). He was Papa GG to Stella and Cyrus, whom he loved with all his heart. He will be dearly missed by his brother Rob (and Sue), his mother-in-law Annie, and father-in-law Stan (and Ruth). Nieces and nephews will be lost without him. His faithful companion Roscoe is devastated.

He will join his parents Stan and Dorothy in heaven for a salty beer and a shot. Cheers to you, a heroic husband, fantastic father, prized Papa, boisterous brother, and fabulous friend to all. Each day was a blessing to those who knew him. He was our Superman in all aspects.

Although there will be no service we will celebrate his life everyday. Thank you to all who helped us through this ordeal, especially Dr. Andre Kirsten who went above and beyond. As per family's request, please no flowers, but a donation to a charity of your choice is welcomed.

Did You Know?

EAST SHORE HEALTH CENTRE NEWS!

The East Shore Kootenay Lake Community Health Society welcomes our new nurse practitioner:

Jayne Ingram

Jayne will be available for appointments Monday through Friday - call the clinic (250-227-9006) for more info.

Notice of Passing

POMPU, Dwaine

On August 12, 2020, the world lost a legend, Papa Dwaine Pompu. He was 70 years old when he passed away in Nelson, BC.

No funeral will be held at his request; instead he requested a Celebration of Life.

Papa was a loving son, brother, husband, father, uncle and perhaps one of his most precious roles that he ever played was Papa to Jacob, Joshua, Aaliyah, Cash, Bronx and Gauge.

Papa Dwaine Pompu was born in Leoville Saskatchewan on September 24, 1949. He was born to and is predeceased by Eleanor and Karl Pompu, brother in law Wayne Brow and Cousin Dave Dortman. Papa is survived by his previous wife and dear friend Lucy Beck, daughter Shauntelle, son Caleb and grandchildren Jacob, Joshua and Aaliyah; as well as brothers and sisters Gerry, Elaine, Ron, Larry and Denise and cousins, Les Dortman and Shirley McLim, among many others. He is well loved and remembered by many brother and sister in laws, cousins, nieces and nephews. Although Papa Dwaine's life was cut short, he lived every day to the fullest with laughter, happiness, pride and a great sense of humor.

If you wander around the Kootenay's, it is most likely that you will see some of his artwork as he was one of the most skilled stone mason's the Kootenay's had to offer.

Papa Dwaine will be truly missed for his wonderful sense of humor, charismatic charm and genuine personality.

Notice of Passing

RICHARDS, Elizabeth Mary



It is with great sadness that the family of Elizabeth Mary Richards (nee Oliver), announces her passing on September 3, 2020 at the grand age of 92.

Elizabeth was born in Taghum, BC, and spent most of her life between the East Shore, and the farm in Manitoba, with her husband Jim. In her later years, she left her family home in Riondel

to move to Nelson, from there she lived out the rest of her life in Creston with her daughter Sandra.

Beth will be lovingly remembered by her daughters Carol (Jerry), and Sandra. Elizabeth will also be fondly remembered by her six grandchildren Erica (Chuck), Melissa (Ben), Sean (Kate), Gabby (Thomas), Brodie, and Frea (Glenn). Beth is also fondly remembered by her great-grandchildren Jessica, Jordan, Chay, Gabriel, Ivy, and Shaunie. She will also be dearly missed by many other family members and friends who have become family.

Elizabeth was predeceased by her husband Jim and her granddaughter Ammanda.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. For those who wish to make a memorial donation please contact Frea Carlson at (250) 687-8177

East Shore Hospice News

by Barbara Kuhn

When we, or someone we love, are dying, it doesn't always happen quickly. Most people don't die as the result of an accident or catastrophe. Usually, there is a decline in health for a period of time.

During this time, the person who is dying may start to pull away emotionally from their loved ones. The family may also begin to spend less time with the person who is dying. This detachment is referred to as anticipatory grieving. Anticipatory grieving is about starting to let go before the loved person has died.

This can be hard to understand. Sometimes it helps to talk to someone about how we feel in these difficult times.

At East Shore Hospice, we can help. We are a caring group of volunteers who are here to help those who are dying, are caring for someone who is dying, or the bereaved.

If you or someone you know is in need of Hospice Care or you would like more information, please contact Susan Dill East Shore Hospice Coordinator at the East Shore Community Health Center Hospice Office at 250 227-9006. In addition there is a free Library with hospice related books and some DVD's on care, grief and mourning. The Library is best accessed at the Hospice Office on Tuesdays between 10am-2pm.

Watch for more articles and information on Hospice care that will be posted regularly in the *East Shore Mainstreet* by Maggie Kavanagh and/or Barb Kuhn or any one of our other volunteers.



