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Team Panorama's Amelia Smart rockets down the giant slalom course at Panorama Mountain Resort during the CRESA Under-16 Can-Am Western Championships on February 28th. Ms. Smart wiped out competition with a combined lead of three seconds over the second place finisher. For additional photos and story, see page 28.



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THE THREE AMIGOS — Liberal MLA candidate Doug Clovechok, Diamond Jubilee Award-winner Floyd Verge and RCMP Staff Sergeant Marko Shehovac show off Floyd's certificate and award on Friday, March 1st.

Photo by Kristian Rasmussen

Verge earns royal honour

*By Kristian Rasmussen
Pioneer Staff*

A man known for his booming laugh and over-sized heart earned recognition for the mountain of contributions he has made valley-wide on Saturday, February 23rd.

Floyd Verge, the founder of Verge for Youth, an organization which has raised over \$350,000 for youth and families in need, received Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee award after being nominated by B.C. Liberal Party candidate Doug Clovechok and Columbia Valley RCMP detachment Staff Sergeant Marko Shehovac for his devotion to the community.

"The work that he has done and his selfless commitment to young people needed to be recognized," Mr. Clovechok said. "I was absolutely thrilled to be able to

put that nomination forward and even more thrilled when he got it."

Mr. Verge, who was one of the last children born at Pynelogs when it was still a hospital, was raised in the Columbia Valley and first started his volunteer career in 1990, when he found himself offering his time on a Parent Advisory Committee with his wife Shelan, and acting as a Scout leader for his son, Shayne.

Several years later, after re-uniting with his extended family over a series of funerals, Floyd decided that the group should meet under happier circumstances every year. After three years of getting together for golfing tournaments, Floyd's philanthropic side showed up.

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VALLEY NEWS

Hot Springs meeting heats up debate

The lure of a discussion around the upcoming privatization of Radium Hot Springs drew a crowd of 53 concerned citizens to the Radium Seniors' Hall on Wednesday, February 27th.

The decision to privatize the hot springs was made far away from the valley it will impact; businesses that rely on the stable hours and low entry fees that draw tourists to the attraction and to the community will be affected, said Marianne Hladun, regional executive vice-president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada (Prairies).

"Local businesses and First Nations were never identified as stakeholders in the process," she said. "These are traditional healing waters."

"The hot springs should remain accessible, affordable and distinctly Canadian because they belong to you as citizens of this valley," added Kevin King, regional vice-president of the Union of National Employees, to open the meeting. "There has not been enough consultation, and stakeholders are not engaged in this process."



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY — Audrey Eugene of the Shuswap nation informs the meeting about Chief Pierre Kinbasket's wish to keep the Radium hot pools available for everyone. Photo by Kristian Rasmussen

Shuswap Band members Audrey and Ox Eugene spoke about the historical failure of the Federal Govern-

ment of Canada to honour a contract that was forged by Shuswap Chief Pierre Kinbasket and Indian reserve commissioner, Peter O'Reilly.

"They took the hot pools away and in return they were supposed to give more land for the reserve, which never happened," Audrey Eugene told the meeting. "Actually, they cut off more land."

During the September 21st, 1914 meeting of the McKenna-McBride Commission the Shuswap band, led by Chief Kinbasket, explained to the group that the Sinclair Hot Springs were also regularly used by the Shuswap Nation until the government fenced in the attraction.

"Mr. O'Reilly had told the Shuswap Band that they could access the springs at any time and in a 1914 letter, Chief Pierre Kinbasket is asking for the hot springs back so that it could be used by the public.

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Osborne-Paradis misses World Cup podium by a hair

By Dan Walton
Pioneer Staff

Only one-hundredth of a second separated valley skier Manny Osborne-Paradis from third place at the Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Men's Downhill in Kvitfjell, Norway last weekend (March 2nd and 3rd).

Immediately following his run through windy conditions on Saturday, 29-year-old Paradis, who races out of Vancouver but owns property and skis on occasion in the Columbia Valley, was in the lead.

That lasted until France's Adrien Theaux pushed him out of top spot en route to claiming the second World Cup victory of his career.

Paradis was again bumped into third, and then into fourth as skiers completed the 2.6 kilometre course after him. He registered a time of 1:29.61. Mr. Theaux was 0.51seconds faster, and third place finisher Klaus Kroell of Austria beat Paradis by 0.01 seconds.

Five other Canadians placed behind Mr. Osborne-Paradis in the top 50, including Invermere's

Ben Thomsen, who placed 29th.

In Super G action on Sunday, Mr. Osborne-Paradis started in the 51st position and was unable to finish his run, later tweeting it was "a long day to go out on the fourth gate."

(Ski racers ideally like to be among the first thirty competitors to hit the course, in order to ski on the snow before other racers begin to erode it excessively.)

His teammate Erik Guay also crashed, while Calgary's Jan Hudec finished 16th.



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RCMP Report

Submitted by Staff Sgt. Marko Shebovac
Columbia Valley RCMP

• On February 28th, Columbia Valley detachment members responded to a single vehicle accident on Highway 93/95 and Burns Avenue near Canal Flats. The 31-year-old Calgarian driver of a 2006 Ford F-150 advised that he swerved sharply to avoid colliding with two elk on the highway. The southbound Ford ended up in the ditch and rolled. Two passengers were injured. The injuries were minor in nature, however they were taken to the hospital by ambulance to get checked out.

• On March 1st, the Columbia Valley detachment was contacted in regards to a complaint of assault that occurred on February 12th on Dehart Rd. The assault involved two adult females. Injuries to the victim were minor. An adult female was charged with assault but police were later contacted and requested to drop any further investigation or charge. Due to the minor nature of the assault the investigation was terminated.

• On March 1st at around 4 p.m., members of the Columbia Valley detachment responded to a complaint of break and enter in progress at the Windermere museum. Police were advised that two youths were seen kicking at the door. Police located two youths in the immediate area who admitted to kicking at the door. The damaged door was secured. Police drove both youths to their homes and spoke to the parents. The investigation is continuing.

• On March 2nd, Columbia Valley members responded to a complaint of disturbance at Kinsmen beach. It was believed that during this disturbance an 18-year-old male from Invermere in an intoxicated state fell and broke a bottle, cutting himself. Police were called to the hospital later on and located the injured male along with another intoxicated 18-year-old man. After the injuries were attended to both males were arrested and lodged in cells. Contact was made with one of the parents and another adult male and both were released.

• On March 2nd, during patrols after bar hours, an intoxicated man was located in Invermere. The drunken man was verbally combative and suggested he be taken to jail. Cpl Simpson, always the obliging officer, took him up on his offer. The 59-year-old man from Invermere was lodged for the evening.

• On March 3rd, as a result of a complaint of domestic assault in the 1100 block of 13th street, a 35-year-old man from Invermere was arrested and

charged with assault. The male will appear in Invermere Provincial Court on June 10th.

Frauds:

Citizens in the Valley have reported numerous fraud attempts to get your money. In one instance, a man was informed he had won a lottery prize and a large sum of money was required for the prize to be released. The victim sent money, but on realizing it was a fraud, contacted Canada Post with a police file number to cancel delivery. One other senior in town received an email with a similar type fraud and again sent a large sum of money. The senior was fortunate that an error was made and a friend was able to intervene to cancel the delivery of the money. The senior continued to receive intimidating emails to forward a password so that the money could be delivered. The friend, using initiative, responded to the email by replying that any further intimidation would result in charges, signed Sergeant Dudley Do Right of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. No further emails were received. The detachment will be contacting Sergeant Dudley Do Right to respond again. Be aware of the numerous fraud attempts to get your money.

Perfecting the Game:

While goal judging a game in Golden, I noticed a group of minor hockey kids killing time play fighting and doing it all wrong from my vantage point. After the first period I went over to the kids and lined them up for pressure points 101 (pain compliance).

I demonstrated some of the pain pressure points on the body. When the game was back on in the second, I could hear screams and notice some of my students practising pressure points on each other.

Great! After the second period, one of the adult executive members informed me that a bunch of kids were hurting each other. I was told to do something about it. Even though off duty, I am always viewed as the police. I advised the executive member that I would certainly deal with these out of control kids. I called them over and told them to put their heads down and act like they were being spoken to as I shook my fingers at them.

They left and I made eye contact with the executive person and gave her a thumbs up. So, down the road if you are watching an NHL game and during Coaches Corner, Grapes comments on how a player takes advantage of pressure points, I'm the guy. Now, to save some of you time, "Jeers to Marko for teaching pressure points and advocating violence in hockey."

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War on wolves wraps up

By Kristian Rasmussen
Pioneer Staff

A nature photographer, whose keen eye behind the lens and beyond helped him discover 18 wolf snare traps located six kilometres from his Columbia Lake home, has learned that the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations have curtailed their snare trapping program in the valley as of Thursday, February 28th.

The program will begin again if conflicts between cattle and wolves arise, the Ministry of Environment told *The Pioneer* in an email.

"I am not just happy about the fact that we have saved a few wolves, which is great, but at the same time we have saved a lot of other wildlife and even dogs in the area," said Brad Hill.

"The choice of traps are certainly questionable, potentially on legal grounds, but there is also no doubt that these traps cause pain and suffering even if they work perfectly, which they often don't."

The snare program was started on February 7th after a total of 31 livestock was reported missing from a local rancher in the Kootenay Trench. Six of the cattle were confirmed by conservation officers to have been killed directly as a result of wolf predation, the Ministry of Environment added via email.

"The snares were deployed by conservation officers in an area identified as home to a pack of wolves causing significant depredation on local livestock," the email read.

The traps, which were spread out around the Dutch Creek, Lake Windermere and Columbia Lake area, were baited with road-killed elk and mule deer.

Mr. Hill learned of traps on the northern end of Columbia Lake after he bumped into a neighbour who had reported observing baited snares in the area. Fearing for the safety of his dog, Mr. Hill discovered the location of the traps for himself and started an online petition to halt the program, which has received more than 2,000 signatures over the past week. Although the traps represent a moral concern for Mr. Hill, he feels that the campaign may also be on shaky legal grounds.

"This is a much bigger story than a few local snares," he said. "These snares are in direct violation of an international agreement on humane trapping standards that Canada is signatory to."

