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Thank You Community!

UpDraft has already exceeded our expectations so please allow us to pause and bask briefly in our success: 140+ subscribers in less than a month!

(And here Mr Moss who is normally always right didn't even project that number for the end of June.)

May Days Is For Kids! (Big Ones and Little Ones)



Issue 2, May 29,
2024

Lots of good things to read herein:

- Robins' eggs
- 'Home From Away'
with A. Albright
- What Rabi'a has
been up to (which is
always super
interesting.)
- A beautiful
wedding in May.
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This Issue Is Dedicated to
Agnes Emory.
She lived her beliefs.
Oct. 21, 1925-March 24, 2021



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With thanks to all contributors and subscribers.

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With gratitude for the good advice from the young ones on my new laptop purchase and other technological uncertainties.

An especial thank you to the thoughtful who printed Issue 1 for seniors.

This paper belongs to the community.

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Editorial

Several people whose insights I trust have predicted that **UpDraft** is a timely idea and that it would "take off" at a rate that might surprise me. Well, so it has. Here we are largely by word of mouth with 140 subscribers already. Such a bounty of positive encouragement as well. (See testimonials on Page 13.) I am grateful and all the more committed to making it a community source of pride. I can and will do my share but the content will largely come from you, our readers.

I also have a beautiful new MacBook Air and I'm happy that it won't have seizures like the 15 year old senior it replaces.

So Onward! Enjoy this our second issue. -Rosalie



Agnes receiving Queen's Jubilee Award with Bill Roberts.
Sept. 2012

(Photo Credit: J. Roberts)

Agnes Emory believed in service, born of a prairie upbringing. She and I bonded over our mutual SK origins. Didn't matter to her that I left the province permanently when I was one, I still merited being in line to receive the well worn by a whole series of readers Saskatchewan Senior. She told me tales of the very young start of her teaching career where she shared a bedroom with a daughter of the boarding family who was too physically challenged to attend school. I think she actually said that she felt so sad for her that she bought her a wheelchair. That sums up Agnes and the open handed way she gave of her time and her money. She supported many local causes and individuals with zero fanfae.r

We remember her as May Day Marshall

(John, you will need to be more fierce to equal her zeal.)

We remember her for the Remembrance Day lead she took as a Legionnaire.

We remember her tossing her tartan tam in the air whooping it up with Sally and the other Golden Oldies.

Some of us remember her as Mrs E., our Grade 3 teacher.

She was cast in an old time "Prairie Values" mold. (George Skarr was another). They believed that if you gave 60% and hoped to receive 40% you would have a happy life and 'no pillow as soft as a clear conscience'.

She is gone from our sight but pause by her grave in the Veterans section of our cemetery if you pass that way and say hello.



(Photo Credit: J. Louwerse)

A Joyful Wedding

On an "everything kind of weather" Saturday, May 25th as friends and family gathered to celebrate the marriage of Shirly Schuman to Leonard Palmer, the rain stopped; the clouds parted and the sun shone. As in old time weddings villagers had been invited to gather outside the church to watch so we took up position at the back door to await the bride's arrival.

She looked simply magnificent in a long white gown with bodice and cap sleeve overlaid with heavy lace. Her attendants quickly gathered to support her. They were wearing tasteful navy blue dresses with a chiffon outer layer. Gorgeous bouquets of roses in full bloom in shades of yellow, peach, white and red clustered in mists of baby's breath were handed round. Turning as she entered the church to begin her married life she paused for a photo and to sing us a few lines of "Going to the chapel...". We felt honoured to share such an

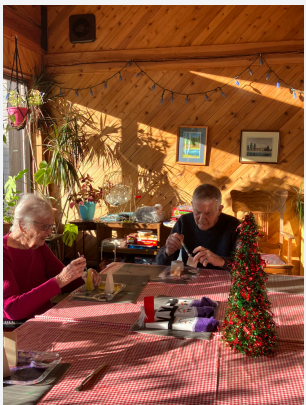
uplifting and auspicious moment.

Shirly was given away by her aunt who had come all the way from Winnipeg on the train for the occasion. A reception and dinner followed at Bosun Hall.

I'm sure all our subscribers join in wishing them the happiest of lives together.