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PERSONAL CARE/HEALTH

ALEXIS PHILLIPS, M.A., R.C.C. - Registered Clinical Counsellor specializing in complex trauma, relationship issues, grief & loss, anxiety & depression. Apptmnt/consultation, call 250-509-0368. Email: alexandralianephillips@gmail.com

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EAST SHORE HOSPICE - Palliative care for anyone facing life threatening illness. Confidential support for individuals and their loved ones.Hospice can also provide grief and bereavement support. 250 227 9006 ext 29 - eastshorehospice@gmail.com. Volunteers needed. Please contact for more info

FIRST CONTACT EAST SHORE MIDWIFERY - Sylke Plaumann, registered midwife. 250-227-6846.

KOOTENAY SOUND HEALING CENTRE on Riondel Road, offering Sound Healing treatments, Gong meditations, Astrology consultations, Workshop/Event space, Acutonics@ classes, and products. www.kootenaysoundhealing.com, 250-225-3518, theresa@kootenaysoundhealing.com

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REGISTERED HERBAL THERAPIST, MASTER HERBALIST - Maya Skalinska, M.H., R.H.T. Iridology, Tongue & Pulse analysis, Nutritional consultations, individual herbal remedies, Flower Essence consultations & remedies. For appointments, please call 250-225-3493.

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RESTAURANTS

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CHILD HEALTH CLINIC, ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Will be at the East Shore Health Centre monthly. For information, call Creston Health Unit at 250-428-3873.
EAST SHORE HEALTH CENTRE Call 227-9006
 See calendar for doctor days - Doctor hours are from 9:30am to 4:30 pm. Please call 227-9006.
 Interior Health Authority, Community Care Nursing and Home Support Services - 250-352-1433.

HEALTH CLINIC MESSAGE

We are doing phone appointments right now, unless the patient absolutely has to be seen, or they can go to emerg. In Creston or Nelson. If someone is having symptoms of Covid-19 they are asked to stay home and call 250-551-7500 or 811.

Lab and Doctor apts.

Our doctors are doing telephone appointments when possible. If you are experiencing any symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, "Please do Not Come INTO CLINIC" Call 811 or Nelson Testing Site Phone 250-551-7500 We do not have the testing kits here at the clinic.

PLEASE CHECK BACK PAGE CALENDAR FOR DOCTOR DAYS

HEALTH PHONE NUMBERS

- ES Health Centre: 227-9006
- Drug & Alcohol: 353-7691
- Child & Youth: 353-7691
- Community Nursing: 352-1433
- Public Health Dental Screening/Counseling: 428-3876
- Hospice: 227-9006
- Baby Clinics: 428-3873
- Mammography Screening: 354-6721
- Physiotherapy: 227-9155
- Massage Therapy: 227-6877
- Mental Health Crisis line - 1-888-353-CARE (2273)

DOCTOR DAYS IN SEPT (SEE ABOVE ABOUT COVID 19

PROTOCOL)
 Every Tues: Dr. Piver
 Every Weds: Dr. Moulson
 Every Thurs: Dr. Barbour

RIONDEL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Regrettably, the Riondel Community Centre opening is delayed. It now looks to be sometime in October ... so look for more news in the November issue!


WARNING RIONDEL RESIDENT!

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LIONS CLUB - meets at the Kootenay Lake Community Church - 16190 Highway 3A, Crawford Bay. Meeting Times: 7 pm. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month. For More info call Lion Mike Jeffery - 250-227-6807 or Lion David George at 250-227-9550 or Lion Fraser Robb at 250-227-9636.

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly: meets Thursdays at 8:30am, Kootenay Lake Community Church basement. Info: Myrna at 227-9420

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Meets every Sunday at the Community Corner Bldg. in Crawford Bay at 7:15 (1 hour meeting)

Kootenay Lake Ferry Schedule

Winter Schedule

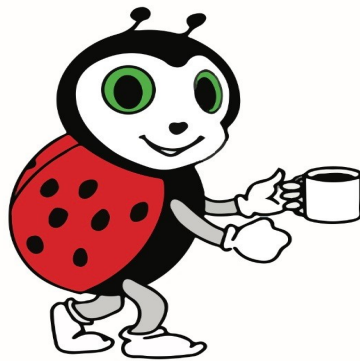
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Vessel	Departs Balfour	Departs Koot. Bay
Osprey	7:30 am	8:10 am
Osprey	9:10 am	10:00 am
Osprey	10:50 am	11:40 am
Osprey	12:30 am	1:20 pm
Osprey	2:10 pm	3:00 pm
Osprey	3:50 pm	4:40 pm
Osprey	5:30 pm	6:20 pm
Osprey	7:10 pm	8:00 pm
Osprey	8:50 pm	9:40 pm
Osprey	10:40 pm	11:20 pm

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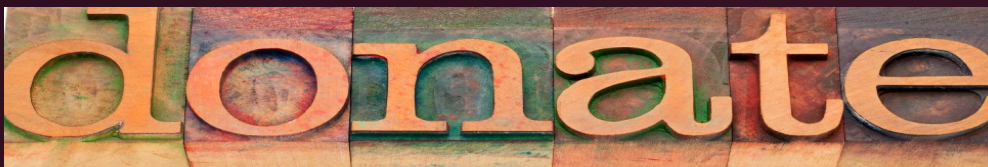
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