Mr. Hill is referring to the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards signed by the Euro-

pean Union and Canada in December of 1997.

"If you look at the list of approved traps for a wolf, the only thing certified is a leg hold trap that doesn't close all the way and has rubber jaws to not hurt the animal," Mr. Hill added.

The use of snare traps complies with the requirements of the Wildlife Act and utilize the best methods and equipment to avoid incidental catches, the Ministry of Environment wrote to *The Pioneer*.

The snares themselves are designed with an added tension spring to dispatch the predator as quickly and humanely as possible.

They are also designed to break if a larger animal, such as an ungulate or bear is caught, releasing the animal unharmed, they added via email.

Mr. Hill, who is a biologist with a Master of Science in Behavioural Ecology, is unconvinced that the snares used are humane.

"We have testimony from not only the American Humane Society, but from veterinarians about the speed of death and amount of pain that these inflict," he said.

The snaring program was curtailed because of little success in catching predators due to mild weather conditions, which melted snow and made trails harder to follow for the wolves and therefore made it harder for them to be snared, the Ministry of Environment conveyed.

"It appears to be a very recent decision to remove the snares," Mr. Hill said. "I would not be surprised that there was a bit of a move to diffuse the story and diffuse the major issue we are facing in terms of how we are managing wolves, in this case with the snares."

The Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations would be better to employ a risk mapping program on Crown Land where they could look at the probability of a wolf preying on cattle in an area and keep the predator out, as opposed to using lethal means, Mr. Hill explained.

"Use of risk maps can actually reduce the depredation rate pretty dramatically, he said. "That is one of the only mitigation measures on public land."

The Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations released their Wolf Management Plan for public comment on November 14th, 2012. For more information about the plan, please visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/public-consultation/grey-wolf/.



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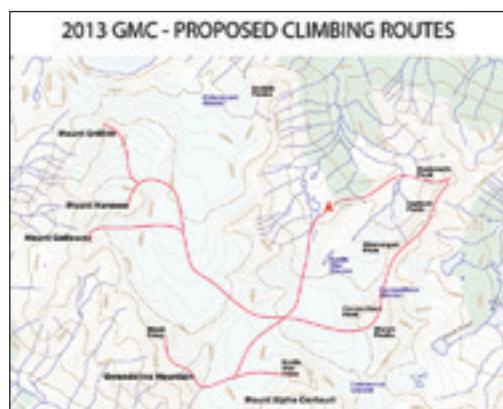
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PERSPECTIVE

Mettle tested in trials by fire

By Greg Amos

Chalk up a win for Panorama and the ski racing community in the wake of the 1,000 Peaks Lodge fire at the ski resort on February 27th.

Not only did the fire departments from across the valley respond with lightning speed thanks to quick action taken to report the fire, but racers, coaches and volunteers pulled together to lend out gear to keep a major youth sports event on track, resulting in some very impressive performances by local young athletes who will continue to make us proud well into the future.

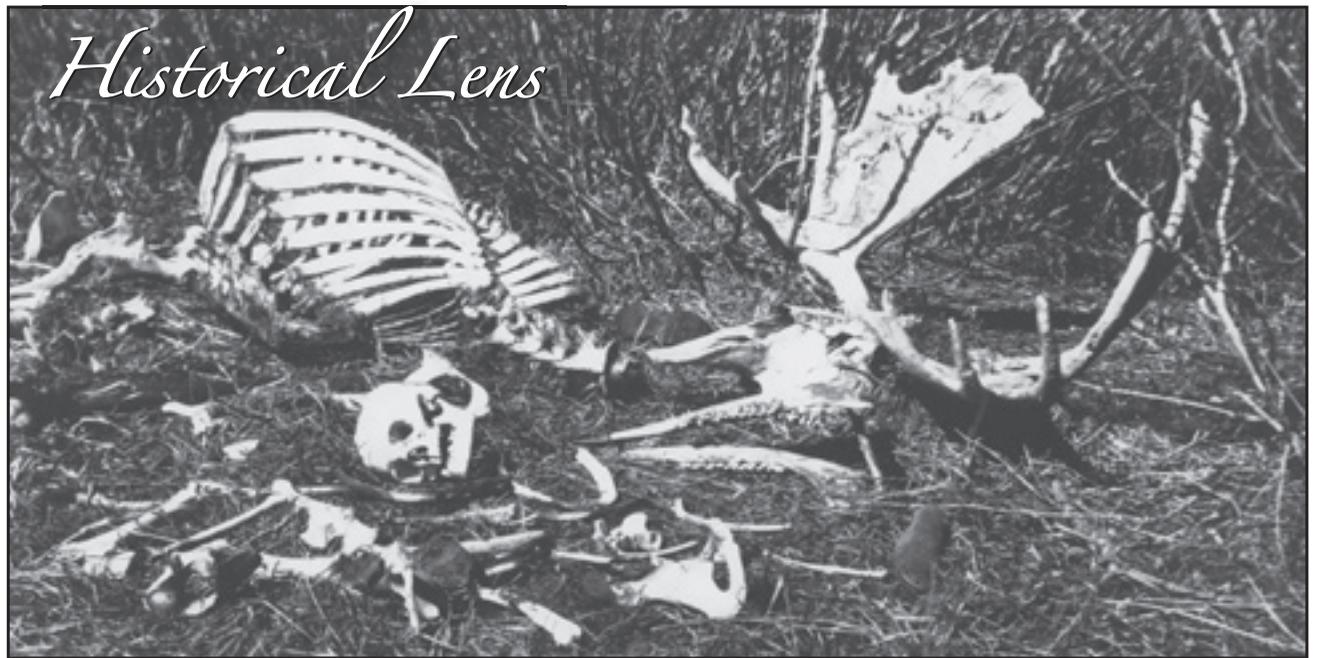
Yes, a building was scorched and is most likely a write-off, but no one was hurt. And if anyone was wondering why there's a volunteer fire department in place at Panorama, that question has hopefully been answered.

As those ashes are cooling, we can expect to see things continue to heat up on the hot springs privatization front. In the hours before that fire broke out, the spark of righteous indignation was igniting a roomful of speakers in Radium, who expressed their concerns over what a privatized Radium Hot Springs pools might look like.

Speaking of things heating up, the letter found on this page aims to pour cold water on what's been one of the most important global issues for years, one that's finally being openly discussed in the political arena.

The views I hold on climate change are the polar opposite of those put forth by Mr. Hunsicker — he misses the boat by failing to mention that since 1991, the 24 peer-reviewed papers that reject human-caused global warming are greatly outweighed by the 13,950 articles in which scientists have shown evidence to support the theory — but everyone's entitled to an opinion, even if they're flat-out wrong. For example, I am deeply skeptical of the arguments put forth by the anti-smart meter crowd, but their letters will find a home in the pages of this newspaper.

Fair, balanced and objective reporting on the issues that matter, and an opportunity for readers to speak their minds, are what community newspapers are all about.



Historical Lens

A man, a moose and a mystery

In what's thought to be a bizarre hunting accident, this 1950s-era photo taken in the Flathead River Valley shows a scene where both man and beast met their makers in close proximity. The Pioneer reader who dropped off this photo surmises a final shot at close range caused the moose to fall on top of the hunter, crushing him. If you have any more information on this or any historical photo, e-mail us at info@cv-pioneer.com.

Photo submitted

Climate scientists got it wrong

Dear Editor:

Good news — it's been discovered there has been no global warming for 16 years. Also, hurricanes and tornados are at a new low. This is good news because now carbon dioxide can go back to being plant food. We Canadians can now be proud of our heavy oil resources. Also, there is no more apocalypse.

A warm summer night can now be a good thing and our kids won't have to worry about killing the planet anymore. The oceans aren't going to flood and cause everything to go extinct. The carbon tax can go to lowering the deficit, and a Sunday drive will be a good thing. Windmills can be turned off and not kill bats anymore.

Now, David Suzuki's lectures to our kids can be about biology instead of all the bad things people do. Instead of saving the planet, children can save each other

er on the monkey bars. Schools can focus less on recycling and more on bicycling. There can be fewer grants to study global warming and more going to fun things.

With no more global warming we can start thinking local and acting local by letting hockey moms keep the car running while waiting for practice to end. All the protesters from Nelson won't need to carpool anymore because they can each take their own car. Invermere council won't need to pay Wildsight to study greenhouse gas reduction anymore.

What's not to like about this great discovery? We can all make more money and not feel bad about it. We can enjoy cheap gas and more room in our cars and also, no more Armageddon.

Monroe Hunsicker
Dry Gulch

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LETTERS

What is wrong with Alberta's drivers?

Dear Editor:

What's with Alberta driver education (or lack thereof) — is the only criteria to get a driver's licence in Alberta to have an IQ that matches your shoe size? There sure must be a lot of people with small feet.

As a long haul driver, I've driven in just about every province and state in North America and I'll have you know that I'm not just picking on them for sport. Why is it that the TV show *Canada's Worst Driver* has such a high percentage of graduates from the Wildrose province?

Every time I drive any distance, why is it that the vehicles passing on double solid lines, on the crest of a hill, or on a blind corner don't have a plate on the front and a red and white one on the back?

I didn't know that the "slower traffic keep right" sign means race the vehicle in the left lane until the lane ends or you have the opportunity to cut off the vehicle in the left lane.

Why is it that every time there is a curve or bend in the road, the rules state that you must slow to 70 kilometres per hour, but when it straightens out, you must do 140 kilometres per hour?

Cruise control must have been invented for everyone except those with Alberta plates; then it's just an inconvenience that keeps all other traffic moving in an orderly fashion.

The rationale I keep hearing is that the Alberta tourist dollar is good for the B.C. economy, but I seriously wonder if the cost of police responding to accidents, the cost of repeated highway closures due to accidents, or the loss of human life due to poor driver abilities is offset by tourist dollars. How many tourist dollars is a human life worth nowadays? I can't seem to find that statistic.

Should we assume that the Alberta government intentionally picked red as a prominent colour on the plates so as to be a warning to the unsuspecting?

Why is it that on most weekends and especially on long weekends, a good majority of accidents on B.C. highways even as far away as Vancouver Island involve drivers with those good old red and white plates?