What an amazing day we shared on May 11 at our first Pavilion Market! The support by our community was greatly appreciated and because of everyone's support we raised \$7569.00 towards our goal of \$12,000. Because of everyone's hard work we are closer to giving our residents somewhere to garden.
Huge shout out to the cashier of the day Handsome Howard and to all the people who donated and volunteered their time to help us make this such a successful event.
Thank you for your support from the Residents of the Pavilion and Carla.



The bedraggled old building with the 2 false fronts and a varied history at the top of Main St. adjacent to the Valhalla Pure flagship store has been ably demolished and the lot cleared A new building will certainly enhance first impressions when turning down Main St.

I ran into Shannon Schlaffke in the produce aisle at Newmarket (the venue of many worthwhile conversations) so I asked her to tell me something about the history of the property at the corner of Main Street. and Hwy 6, 420 6th Ave. where Jesse Oldham and crew are building a new boat display and storage facility for Valhalla Pure ND. As the old building was being dismantled I had heard stories of its varied history.

Principally I had heard about the Schlaffke family's time on this corner. Shannon filled in a few more details:

-Her husband Hans' family owned it and ran a variety of businesses.

-She confirmed what I'd been told by

several locals -that Hans' father had a small shoemaker's shop in the front right corner. He is remembered as being very good at his trade.

-Hans' brother had two bays of the garage fronting the highway where he did bodywork.

-There was also a gas station and a cafe (which still existed in the 90's run by different owners.)

-The family also kept chickens. She said that one time the chicken shed caught fire and they lost the entire flock of broilers which was a considerable loss.

-All in all, a hardworking immigrant family after the war making their way in a new country.

Shannon's daughter Mady offered this clarification:

(Hi Rosalie just to clarify my Dad built the garage body shop café and the 2 buildings that were just removed my Grandma (Omi) ran the café. Grandpa made boots for the loggers plus shoe/boot repairs. Mady)

The Most Wonderful Broken Wing Concert



Davis. The Lalin choir, conducted by Allison Girvan, also provided vocals and a beautiful duet with Helen Davis, receiving tremendous applause. Jazz Nip was on keyboard.



UpDraft would like to express gratitude to Noel Fudge and the Broken Wing ensemble and choir for their outstanding concert on May 26th at the Silverton Memorial Hall. This concert served as a prelude to the upcoming album, Broken Wing, which will be recorded in Kaslo. The hall was filled to capacity with enthusiastic fans, and the streets of Silverton were bustling with parked cars, indicating the high turnout for the event.



During the intermission, attendees had the opportunity to catch up with everyone and support the concession fundraiser for the Silverton Gallery restoration. The event's success was made possible by the contributions of various individuals and organizations, including Dave Ronald on lighting, chair, stage, and venue managers and volunteers, SLAC, Silverton Building Supplies, Big Dog Music, CKCA Demo Grant, and Art Joyce for his Valley Voice article.

The concert concluded with the title song for Broken Wing, "Tokyo," inspired by the relationship between the Sandhill Crane named Tokyo and Fudge's father, Ken. It was a memorable concert that will be talked about for years in the Slocan Valley and beyond.

The Broken Wing album is described on their website as a unique musical journey that debuts heartfelt and intricately composed songs by Noel Fudge. It brings together a fusion of a string quartet, rock band, and choir. Fudge explained that the album does not fit into one genre, as it features a variety of musical styles, including folk-rock, 80's flair, funk, jazz, and soul, as well as a five-part a cappella Dairy farm Shanty.

The concert was a captivating experience, with lighting, graphics, and sound creating a dreamy atmosphere that conveyed the storyline of the genesis of the Broken Wing album, which Fudge described as a personal journey of pain, healing, and love through life's trials.

Martine denBok, president of the Slocan Lake Arts and principal violinist of the Broken Wing String ensemble along with Noel Fudge, guided the audience through the album's storyline, acknowledging the musical friends who contributed to the evening's success. The ensemble included Susan Aylard, Brie Hulbert, Martine denBok, and Jeff Faragher, while the band comprised Noel Fudge, Jay Buttle, Dean Spankie, and Helen



(Submission and all photos by M. Scaia)

Stories Start Here...

UpDraft's Pet Pedestal



Freya is:
"Very loving and affectionate
Very quiet
Wonderful around kids"

and CUTE!

Great Expressions!

This will be a regular feature so send us your favourite succinct expressions. We particularly like ones you heard from past generations. Today's was said to me by J Roberts and I liked it instantly:

"A rising tide floats all boats."

Introducing a new regular feature which we will call:
"Home From Away"

Our first presenter is **Andy Albright** who many of us remember with great fondness.



Dream Time

This note gives me a chance to say Thank You to all the most excellent people we met and the friends we made living in Silverton and then New Denver between '95 and 2000. So thank you for being friendly, welcoming, encouraging, interesting, helpful, creative, warm, funny, and industrious. You made our time with you so rich and we take every opportunity to tell people about the place and people. And thanks to the Hobsons, the Fergusons, and especially Francie and Tracey for your hospitality in providing us with warm homes. And to Rob and Terry for introducing us to the community, and Shelley for guiding me in my work.

When I was a kid, my favourite movie was *Lost Horizon* in which a group of airplane crash survivors find their way to Shangri-la, an idyllic, snowy mountain community somewhere in the Himalayas. Cynthia and I were lucky enough to find our own Shangri-la in Silverton and New Denver. We kayaked on Slocan Lake, paddling home from a party by moonlight more than once and another time battling home in a great wind and wave-churning adventure. We hiked up to the N. D. Glacier with friends . . . twice! (So steep!) We watched the MangleTones at The Silverton Gallery, bought books at Jeff and Caroline's bookshop, and ate more breakfast bagels at the Apple tree that we can recount. Alpine flowers on the Idaho Lookout trail, early- morning venison sausages with Doug at the (then) Petro-Can, helping Tyrone with his volunteer work

around town, geology lessons with Stan, tilling Art's garden (under his watchful eye all the while), listening in on the Apple Tree Chairmen's early morning coffee meetings, being rescued by Jim Hicks after I rolled our Jetta off the road at Summit Pass (on my way to Kal-Tire to get snow tires), and eating eating chocolate-dipped garlic at the you-know-where garlic festival: it's an oft-surfacing kaleidoscope of warm and colourful memories. I could go on at great length about sessions at The Troll Booth, midnight-post-concert swims or parties at Barb and Dick's. . . but - I have a word limit.

I'll say as well, though, that the most life-changing event for me was getting to play music with people, first with Tracy, Al, and Stuart and soon after with Tracy, Al, Craig and eventually Cynthia and Shelley. This was a big deal for me because, at 41, I didn't think I'd ever reach that dream of playing live music. Shyness had been my hindrance, but it's amazing how persuasive and forgiving a group of musicians can be when they want a drummer! It seemed there were no others around, so I got to play later with Stuart, Stevie, Ruth and Rowan at a wedding on Red Mountain Road and on a double-bill featuring that group (Something Fishy) and Dirty Laundry, with Cynthia filling in for Tracy while he and Francie were exploring South America. It was a dream come true. Its a fertile area for dreamers, creators and doers!

There are more to mention - , the Valhalla choir - including Judith of of course, Michael and Leah Rosalie, Gary and Barb, Katrina and Steve, Tim and Maribel, the Lesnicks, Liz Chernoff, and the Burkholders for example. It's hard to stop. Better visit.

Yet More Stories...



Miss Minns is on the far right with members of the Liebscher family and Fred Scaia to the left in the photo (Joe and Myrtle’s son) on Alpha St. (date unknown), from Old Silverton by John Norris 1985.

Elizabeth Minns 1860-1943 of 413 Alpha St. Silverton BC (by M. Scaia)

Elizabeth was one of 12 children (8 children when the family moved to Canada) whose parents emigrated from Belfast, Northern Ireland to Markham Township in the County of York, Ontario. The 1861 census shows that her father was a Stamp Maker and that the family belonged to the Church of England. Although Elizabeth, 32, is not found in the 1901 Canada census, street records indicate that she lived at 233 Church St. in Toronto in 1894, working as a tailoress*. After the death of her father and sister in 1900, and her brother in 1902, Elizabeth was next found in Vancouver in 1902, again working as a tailoress.

In 1903 Ferdinand and Margaret Liebscher owned a men's clothing shop in Silverton, British Columbia. The business was thriving, and they needed to hire additional help. They placed an ad in the Vancouver Province Newspaper seeking a 'pants and vest maker'. Elizabeth Minns, a 42-year-old spinster* according to the 1901 Canadian census, likely saw the ad and travelled to Silverton to work for the Liebschers. The next record of Elizabeth is from the 1921 Canadian census when she was living in Silverton at 413

Alpha St., a two-room wooden house next to Joe and Myrtle Scaia. In 1935, at age 75, Elizabeth was still on the voters’ list at the same address. Two years prior, she made a trip with Frank and Harry Liebscher to Metaline Falls, Washington State to see Margaret Liebscher.