I strongly feel that we should be lobbying the Alberta government to institute a graduated driving education system that should be even more stringent than the one we have in B.C., so as to bring the quality of driver education and expertise to a level that stops endangering the people from other provinces, and yes, even other states.

Thanks for letting me vent, and safe driving to the rest of us.

Toni Bokesch
Radium Hot Springs

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LETTERS

Smart meters or dialysis?

Dear Editor:

The latest BC Liberal budget would cut healthcare by \$235 million, while raising premiums by four per cent. Didn't they just blow almost a billion dollars on smart meters? Explain that logic. What do these meters do — dialysis? Apparently not; all they do is save you a phone call when the power goes out. So why the priority? My guess is that someone's making a buck.

Maybe someone like BC Hydro director Tracy McVicar, who is also managing partner of CAI Capital Management, which owned Corix, the company that installed the smart meters.

Other insiders have done well off BC Hydro, such as the independent power producers who signed lucrative contracts to sell spring runoff power to BC Hydro at

rates far above market value.

Hydro doesn't need the power in the spring; their reservoirs are full. If BC Hydro were a private company today, they'd be bankrupt. They aren't because Hydro has a cash machine: your hydro bill.

So you see, some of the 85,000 British Columbians who refused the smart meter did it for reasons other than just the World Health Organization report which classed wireless phones (and smart meters) as Group 2B "possibly carcinogenic to humans." Microwaves increase the risk of glioma, a malignant type of brain cancer. The BC Liberals are willing to take chances with your health for their own gain.

Bryan Stawychny
Edgewater

Tourist trusted in dialysis during visits to Columbia Valley

Dear Editor:

This letter is written in support of keeping, and perhaps increasing, the existing dialysis services in Invermere. I live in Saskatchewan and have kidney disease. Thus I require dialysis three times a week; some people require four times a week.

I have friends in Invermere and area, whom I very much wished to visit this winter and take in the attractions of this beautiful valley. However, I debated a great deal on whether to come because of the lack of dialysis in Invermere.

The closest treatment centre is in Cranbrook, 138 kilometres away. This takes up basically a full day: three hours of driving and four to five hours at the hospital. That's inconvenient, to say the least.

Many tourists and visitors come to Invermere; I am one of these. More would almost certainly come if there were dialysis facilities at hand. I understand

that several families have already moved out of Invermere because of its lack of this service and thus the need to drive to Cranbrook. This is truly unfortunate. Also, with tourism increasingly becoming a part of Invermere's economy, the availability of dialysis would ensure these people visiting and living in the valley can stay in the valley. The fact that Invermere already has the basic equipment and space for dialysis is a strong plus for reopening.

I would very much like to return to this area, especially in winter. However, I have reservations because of the inconvenience of travelling a long distance for dialysis. There is an obvious need for this service, both now and in the foreseeable future. I would like to add my voice to those advocating the reopening of the Invermere facility.

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Regina, Saskatchewan

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Season on ice

Columbia Valley Rockies forward and league runner-up in scoring Brendan Burge (36 goals and 42 assists in 44 games) anticipates a play during the team's final playoff game on Saturday, March 2nd against the Fernie Ghostriders. The Rockies lost by a score of 6-3, but made fans proud of the huge improvements in their game this year. See page 15 for images from the Rockies' final home game of the year.

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Movie Review: *Red Dawn*

Reviewed by Kristian Rasmussen

Director Dan Bradley's *Red Dawn* reminds me of the activity of spring yard work. Like the multitude of different coloured leaves that fly in every direction while being raked into a pile, the director has produced some bright explosions of activity as his protagonist and crew battle an invading army. However, in the end Mr. Bradley is only churning over a decomposing plot and story that should have been bagged long ago.

The film, which is based on the 1984 cult classic of the same name, begins with a high school football game in Spokane, Washington, where the audience is introduced to home town quarterback Matt Eckert (Josh Peck), his masculine yet quasi-mute father (Brett Cullen) and his brother, Iraq war vet Jed Eckert (Chris Hemsworth).

After a mysterious power outage following the

game, the brothers find themselves awakening to a panoramic view of North Korean transport planes and paratroopers filling the sky the next day. Jed and a motley crew of teenagers narrowly escape to a rural cabin. The battle-hardened Jed instructs his new team of misfits on the finer points of guerilla tactics and turns them into a freedom force named after the high school mascot, The Wolverines.

If the film wasn't slightly racist, it could be viewed as a great B-movie. The North Koreans remain completely voiceless and act as blind automatons to their leader Captain Cho (Will Yun Lee). (This could be due to the fact the bad guys were re-cast from Chinese troops to North Korean troops, after Chinese film distributors lodged complaints.)

The action scenes centre around guerilla strikes led by Jed and his crew against North Korean soldiers and collaborators. The North Koreans react to the attacks

with massive bombing attacks on the rural locale concealing the group. The tension in the film could have been heightened in a myriad of different ways. One only has to assume that a foreign occupation would likely elicit a little more fear and emotional discourse between the leading characters; however, the dialogue remains as lifeless as the bodies that stack up through the film.

An unstable world economy, a recent North Korean threat to remove the ceasefire agreement and political relationships worn thin are all modern facts that should have made this film feel at least slightly plausible, but it arrives as a silly right-wing ode to Reagan-era politics.

RATING: 5 OUT OF 10 HEADS



Focus on Floors

With David Wilson

Hardwood Floor Maintenance

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Friday, March 8th

- Free tobogganing at Panorama Mountain Village for the Panorama Mountain Stampede. For more info, contact Jamie Hurschler at 250-341-4194 or jamie.hurschler@panoramaresort.com.
- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.: Provincial voter registration at the Akisqnuq First Nation Band Office. Call 250-344-6484 for more information.
- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.: 50th Anniversary Staff Alumni Reunion at Panorama Mountain Village. Cowboy Casino in the Copper Crown, and after party at the T-Bar, featuring "Funk and Disorderly".

Saturday, March 9th

- KFC - The Kootenay Freestyle Classic. Slopestyle and Mogul Competition at Panorama Mountain Village. Competition continues on Saturday. Visit pmfc.ca or call 250-341-1967 for more information.
- 10:30 a.m. : "Drawing with Trudy" Session #3 at the Radium Public Library.
- Panorama Mountain Village's Mountain Stampede continues with cowboy cookouts, rodeo-inspired activities, live music, costumes, rail jams and more. For more info, contact Jamie Hurschler at 250-341-4194 or jamie.hurschler@panoramaresort.com.
- 1:00 p.m.: Youth depart Summit Youth Centre for Panorama's Mountain Stampede. Call to register at 250-342-3033.

Saturday, March 9th

- 50th Anniversary Staff Alumni Reunion at Panorama Mountain Village continues with a Family Fun Ski Race at 11:00 a.m., après ski on the Great Hall deck at 4:00 p.m., as well as an Adult Only Buffet at 7:00 p.m. followed by a dance in the Great Hall.
- 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.: Marty and Elijah Beingessner perform at Smoking Waters Coffee Co. in Fairmont. Tickets are \$20 and include a choice of appetizer. Call 250-345-4008 for more information.

Monday, March 11th

- 8:30 p.m.: Invermere Curling Club will be offering a FREE introduction to curling clinic. Wear loose pants and bring indoor shoes. Olympic medalist Christine DuBois and other volunteers will be on site to teach you the basics.

Tuesday, March 12th

- 7:00 p.m.: CV Arts Cinefest at Pynelogs Cultural Centre is showing "We Have a Pope". Doors at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13th

- 6:00 p.m.: Youth Board Meeting at the Summit Youth Centre. For more information, call 250-342-3033.
- 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.: Knitting Night at the Invermere Library. No experience necessary. Experts invited to teach. Stuck on a project? Get help figuring it out. Knitting needles and yarn provided if needed. For information call 250-342-6416.

Friday, March 15th - Sunday, March 17th

- 4th Annual Canal Flats Curling Bonspiel for ages 19 and older. Registration is \$100 per team, which includes dinner. To register call 250-349-5617 or email arena@canalflats.ca.

Friday, March 15th

- Canadian Cancer Society spring daffodil sale at Radium and Invermere grocery stores.
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Adventure Club at the Invermere Library for students in grades 5-7. Join us for an afternoon of duct tape creations. Please register by calling 250-342-6416.
- 7:30 p.m.: The Amazing Jeremy Magic Show at the Summit Youth Centre! New opening hours on Fridays:

Friday, March 15th

5:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. For more information, call 250-342-3033.

Saturday, March 16th

- Canadian Cancer Society spring daffodil sale at Radium and Invermere grocery stores.
- 10:00 a.m.: ICAN (Invermere Companion Animal Network) AGM, Lakeview Meadows Recreation Centre, 855 Lakeview Meadows Road. For information call 250-341-7888.
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: Go-Go Sisters' St. Patrick's Day Tea and Bake Sale to raise money to deal with the effects of HIV and AIDS in Africa, held at Christ Church Trinity. Admission is by donation.
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Joan Olsen, local writer of the children's book "The Fairmont Bears" is doing a children's reading at Smoking Water Cafe in Fairmont.
- 6:00 p.m.: St. Paddy's Dinner and Dance at the Edgewater Community Hall. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., dance to follow, no minors after 8:00 p.m. Music by Valley Forge. For ticket and bus ride details go to www.facebook.com/ERSevents.com or call Nicole at 250-347-6489. All proceeds go to the Edgewater Ballfield and Rink project.
- Karaoke Night at the Summit Youth Centre. For more information, call 250-342-3033.

Sunday, March 17th

- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Meet artist Elaine Sell Prefontaine at Smoking Waters Coffee Co. in Fairmont. 25 pieces on display. Call 250-345-4008 for more information.

Other

- 1:30 p.m.: Radium Seniors' Carpet Bowling, Radium Senior's Hall.
- 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Public indoor rock climbing at J.A. Laird School, \$5 drop-in. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- 6:30 p.m.: Duplicate Bridge at the Invermere Seniors' Hall, \$2/person, every Monday. Visitors welcome.
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: East Kootenay Brain Injury Support Group meets at the Family Resource Centre, every Monday. For information call 250-344-5674.
- 9:30 p.m.: Open mic night every Thursday at the Hoodoo Grill. For more information, please call 250-

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If you are not on the Village of Canal Flats list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the required application form available at the voting place. To register you must meet the following qualifications:

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be obtained from the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officer at the Village of Canal Flats office during regular office hours prior to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday March 28th, 2013. On advance and general voting days, certificates can be obtained from those same individuals at the voting location during voting hours.

Advance Voting Opportunities

Advance voting will be open at the Village Office, 8853 Grainger Road, Canal Flats B.C. on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2013** and **Thursday, March 28th, 2013** between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. each day. The only persons permitted to vote at an Advance Voting Opportunity are those who, being duly qualified electors, sign a statement that:

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- the elector has a physical disability or is a person whose mobility is impaired, the elector is a candidate or candidate representative, or
- the elector is an election official.

Gloria Perry
Chief Election Officer



1,000 PEAKS AFLAME — Foul play has now been ruled out as the possible cause of the Wednesday, February 27th blaze at Panorama Mountain Village's 1,000 Peaks Lodge.

Photo by Phil Marshall

No cause found in Pano blaze

By Kristian Rasmussen, Pioneer Staff

After day and a half of digging through the charred remains of Panorama Mountain Village's 1,000 Peaks Lodge, Columbia Valley Fire and Rescue and the B.C. Safety Authority were unable to produce any leads as to the cause of the Wednesday, February 27th blaze.

"Due to the extreme heat in the area of origin, vital evidence was completely destroyed, giving investigators no option other than to deem the cause undetermined," fire chief Jim Miller stated in a Regional District of East Kootenay press release. "We have identified where the fire started and although the cause is undetermined, we can confirm that foul-play and human related activities were not factors in the fire."

The fire, which ripped through the top two floors of the lodge early Wednesday morning, displaced dozens of residents staying at the lodge, including seven members of Edmonton's Rabbit Hill Ski Team who were preparing for the U16 CanAm Western Championship. Although visitors were left temporarily homeless by the blaze, the inferno could have had much more drastic consequences if it were not for the efforts of bystanders.

In a statement given to authorities, Phil Marshall, who owns the Earl Grey Lodge and restaurant with his wife Clare, said he noticed flames erupting from the penthouse condo of the 1,000 Peaks Lodge while walking along Summit Drive and chatting with a friend, Jason Smith at around 1 a.m. Mr.

Smith, who was carrying a fire department radio at the time, immediately called in the blaze. The restaurateur grabbed a fire extinguisher from his business and gained access to the 1,000 Peaks Lodge through the north stairwell and was joined by another good samaritan, Cam Cole. The duo loudly banged on each door they could find to warn residents of the quickly escalating inferno.

"Once I had alerted each of the condos, I returned to the penthouse and kicked the door in, being aware that there may have been a flash back," Mr. Marshall stated in official testimonial.

The sprinklers on the top floor were working, but the area was filled with smoke.

"I grabbed a towel from the kitchen and wet it to put over my face before proceeding through the lounge to the deck because the glass door to the deck had broken and I was able to use the fire extinguisher to put out the fire out on one side of the deck before it ran dry."

He returned to the kitchen and filled a garbage can with water to fight the blaze. Realizing that the fire was out of control, Mr. Marshall performed a hand search of the bedrooms and found them empty. He quickly fled the building, but not without suffering from prolonged smoke inhalation, which resulted in an evening of sickness and difficulty breathing.

Although his actions were crucial in warning visitors of the blaze, Mr. Marshall said he'd rather not be singled out for his role, and added that "a lot of people did a great job that night."

Book bears witness

By Dan Walton
Pioneer Staff

A Fairmont woman has used her literary craft to tell the tale of a sprightly sow and her cuddly cubs.

Joan Olsen will be inviting readers for a creative look inside the world of bears at Smoking Waters Coffee Co. at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 16th with a public reading of her children's book, *The Fairmont Bears*.

"It was inspired after my granddaughter saw one off the side of my deck, so I thought I would write a story about the bears," Ms. Olsen explained to *The Pioneer*.

The Fairmont Bears is inspired, not only by the observations of her granddaughter, but also by local geography. The Fairmont region acts as a backdrop for the adventures of a mother bear, Millie and her two cubs, Willy and Miles.

Although Ms. Olsen is a fan of the valley's largest omnivores, she found she received a little too much inspiration for her children's book last year, when local bears often overstayed their welcome in the community.

"It got to be a bit much with them last year," she added. "But, both my husband and myself love bears."

In addition to the Fairmont chapter of the bear family saga, Ms. Olsen has upcoming plans to release a second children's book focusing on *The Fairmont Bears* adventures in Radium. The author may also share some of her most recent work at the March 16th reading.

"I'll talk about it and perhaps read a rough draft," Ms. Olsen hinted. "The book was written locally and we hope the community supports it."

Light refreshments will be offered during the reading and the public are encouraged to attend.

... 'Verge' continued from page 2

"I just happened to say, 'listen we are here every year, why don't we see if we can raise some money?'"

During the first summer of the Verge for Youth Golf Tourney in 1996 the group raised \$800 for the community and were motivated to continually fundraise for youth and their families struggling through difficult times and illness.

"That was the start of it and then you just spread your wings from there," he added. "Unfortunately, the way our system is, when you are in the hospital everything is covered, but when you are out of the hospital nothing is covered and because of that, we got involved."

Although he has helped dozens of community members, one story sticks out for Floyd. A four-year-old child, who had recently received a heart transplant, was in need of a \$7,000 monitoring machine in order to be able to come home to her family. Through the generosity of Verge for Youth the young girl received the equipment and was reunited with her family at home.

"The more we can help the youth out, the more they are going to help their communities wherever they are

later on," he explained. "I think that is the best investment."

Staff Sergeant Shehovac, who was a co-nominator of Floyd and also received the Diamond Jubilee Award, is surprised by Floyd's drive to constantly better his community.

"To me, I received the award because it was my job," he said. "I am glad that someone put my name forward, but that is what I expect of myself. With a volunteer, it is even more special to me because it is not their job and they are not getting paid for anything."

Floyd's popularity in the valley was nowhere more obvious than when he received his award.

"There was a lady that came up to him in tears and hugged him," Staff Sergeant Shehovac added. "I think that is probably the best thing about what he does is when people get back to Floyd about the difference that he made to them."

Although Floyd is an award-winning example of a volunteer, anyone can get involved to support their community.

"Everybody's time, no matter how small, is important," Floyd added. "Even if you can only give five minutes or half an hour or whatever, if you are giving of yourself you are a volunteer."



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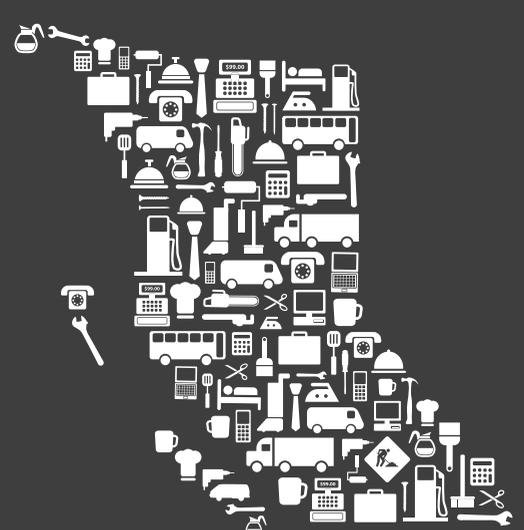
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U.S. economic update

First came the debt ceiling, then the fiscal cliff. Now the latest U.S. economic event is “the sequester,” which refers to the spending reductions that came into effect on March 1, 2013. Here is a brief synopsis of the debt ceiling, the fiscal cliff and the sequester, and how they relate to U.S. economics today.

Origins

The origins of the sequester date back to the U.S. debt-ceiling crisis of 2011, which had threatened to lead the country into sovereign default on or about August 3rd, 2011.

Fortunately, crisis was averted by the signing of the Budget Control Act of 2011 by President Barack Obama. The enactment of the Budget Control Act imposed several things, including specific increases to the debt ceiling and deficit reduction measures.

It also called for the appointment of 12 bi-partisan congressmen, known as the Super Committee, to figure out a way to trim at least \$1.5 trillion from the deficit over 10 years, in a way that would be acceptable to both Democratic and Republican members of Congress.

If they failed to find an acceptable middle ground, a series of tax increases and cuts to government spending would kick in on January 1st, 2013. This event became known as the “fiscal cliff.”

In December 2012, the Super Committee reported

that it was unable to reach a decision. Fortunately, the U.S. Senate passed a compromise bill at the last minute, and the fiscal cliff was averted. But the U.S. wasn't in the clear yet. The compromise bill only addressed the issue of tax increases, thus deferring the discussion of spending cuts. Therefore, Congress extended the deadline for decision on spending cuts for two months. This leads us to the sequester on March 1st, 2013.

The Sequester

Simply put, the sequester is a bunch of federal spending cuts that were scheduled to start automatically on March 1st, 2013 unless another deal could be reached by then. The cuts amount to \$85 billion for 2013, and total about \$1.2 trillion between 2013 and 2021.

The spending cuts will be felt across most sectors of the economy. In 2013, about 50 per cent of the cuts will come from defense spending, and the other half from a myriad of other programs, such as Medicare, NASA, the FBI and airport security.

There's no question that \$85 billion is a lot of money, but to put things into perspective, consider how much of an impact that \$85 billion of less spending would have on the U.S. economy. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the sequester will lower the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) by about 0.6 per cent, which, in an economy with a \$15.7 trillion GDP, really isn't much

of an impact.

Debt ceiling in 2013

One more thing the compromise bill did not address was another increase to the debt ceiling. On February 4th, 2013 the President signed a legislation suspending the debt ceiling level until May 18th, 2013. As a result, the current debt limit of \$16.4 trillion does not apply until then.

While nobody is sure how the latest debt ceiling discussion will play out, there is certain to be plenty of debate over the next few months regarding how much spending needs to be cut and whether or not taxes will be raised.

Final thoughts

The way that federal governments handle important decisions can sometimes seem confusing; however, it's important to remember that they are tasked with very significant decisions that will impact not only their own country, but the world to some extent.