In mid-October 1943, records indicate that Elizabeth travelled to Vancouver when she became ill and was recovering at the Bayview Nursing Home. She was there for 2 months and died on the 17th of December, 1943 at age 83. Her death certificate indicates that she died of underlying myocarditis and was not accompanied by any family members. She was buried at Mountain View Cemetery in an unmarked grave, which I visited in Vancouver as my grandparents are also buried there. The informant on her death certificate is identified as a friend, Mrs. Boisvert; Mrs. Boisvert was Ferdinand and Margaret Liebscher’s granddaughter.

*at that time, the term ‘spinster’ indicated that she was not legally married to a man
*‘tailoress’ was the gendered terminology of the time



Photo of Miss Minns cottage before restoration
In 2020, Chad Hicks restored the cottage located at 413 Alpha St. in Silverton, where Miss Minns lived. The photo shows the derelict condition of Miss Minns' cottage when Chad started to restore it. John Husberg, who lived across the street from Scaia’s as a child, told me it had been rolled on logs with a horse team from Retallack. After Miss Minns’ death, a man called Peterson rented it and taught him how to make sauerkraut.
Photo of Miss Minns cottage after restoration in 2020



Isn't this all typical of May in ND?



(Photo Credit: R. Jurgensen)

Shakespeare is back!

Shakespeare by the Shore will perform an original theatrical creation in the beautiful Kohan Garden the evenings of June 26, 27, 28 and 29! Actors, director and crew are preparing for the “Shakespearean collage” Lovers and Liars, Joker and Jerks 2024, with a selection of scenes from two of the Bard’s tragedies and two of his comedies, along with several of his famous sonnets and maybe a song or two. All participants are Slocan Valley residents, including our talented director, Valerie Campbell. The production promises to be riveting, and alternately magical, hilarious and heart rending, all in the prose and poetry of Shakespeare’s incomparable writing, and in the lovely setting of the gardens.

Showtime will be 7 pm, doors open at 6:30, and admission will be by donation and at the door only (no reservations). Please remember to bring something to sit on.

Pileated Woodpecker



Photograph by Joerg Becker
(May 16, New Denver Marina)

Wildlife Sightings

(with thanks to Charlotte and Joerg)

- The male Mergansers are sporting their black and white breeding tuxedos.
- Robin eggs are hatching with sightings of half shell discards
- Violet-green swallows are house hunting. It's possible they have lost under-eave locations as residents stop up rat holes. Consider installing a proper dimension swallow box. I also provide nest materials which are picked up by many pairs and it's fun to watch
- Many Loons and a beaver at Summit Lake

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- Our town Great Horned Owls have decided they'll make Centennial Park their summer home
- "May 17 We had a couple of each: Yellow warblers, Audubon Yellow-rumped warblers, Chipping sparrows, White-crowned sparrows and a solitary Kinglet splashing in our pond supervised by two robins. I've never seen so many species at the same time in our pond."
- "May 22, 6 Bald eagles catching a thermal over Carpenter Creek."
- Vaux Swifts are back. Watch for them higher than the swallows at first and last light.
- A pair of Green Winged Teal at Bigelow Bay.

Great Expressions!

Let's build a collection of expressive expressions. We would particularly enjoy old time ones such as your grandpa might have used. Here's an example I heard for the first time this week and immediately embraced:

"A rising tide floats all boats."