To put things in perspective, the debt ceiling, fiscal cliff and the sequester are rooted in basic financial principles. Just like in personal finance, if a government needs to balance their budget and reduce their debt load, they must do so by earning more money (in their case, raising taxes) or spending less money.

All in all, it would appear the U.S. government is heading in the right direction.



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 The Columbia Valley Rockies played to a hard-fought 6-3 loss in their final playoff game on Saturday, March 2nd. Clockwise from top left: Rockies forward Ryan Henderson collides with Fernie Ghost rider's defenceman Patrick Webb; players scan for an airborne puck in front of the Ghost rider's goal; Rockies star defenceman Jake Fardoe moves in for a shot; the opposing teams congratulate each other with handshakes at the series' end.

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Business Beats

By Pioneer Staff

Vaulting victory

The Glacier Peaks Gymnastics Centre has somersaulted their way into success after opening in the Columbia Valley on September 24th last year.

Membership to the facility has grown by over 1000 per cent to just under 300 members since opening. T.C. Rogers, co-owner of the facility, is now working on plans to put together a multi-sport facility attached to the gymnastics complex.

“Right now we are working with a variety of people to put together an organization called the Glacier Peak Society, which is going to be helping the drive towards the multi-sport complex,” she said. “We have already had a meeting with 22 representatives from different organizations and sporting groups that want to become a part of the facility.”

Interested parties looking to contribute to the completion of a multi-sport facility can get in touch with TC via email at info@glacierpeaksgymnastics.com.

Resort jumps into marketing pool

Copper Point Resort has received approval for membership in the Invermere Panorama Destination Marketing Organization (DMO), but is still waiting for the green light from the Regional District of

East Kootenay, explained Amanda Robinson, general manager of Copper Point Resort. Once approved, the resort can begin charging a two per cent room tax that's put towards a fund to market the Invermere and Panorama area.

“We will be able to provide marketing dollars to enhance what the Invermere-Panorama DMO can do,” she said. “I am certainly happy to provide my opinion and thoughts on anything and everything.”

Terrain park progression

Skiers and snowboarders looking for buttery-smooth rails will discover some exciting new challenges at the Fairmont's Rockstar Terrain Park. The park has been outfitted with six new obstacles, including rails, boxes, tubes, and kicker jumps.

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Community composting coming to Invermere?

By Dan Walton
Pioneer Staff

A District of Invermere committee meeting on Wednesday, March 6th included discussion about potential composting solutions to implement locally.

“We would like to see organic waste dealt with in a way that produces a product that can benefit waste reduction and create more organics for use in food gardens and food production in our community,” said Groundswell Network Society project leader Bill Swan.

After Groundswell presented the District of Invermere with outcomes from a composting analysis at the February 26th council meeting, the district may be ready to implement organic recycling after agreeing to discuss the Community Composting Feasibility Analysis.

While a decision has yet to be made to proceed with the local compost management, a number of options are on the table. Regular compost pickup alongside garbage collection, a communal deposit, and a green bin program are among the possible solutions to

be discussed.

But the solution, “comes down to willingness to do it and the financials,” Mr. Swan said. “If it makes financial sense, it could come happen sooner than later.”

Mr. Swan says that a considerable amount of money is spent by every community in dealing with organic waste, particularly in the form of the sewage treatment.

“So it’s not that the money isn’t being spent; it’s a process to look at whether we can continue to spend the same amount or a little more, or even a little less, and change the way the system deals with that waste.”

Though finances are posing a probable hurdle in front of Groundswell’s proposal, public support is on their side.

Invermere’s long-term community sustainability plan which was adopted in 2011, Imagine Invermere 2030, indicated a willingness throughout the community to participate in public composting.

Before committing to anything long term, Mr. Swan anticipates “some sort of scalable pilot that addresses peoples’ interest but is safer financially for everyone to get started with.”



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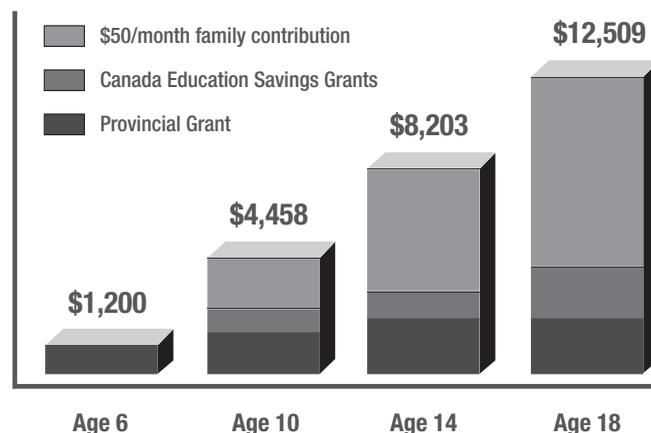
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How to say no to friends

Tell Tammy

By Tammy Tkachuk
Pioneer Columnist



Dear Tammy,

I have a difficult time saying no when friends ask me to do things. I never want to miss out on anything, but it is costly and starting to hurt my bank account. I am also afraid to make them upset by saying no. What do you suggest I do? ~ Fern

Hi Fern,

Believe it or not the issue you mentioned is a common one for many people. The best thing for you to start with is to know what your entertainment budget is. How much can you afford every week or month?

When people start to invite you to various things, sit back and think about how much you want to participate in that event before you say yes. Prioritize your available options; wouldn't it be better to go to that once-in-a-lifetime concert, than to go out for dinner three times with friends you see all the time anyway?

Secondly, talk to your friends. I can almost guarantee you that you aren't the only one who is struggling to do it all. Maybe once you say something out in the open it will take the pressure they are feeling off as well.

Third, you don't have to say no to everything; instead, offer an alternative, cheaper solution. Invite people over for dinner, instead of going out, or only go to a movie on cheap Tuesday. At the end of the day, you don't want to feel stressed over money issues, and over-spending ~ Tammy

Hello Tammy,

My father and I have had a negative relationship for the longest time. I feel that he has blamed me for many things that went wrong in my parents' relationship. I would like to have a relationship with him, for myself and for my children. Where do I start? ~ Regan

Hello Regan,

I can understand how you would be upset about this situation and want to move forward, especially when there are children involved; you want them to have their grandfather in their lives. It is not always easy to work through this sort of stuff with family or friends. Additionally, when we are dealing with family it can be that much more difficult. The first thing I suggest you do is to get in contact with your father either in person, over the phone, or even email if you have to. Have a heartfelt discussion about how you feel, where you would like things to go, and that you would like a relationship together. Use "I" statements so that he doesn't get defensive, and talk to him in a neutral positive manner. If you don't feel you can remain calm in person, then maybe it is best not to see him, but to email him and see where it goes. The important thing is to be open and honest, that will go a long way! I hope this helps you! ~ Tammy

Summer countdown is on

Thanks to those who've written their questions to me. Keep them coming! The countdown is on for those of us who flock to the Columbia Valley for the summer! This last snowfall in Calgary give us all that much more reason to look forward to the coming summer season!

Tammy Tkachuk is a life coach who splits her time between Calgary and Windermere. She is available to help individuals overcome the obstacles they are facing in life. Send your questions about life challenges to transitionlifecoaching@shaw.ca or call 403-969-7409.

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Amazing auditions begin

By Kristian Rasmussen, Pioneer Staff

Teams of valley racers are hoping to put the strength of their relationships through the ultimate test during the first installment of the Amazing Race Canada, still in its audition phase and set to air this summer. Local teams include Invermere's Lindsay Johnston and her sister Paige of Calgary, and Invermere's Cori Gadomski and her best friend Carly Ferchuck of Cochrane, Alberta.

"For us, it is a neat opportunity to build our relationship that has become closer in recent years," Lindsay said. "We definitely want to win for dad because this is something he would definitely have excelled at."

Although they hope to embark on the ultimate Canadian adventure together, the sister team has not always been close, due to a seven-year age gap between them. The two have had to come together and form a tight family bond due to their mother's diagnosis with leukemia in 2005 and the loss of their father in a plane crash off the coast of Nova Scotia during the summer of 2010.

"I think what this has taught me is the power of being strong and we are a very strong family," Lindsay added. "My dad was a very strong person and that has been instilled in us."

Although not a religious follower of the show over its 12-year history, Lindsay built an informal routine of

tuning in to watch the Amazing Race every Sunday. The interesting challenges and exotic global environments immediately sparked an interest in her and motivated the Invermere resident to film a YouTube audition video with her sister, which has already garnered over 2,300 views.

"She has become a really amazing person and it is exciting to see her coming into her own," Lindsay said. "I think this is going to be a great experience and I think we are going to complement each other in a lot of ways."

Paige adds an element of charm and public relations skill, while Lindsay brings raw practicality and life experience, she said.

Cori Gadomski and Carly Ferchuk are best friends who signed up for the show because of their love for adventure and the charisma they share with each other, Cori said.

"She is definitely the mother and peacekeeper," Cori added. "I am certainly the competitive one, but we actually balance each other out pretty good."

Carli and Cori's YouTube audition video has garnered over 1,000 views. Also trying out for the race are Fairmont's Darren Trapp and Kristen Idiens. *The Pioneer* was unable to reach the pair before press deadline.

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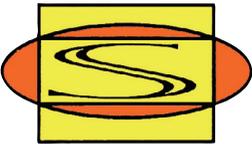
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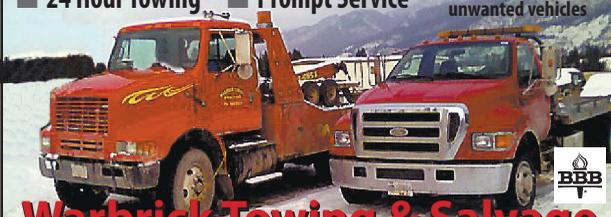

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OBITUARY



EMILIA (MILLIE) CROOK

March 7, 1928 – February 23, 2013

Beloved wife of the late John S. Crook & dear mother to Shane (Ingrid), Roger (Joanne), Sherree (Allan), Terry (Miriam), Greg (Pat) and Edward (Marie). She is also survived by her ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Millie passed away peacefully at Wetaskiwin Hospital at the age of 84. Millie will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren and everyone who knew her.

The viewing and service was held in Wetaskiwin Alberta on February 27. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.



HERBERT NUESSELEIN

March 3, 1928-February 26, 2013

It is with great sadness we mourn the death of Herbert Nuesslein, a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He will also be deeply missed by the Invermere Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and many close friends.

Herbert is survived by his wife Hilde, son David Nuesslein (Deanna), daughter Eunice Kortegaard (Gorm) and grand-daughter Elise.

Herbert and Hilde arrived in Invermere in 1971 with their children Eunice and David. Since that time Herbert and Hilde have been an integral part of the Invermere Congregation, and have distinguished themselves by their generosity, hospitality and zeal. Herbert expended himself for the congregation and there were few people not touched by his integrity, kindness, and large-heartedness. He was especially noted for his fervour for the ministry and many in the valley received regular visits from him.

There was a special place in his heart for anyone struggling and disadvantaged, and he was quick to help out wherever he saw a need, quietly, without fanfare.

His love for Jehovah and his family was always evident. Herbert was well known in Columbia House North Wing for his twice daily visits to Hilde, often bringing her flowers and fruit. He wanted to "see her through another season". It was not to be. He died peacefully on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, surrounded by special friends who would not let him die alone. We eagerly await his resurrection as promised (John 5:28,29) and we are comforted that he is sleeping peacefully in Jehovah's memory.

There was a Memorial Service held for Herbert on Saturday March 2, 2013 at the Invermere Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. He will be missed by many.

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Alcoholics Anonymous. If alcohol is causing problems or conflict in your life, AA can help. All meetings are at 8 p.m. For more information, please call 250-342-2424. Columbia United AA, Invermere: Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday (closed), and Wednesday at the BC Service Building, South End – 624 4th St., Invermere. Radium Friendship Group: Friday at the Catholic Church, East Side of Main St. With the exception of Tuesday, all meetings are open.

Narcotics Anonymous meeting now available. Thursdays at 8 p.m. Call 250-342-1071 for more info.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Al-Anon. Are you concerned about or affected by someone else's drinking? If so, please join us. Al-Anon meets EVERY Monday in Invermere at 7:15 p.m. at the Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church, 712 – 12th Ave (behind the Invermere hospital). For information, please call 250-342-8255.

Have you heard? Blessing's Thrift Store, Main Street, Radium, also has a furniture/appliance room. We gladly accept gently used, clean, working donations. Drop-offs on same days as open. Thursday, 10 - 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 12 - 4 p.m. Need info? 250-342-6633.

LOST AND FOUND

Found: pair of red glasses in the Service BC parking lot. Go to Ministry of Children and Family entrance to retrieve.

CHEERS & JEERS

Cheers to Sharon Wass, the Program coordinator of the Targeted Initiative for Older Workers program. Thank you for your endless efforts, undying inspirations and constant support in assisting our generation of lost souls to find renewed spirits, rejuvenated attitudes and a resounding thirst for discovery. If there is any truth to karma, the world will be yours. The Local 12.

Cheers to Jim Jenkinson at the Employment Centre for his expertise and assistance.

Cheers to Jared K. Shaw Contracting for a successful first year in business. Thank you for all that have done for us.

Jeers to the people who use Facebook irresponsibly! Have some respect and think of people's families.

Cheers to Santa Al for my new awesome table saw. Christmas in February. Yeah!

Cheers to John at Walkers. I took my vehicle in, it had a big tear. I picked it up in a day or two, and my gosh, my goly, it looks brand new!

CHEERS & JEERS

Cheers to Paul Visentin for your correct account about how our urban deer affect 95% of Invermere residents. Are these deer becoming sacred cows?

Cheers to the blonde lady at AG who let me in front of her the other day. My leg was so sore and I didn't know if I'd be able to stand. It means a lot to someone who is injured. You had no clue, but you saved me from embarrassment I almost had to leave everything and go to my car just to sit.

Jeers to all of you who told me I was looking better after my bout with the flu. I have news for you - I always look good!

Jeers to whoever stole my lady's purple Norco mountaineer bike from 8th Ave. I have had it for 18 years. It was my first bike. One joy ride for you is a lifetime of memories for me. Please bring my bike back.

Cheers to Cindy and Choppers. Cindy you go over and above for our furry friends. Your time, love and generosity are greatly appreciated. I think I can speak for all us animal lovers in Invermere and say, thank you!

Jeers to the manager who continues to bad-mouth her employees. Slamming others to make yourself look better only shows your insecurities.

OBITUARY



Dr. Donald Lloyd Thompson DDS

December 13, 1921 - February 23, 2013

On Saturday February 23 we said goodbye to a great friend, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Donald Thompson enjoyed a very long and charmed life. He was born in Moose Jaw Saskatchewan, the son of Jack and Jean Thompson, and brother to Helen Hardy of Saskatoon.

While still in high school, Don fell in love with the beautiful Mary Johnston of Moose Jaw. In 1945, as soon as Don returned from overseas, he and Mary were married. Don and Mary had four children: John (Lesley Ostrosser), Donna Price (Askey) (Bob), Pam Thompson (Ted Fullerton) and Pat Peters (Mat). Also 3 grandsons -Paul Askey (Cori), Colin Askey and Spencer Brown, as well as 2 great grandsons--Ethan and Marco Askey.

After Don retired, he and Mary moved to their Windermere cabin, which they have enjoyed since 1958. They spent their summers in Windermere with family and their many golfing friends at Fairmont, then escaping the Canadian winters enjoying the company of friends and family in Palm Desert California.

Don enjoyed a life with good health, many good friends and much laughter.

His friends and family will remember a man with a million stories, a quick inquiring mind and a great sense of humour, which he maintained to the end.

We will miss you Dad, and we will continue to celebrate your life well lived.

Friends are invited to join the family in a celebration of Don's life 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9th, at McInnis and Holloway, 14441 Bannister Rd S.E., Calgary (403-256-9575).

Condolences may be forwarded through www.mcinnisandholloway.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alberta Adolescent Recovery Center (AARC).

ANNOUNCEMENT



Calling all Edgewater Residents!

The Edgewater Recreation Society will be holding the Annual General Meeting: March 19, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Edgewater Community Hall. We strongly encourage you to attend and see what's been done and what's to come! For meeting agenda please go to www.facebook.com/ERSEvents or call Tammy 250-270-0340. See you there!

CHEERS & JEERS

Cheers and thank to Steve and Cathy for snow clearing at Windermere Place. It's much appreciated.

Jeers to Keep Jumbo Wild for defining who I am based on which provincial party I vote for.

Big jeers to the idiots who think running bus stops with the red flashing lights is fun. Imagine how you would feel if you actually hit my son or anyone. How would you feel if it was your child or family? Pay attention and stop!

Cheers to Hung at the deli. Your food is awesome! Keep up the yummy!

Jeers to cell phone service in the park. There are sure to be more accidents now!

Cheers to Elements Restaurant at the Copper Point Resort for offering a varied menu and competitive prices. Another quality eating establishment in the region is welcome and appreciated. We had a fantastic meal the other night and the service was great!

Cheers to the DTSS Junior Boys Basketball Team for winning the East Kootenay Championship! Also big cheers to coaches Justin and Jordan for all their time and dedication. It is greatly appreciated!

Cheers to the ladies at the thrift store for being so kind and caring! Your compassion and donations for the people involved in the fire at Panorama was greatly appreciated! Putting together toys and games for the children was above and beyond. Nice work!

Cheers to the incredible housekeeping team for starting work at 3 a.m. or coming in as soon as you could on your day off and working a full day to help get the people displaced from the fire into a room! You are an amazing team and I'm very happy to work with all of you! Your loving manager.

Cheers to Easter (and other Sunday event) organizers and volunteers who schedule timing so Sunday School children can also attend. Noon is good.

CHEERS & JEERS

Jeers to all of those who can't see far enough into the future to realize that at some point someone in your family will need to work in the valley. Let's find a way to accommodate new businesses and the environment. Where there's a will, there's a way!

Jeers to my charcoal cat if he is the one sneaking in your cat door, eating your cat food and spraying on his way out. If it is my cat, from Columbia Ridge, please reply. I apologize. He usually eats the dog's food at home. Bad Lucky.

Jeers to the people who can't read signs that say "No Dogs Allowed" on the Windermere School field. I walked around; why can't you?

A huge cheers to Sierra and Shuswap Band for organizing another great 6 weeks of skiing! All your hard work each Saturday does not go unnoticed. See you all next year! Another cheers to the great staff and instructors at Panorama. You guys do an amazing job!

Cheers to Theresa for all the organizing and to people of All Saints in Edgewater. Inspiring World Day of Prayer and delicious (as always) tea. We do love Edgewater.

Cheers to the Valley Fitness Centre for allowing the infants and toddlers from Sonshine to learn and play in your gym. They absolutely adored it. Cheers to the people working out at the gym while our kids watched you. Much appreciated! It's amazing how wonderful this valley is.

Jeers to the folks who take items from the Re-use Shed at the Windermere dump strictly to make a profit from it. Where the heck are your integrity and ethics? Shame on you!

Jeers to those who use the term March Madness in any other way other than for US college basketball. I expect to see a Blue Devil or Gator in those ads. Cheers to Gonzaga! Let's cheer on our 4 starting Canadians representing America's #1 team!

CHEERS & JEERS

Cheers to Tammy for helping me carry a table up two flights of stairs.

Cheers to the Pioneer for posting Cheers! What a great way to honour kindness and great people! Yolande.

Cheers to Justin Atterbury for advocating on behalf of small businesses! We are grateful you are on council! And to Mayor Gerry Taft for taking small business concerns back to council for review! Your willingness to look at the big picture is most appreciated! Y, M and A at River Gems.

Cheers to Chris MacDonald at Columbia Valley Trading for caring what happens to other small businesses in the valley - the business community is lucky to have you and we are very grateful! Y, M and A at River Gems.

A big, huge cheers to the staff at Columbia House and Invermere District Hospital. You've touched my life in many ways and have made it difficult to leave this valley. And also to the residents and patients I had the opportunity to assist. I learn something about nursing and myself from every one of you.

Cheers to Shandrea of The Stem for your delightful, happy classy bouquets at offices and homes all over town.

Cheers to Greg Deck, Steven Ostrander and Nancy Hugunin. We are proud of you. Hang in there and be strong.

Jeers to the anti-Jumbo coalition. By now the province could collect taxes and employ people. Shame on you.

Cheers to the staff at Panorama who provided food and clothing, relocated and cared so well for the families staying in the adjacent buildings and the burned 1000 Peaks building.

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2 Eggs	1/2 teaspoon Salt
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	2/3 cup white or semi-sweet Chocolate Chips

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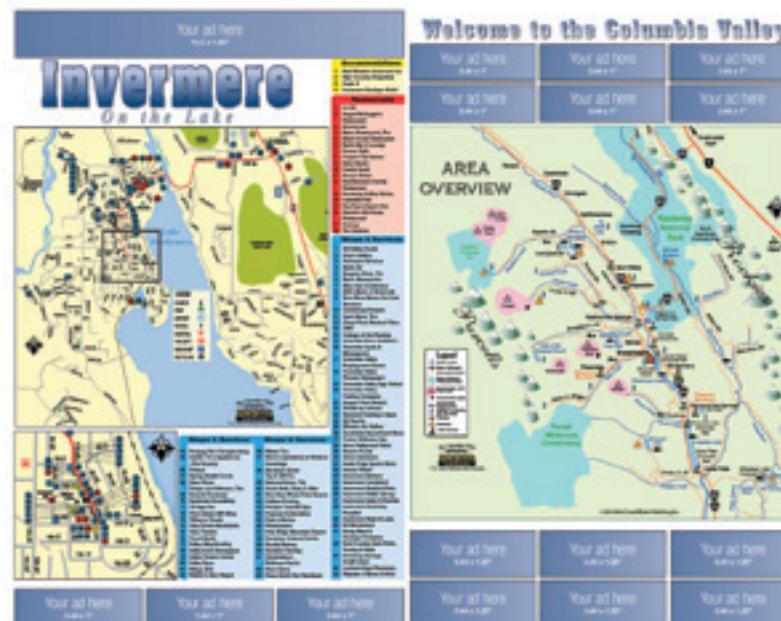
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Young Canuck skiers make their mark

By Dan Walton
Pioneer Staff

It took more than a raging condo fire on Wednesday, February 27th to put a damper on the Cresa Can Am under-16 Western alpine ski race weekend at Panorama Mountain Resort, where more than a dozen racers from the Columbia Valley made their mark on the field of nearly 200 skiers from Canada and the United States.

“Arguably we saw some World Cup turns this weekend,” said Nigel Cooper, manager of athlete development with Alpine Canada. “Not every turn and not from every kid, but I think the front of the pack is very strong.”

With some racers fetching their sprinkler-soaked boots from dryers in the Panorama rental shop just prior to a practice session on Thursday, February 28th, the weekend race series took advantage of some fresh snow on the mountain and enthusiasm imported from all corners of B.C.

Amelia Smart from the Panorama Ski Club began the competition by winning the womens’ giant slalom event with two strong runs that totalled 2:08.18. Following close behind in second with a 2:11.16 run was the Sunshine Ski Club’s Haley McKercher, who was trailed by third-place finisher Courtney Hoffos of the Windermere Valley Ski Club, who registered 2:11.16.

Whistler’s Riley Seger was the top finisher in the mens’ giant slalom event, with two runs totalling 1:58.18, and earned the title men’s overall champion at the event. Runner-up Keegan Sharp of the Panorama Ski Club was just behind him in the giant slalom with a time of 1:58.67.

Tyra Collombin of Fernie won the womens’ slalom event on Friday, March 1st after clocking 1:22.13 following her two runs. Finishing second was Sarah Taylor of Lake Louise with 1:22.78. Fifth place finisher Courtney Hoffos registered the most impressive time locally with 1:23.21, barely faster than seventh place Robyn Fiell of Panorama at 1:23.93.

Max Scharf of Revelstoke earned first place in the mens’ slalom event after completing two runs in 1:24.29. The runner up was Whistler’s Alex Gershon who registered time of 1:24.93, followed by Big White’s Alex Roehrig at 1:25.41. David Catherwood with Panorama placed seventh with a time of 1:25.98.

Georgia Willinger with the Kananaskis Ski Club earned victory in the womens’ super G on Saturday, March 2nd after posting a time of 53.29. In second was Haley McKercher of Sunshine with 53.96, followed by Georgia Burgess of Banff at 54.05. Windermere’s Courtney Hoffos came in fifth with a time of 54.30, right before sixth-place finisher Amelia Smart of Panorama at 54.42.

Riley Seger from Whistler was crowned the mens’ super G winner after registering 52.35 as his final time. Keegan Sharp from Panorama was the runner-up after posting a time of 52.44. James Crawford from Whistler took third place with a time of 52.52.



A NEED FOR SPEED — Aaron Smith of the Kananaskis Alpine Ski Club flies through the skier cross course at Panorama on Sunday, March 3rd, during the Cresa Can Am under-16 Western alpine ski race weekend.

Photo by Greg Amos

Keegan Sharp placed second in the mens’ skier cross event on Sunday, March 3 with a run clocking at 1:08.09, while Amelia Smart finished second on the womens’ side with a time of 1:11.31. Each of the local skiers was a member of the top-placing mens’ and womens’ skier cross teams.

Panorama to host world paralympic ski race in 2015

Panorama Mountain Village will be the worldwide hub of international paralympic competition for one week spanning February and March in 2015, after the International Paralympic Committee named the local ski resort as the destination for the Alpine Skiing World Championships on Wednesday, February 27th.

“I am proud to announce Invermere as the host city for the 2015 IPC Alpine Skiing World Championships following the great Paralympic Winter Games that Canada put on nearly three years ago and last year’s World Cup final,” said International Paralympic Committee chief executive Xavier Gonzalez.

“I am delighted to see winter parasport flourishing in Canada, and this will bring it to another level outside of the Paralympic Games,” he added.

The 2015 Championships will be the seventh edition of the competition, and follows a successful 2011-2012 World Cup final event at Panorama. Invermere is expected to welcome 120 athletes to the championships, which is due to run from February 24th until March 4th in two years from now.

Starlight fades on Fairmont challenge

By Greg Amos
Pioneer Staff

Another year of competing for similarity has come to an end at the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort ski hill, where the most consistent skiers were rewarded after the race series concluded on Friday, February 22nd.

The challenge involves skiers and boarders stringing together runs as close to the same times as possible, often while enjoying the company of their teammates through light-hearted antics or team themes. The race series took place on Friday nights throughout February.

Erin McNeill proved she was the most consistent lady, putting together a pair of runs that differed by a mere 0.510 seconds after competing in three of the four challenge nights. Lone Harding came in second place with a 0.932 second differential, while Madison Haynes managed a 1.207 second differential.

On the men’s side, Jordan Downey managed a mere 0.549 second gap between two of his runs, Bryan Armstrong came up with a 0.774 second difference, and Matthew Hammond managed a 0.916 second gap between his times.

Raising awareness to keep local bats safe

By Dan Walton
Pioneer Staff

Bat species in the Columbia Trench were commonly believed to have hibernated or migrated during winter months, but biologists are finding out that species among the local population remain quite active during low temperatures. The findings come around the same time as the discovery of White Nose Syndrome, an illness first discovered in the U.S. which causes hyperactivity among bats during the winter months.

Biologists are on the lookout for unexpected activity among bat species residing in the Columbia Valley, as the possible arrival of White Nose Syndrome could pose a serious threat.

The illness is causing alarming fatality rates in parts of the continent.

“In some bat populations in the United States, it’s wiped out 95 per cent of some species in some caves, so it really is a lethal disease,” said Angus Glass, the communications coordinator for the Columbia Region Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program.

A free presentation on bat ecology will be offered in Invermere on Thursday, March 7th by Dr. Cori Lausen, one of B.C.’s leading bat biologists. Discussing the “unprecedented conservation threats” facing bat populations in North America, the 90-minute session takes place in the David Thompson Secondary School theatre at 7 p.m.

“Many people thought that they basically hibernate for five months of the year; Cori’s finding out that bats typically are more active than usually, but with White Nose Syndrome, it could make them more active.”

As biologists only recently discovered that Canadian bats are relatively active during the winter, the symptoms



BAT WOMAN — Dr. Cori Lausen, one of B.C.’s leading bat biologists, inspects a Townsend’s big eared bat. Photo submitted

of White Nose Syndrome are seeming to play a fatal role during the cold months.

“The more we know about these things, the better solutions we can come up with to slow the spread,” said Glass. “It’s just like invasive weeds, the more knowledge that we have the better we can cope with them.”

Glass says the disease is most often spread by humans traveling from one mine or cave to another and transmitting contaminated soil, “especially in winter periods when the bats are in there,” he said.

Those interested in learning about bat ecology, and anyone fascinated with nature and wildlife, is invited to the free presentation, titled Bats active in winter - and in crisis? No registration is required.

More information about the seminar can be found by contacting the Columbia Region office for BC Hydro at 250-365-4551.

Charity bake sale a go for St. Patrick’s day

Submitted by the Valley Go-Go Sisters

We are sponsoring the annual St. Patrick’s Day Tea and Bake Sale at Christ Church Trinity, to be held on Saturday, March 16th, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in order to raise money to deal with the effects of HIV and AIDS in Africa.

The Valley Go-Go Sisters are part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation’s Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign, established to support families in sub-Saharan Africa who have been impacted by HIV and AIDS. Since 2006, more than 250 groups of Canadian grandmothers have raised an incredible \$16.5 million to support African grandmothers who have stepped forward to care for millions of children orphaned by AIDS.

From this fund-raising campaign, 90 per cent of the money raised reaches these families. These resources provide grandmothers and children supports that include food, educational supplies, uniforms and school fees, medical care, counselling, and adequate housing.

Grandmothers in Africa display amazing resilience and courage, even while grieving for their own children.

Our Valley Go-Go Sisters are proud to be part of this movement in Canada and look forward to having your attendance at our tea. Admission is by donation, and all proceeds from the event will be given to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Since 2003, the foundation has funded over 700 initiatives, partnering with 300 community-based organizations in the 15 African countries hardest hit by the pandemic.

... ‘Hot springs’ continued from page 3

He didn’t want it back just for our band, but so the public could use it for healing.”

Eugene’s father, Ox, was equally dismayed at the failure of the contract between the Shuswap people and the federal government.

“If you want to privatize, give us our land,” he added. “It was taken from us in 1914, but it won’t be taken in 2013.”

In addition to concerns surrounding the Shuswap

Nation’s claim to the land, hot spring employees were also dismayed about the move to privatize.

Columbia Valley Swim Club head coach Karen Fahrni, who oversees the Otters swim team and is a lifeguard at the Radium Hot Springs pools, expressed her concern about the possibility of the springs turning into a private spa.

“What spa wants five and six-year-olds running around?” she said. “We will be phased out, with no swimming pool for the valley.”

The move to a spa environment could limit

access to the facility for families and children, she said, as well as remove the ability for the swim club to train at the facility.

Adding a spa is one of the suggestions that has been put forward by Tracy Thiessen, Parks Canada’s executive director of the mountain national parks.

For more information on the Public Service Alliance of Canada’s fight to keep Radium, Miette and Banff Hot Springs public, please visit www.prairies.psc.com/our-organization/campaigns/dont-sell-our-hot-springs.

PIONEER ON THE ROAD



Greener pastures

Pioneer readers who took the time to beat the winter chills sent us their warm regards from sunny destinations all over the globe. Pictured, clockwise, from left to right: Galen and Sherry Kazakoff hold The Pioneer while overlooking Mazatlan, Mexico from atop the second tallest lighthouse in the world on February 11th, 2013; Ross and Cameron Haworth show their Pioneer pride in Poipu, Kauai, Hawaii on January 10th, 2013; Sandra Mercier, Iris Grolla, Natalie Forrest, Deanna Berrington, Romy Wood, and Judy Smith of the Arabian Mountain Spice Belly Dance troupe pose for a photo while in Las Vegas for the Belly Dance Intensive Workshop on September 8th, 2012.

Valley students donating sweat equity to Ghana

*By Kristian Rasmussen
Pioneer Staff*

A group of emerging philanthropists are about to dig deep to find their roots on an 11-day humanitarian adventure to Ghana, where they will participate in the construction of a school, join rural village activities and learn about a different culture.

The youth were originally scheduled to travel to Kenya, but an upcoming election and predicted political instability led the students guides, Education First Educational Tours and Me to We, to change their travel plans.

"I am really excited and really interested in experiencing culture and diversity, but I also don't really know what is going to happen when I am there," said

Rochelle Mathieu, a participating student.

The group is made up of 10 local high school students in Grades 11 and 12 and eight students from Sparwood, who have raised \$43,000 for their charity mission, and will be departing for the west African Nation on Saturday, March 9th.

Although details of their trip remain loose, the group arrive in Accra, the capitol of Ghana, at around 8 p.m. where they will embark on a four-hour bus ride to a remote village.

The next day entails a building workshop followed by multiple days of contributing to the construction of a school and participating in traditional activities around the village, including a 1.6-kilometre daily trek to find water, Ms. Mathieu added.

"I am most excited about spending time with the

community and understanding their way of life as opposed to ours in Canada," she said. "I am kind of nervous though. Talking to other people in the group and discussing what we are nervous about helps, and packing and repacking makes me feel better."

Along with preparations come large quantities of vaccinations and pills required for the adventure. The secondary student was required to get a flu, tetanus, yellow fever, hepatitis A and B and typhoid shot as well as a regime of malaria pills before being allowed to embark on the trip to the African nation.

After she returns from the adventure, the globe-trotter plans to attend the British Columbia Institute of Technology's X-Ray technician program and then earn her Teaching English as a Second Language certificate to teach overseas.

FAITH

The wounded healer

By Pastor Murray Wittke
Valley Christian Assembly

“Most things break, including hearts. The lessons of life amount not to wisdom, but to scar tissue and callus.”

- Wallace Stegner

I've got scars, lots of them; they're reminders of past pain and that wounds do heal.

Every scar has a story to tell. The hardest ones to talk about are the scars on my heart. Over the years I've loved sincerely and been left heartbroken. Plenty of times I've been offended by something someone has done or said, and wanted nothing more to do with them.

C.S. Lewis wrote, “To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and



little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket — safe, dark, motionless, airless — it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable.”

Like everyone else, people in church are also capable of attitudes, behaviour, and words that cut the heart. I've been wounded in church. In my pain, I've been tempted to do what so many others have done: to get angry, become cynical, and just walk away. I didn't leave the church or walk away from my faith, but I wanted to. Perhaps you have.

Jesus has scars too, lots of them; they're reminders of his love for us and that wounds heal. My sin put holes in his hands and feet, a gash in his side, and the marks on his back and brow.

Though I didn't deserve it, he loved me and healed the wounds of my heart.

The pain is gone. I'm forgiven and free. Are you feeling beaten up by your past? Spend some time with Jesus. He's the wounded healer.

“He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.”

Dancing dragons

Yoga enthusiasts practice the dragon dance sequence during the My Best Life Retreat at Copper Point Resort on Sunday, March 3rd. The yoga session was part of a weekend retreat running from March 1st to 3rd. The event also featured exercise classes, nutrition and visioning sessions as well as candlelit yoga and inspirational films designed to beat the winter blues.

Photo by Dan Walton

Valley Churches

LAKE WINDERMERE ALLIANCE CHURCH

Sunday, March 10th 10:30 a.m. **Fourth Sunday of Lent. “The Easter Experience: what if what happened then changes everything now? Tortured by the Romans”.**

“K.I.D.S.” Church provided for children age 3 to Grade 1 and Grade 2 to Grade 5 during the morning service.

Pastor Trevor Hagan • 326 - 10th Avenue, Invermere
250-342-9535 • www.lakewindermerealliance.org

WINDERMERE VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY ANGLICAN-UNITED

9:30 a.m. God's Breakfast Club for Children and Youth

10:30 a.m.: Worship at Christ Church Trinity, Invermere

Sunday March 10th, 7 p.m.: Lenten Quiet Prayer Service at Christ Church Trinity, Invermere

Reverend Laura Hermakin

110 - 7th Avenue, Invermere 250-342-6644

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VALLEY CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Sunday, 10 a.m.: Worship and Word Kids' Church provided.

Pastor Murray Wittke

4814 Highway 93/95, Windermere

250-342-9511 • www.valleychristianonline.com

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's, Canal Flats.

Saturday: 7 p.m. and Sunday: 9 a.m. at Canadian Martyrs' Church in Invermere.

Sunday: 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Radium.

Father Gabriel • 712 -12th Ave., Invermere • 250-342-6167

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN MISSION OF INVERMERE

Worship services every Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Christ Church Trinity, 110 - 7th Ave., Invermere

Pastor Rev. Fraser Coltman • 1-866-426-7564

RADIUM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service • Thursday February 7th: 10 a.m.

bible study on the Book of Revelations

Pastor Wayne and Linda Frater • 250-342-6633

No. 4, 7553 Main St. Radium • 250-347-9937

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Worship Service, Sunday, 10 a.m. • Relief Society, 11:15 a.m.

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Mountain Stampede bucks into Panorama Mountain Village

By Kristian Rasmussen
Pioneer Staff

Those looking to lasso their way into family fun this weekend can wrangle up to Panorama Mountain Village for the resort's second annual Mountain Stampede Festival running from March 8th through 10th.

"The festival adds a celebrative atmosphere and is perfect for families who are visiting Panorama," said Jamie Hurschler, marketing specialist with Panorama Mountain Village. "The festive atmosphere, on and off slope events and live music ensures that there is something for everyone, no matter the age or interest."

One of four winter festivals put on by the resort each year, the Mountain Stampede comes kicking out

of the gate on Friday with free tobogganing from 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. and, for those over 19, a performance by Funk and Disorderly at the T-Bar and Grill beginning at 10:30 p.m. The band, who are based out of Canmore, are known for their wide range of covers, which include songs from Stompin' Tom Connors all the way to Bob Marley.

The fun begins again on Saturday with the "There's A Snake in my Boot" hunt. While even Indiana Jones was wary of serpents, brave adventurers are encouraged to track down as many (toy) snakes as they can, hidden on the Magic Carpet, Silver Platter or Mile One Quad runs, for special prizes at the guest services desk.

Mountain mascot Pano Pete is scheduled for a visit during the mountain carnival, which features a host of games

for youngsters and is scheduled from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Delegates from the Calgary Stampede will be on hand to keep the boot scoot boogie going with a special line dancing party and lassoing lesson beginning at 12 p.m. Athletes looking to risk bone-shattering bails in the quest for ski hill glory will find their needs met at the Syndicate Rail Jam Series held at the Rockstar Terrain Park from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday kicks off with a pancake breakfast at the Great Hall with delegates from the Calgary Stampede from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

"This weekend is going to be a very busy weekend for us," Mr. Hurschler added. "It is like nothing else."

For more information on the festival, please visit www.panoramaresort.com.



Are you on the voters list?

Elections BC is conducting an enumeration and updating the voters list for the May 2013 Provincial General Election. Are you registered to vote? It's easy. It's convenient. You have choices. Be ready.

Your choices to register to vote or update your voter information are:

Online

Register or update your information on Elections BC's Online Voter Registration (OVR) system 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at elections.bc.ca/ovr. You need a B.C. Driver's Licence or a Social Insurance Number to use the system.



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By Phone

Call Elections BC toll-free at 1-800-661-8683, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturdays.

In Your Community

From March 6 - 23, temporary voter registration opportunities are at hundreds of locations throughout the province. View electoral district voter registration opportunities at: elections.bc.ca/registration-opportunities.

B.C. voters can also register or update their information when they go to vote in the May 2013 Provincial General Election.

Is there someone registered at your address who no longer lives there? Call Elections BC or go to elections.bc.ca/remove to have them removed from your address.

Who can register?

You are eligible to register to vote if you:

- are a Canadian citizen,
- are 18 or older,
- have lived in B.C. for the past six months.

Election workers required:

Over 37,000 election workers are needed to work for the May 2013 Provincial General Election. View available postings at elections.bc.ca/jobs.



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