Mildred Bell

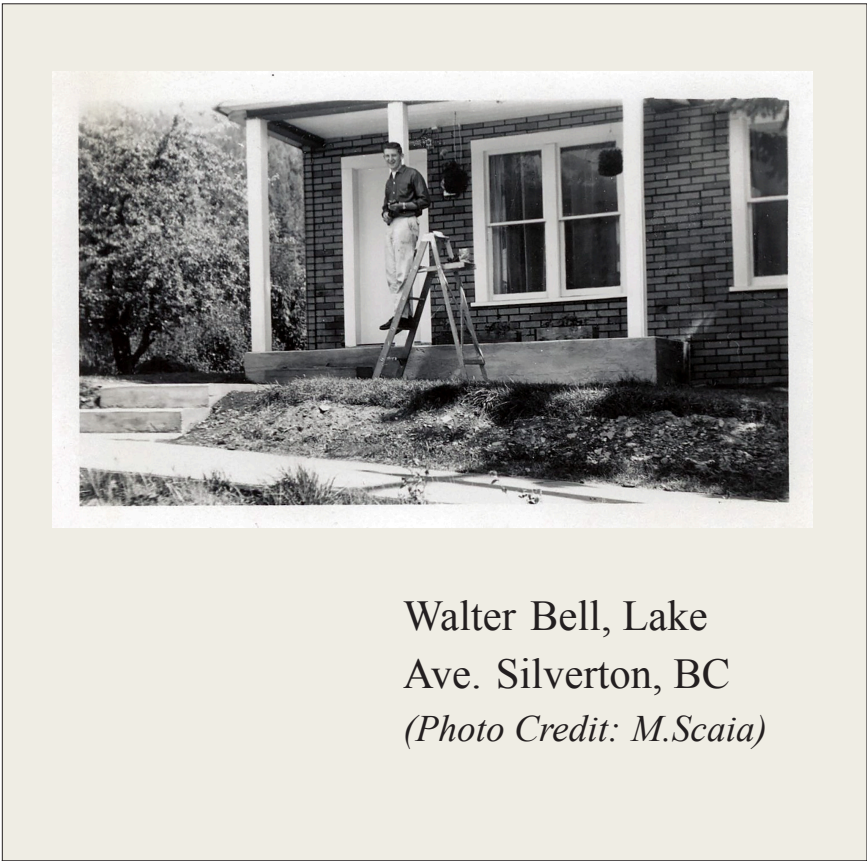
(By Margaret Scaia)



Mildred Woodhouse Bell was born on November 26, 1912, in Fernie, British Columbia. She passed away on April 16, 2013, at the age of 100. At the age of 17, she graduated from Normal School in Victoria and was assigned to teach at Sand Creek and then Ainsworth. It was in Ainsworth that she met her husband, Jack Bell, and they got married in 1936. The couple moved to Silverton in 1942, where they lived across the street from the primary school where Mildred taught. During the Second World War, many male teachers were called away for service, and Mildred was asked to return to teaching. She continued teaching in Silverton and New Denver until her retirement in 1972.

Mildred was an active member of her community, including the Zion United Church. She was known for her love of gardening, playing bridge, and cooking. Many people considered her a dear friend, mentor, and role model. Sadly, Mildred was predeceased by both of her sons. In her last years, she received loving care from the staff at the New Denver Pavilion and her nephew, Arthur Abbey, and his wife, Barbara Abbey of Nakusp.

Once, when someone asked Mildred what it felt like to be one of the few women in the area working for paid employment, she scolded them and said, "I was never a feminist - I had to work."



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Here are the Citizen of the Year Archives

NAME	YEAR				
J.L. IRWIN	1974	LEONARD CASLEY	2001	JULIA GREENLAW	2015
FRED ANGRIGNON	1974	DARRELL STEENHOFF	2001	JOHN FYKE	2015
ERNIE DE ROSA	1975	KIETH STEENHOFF	2001	PAULA SHANDRO	2015
WALT THRING	1975	ALVIE BOUILLET	2001	DAVID EVEREST & JUDY WAPP	2016
EDITH GREER	1976	DARREN McCOY	2001	TAMARA CLAXTON	2016
JEAN CLARK	1976	BILL BEAVIN	2001	BRADLEY BENNETT & TIKKA	2017
SHORTY(EMMA) DE ROSA	1977	NIGEL THOMAS	2001	DR. CHARLES BURKHOLDER & DR. MIRANDA HUGHES	2018
TOM BOHAN	1977	BOBBY GORDON	2001	DONNA JEAN WRIGHT	2019
AGNES AND GLEN EMARY	1978	ROB REDER	2001	NO AWARD DUE TO COVID	2020
SANDY HARRIS	1979	WAYNE LARRIMORE	2001	NO AWARD DUE TO COVID	2021
RHONDA BOUILLET	1979	JAMIE GRIERSON	2001	ELLEN KINSEL	2022
MISS MARJORIE BUTLIN	1980	JIM HUGHES	2001	CHRIS HILDEBRAND	2023
OLE SWANSON	1980	COLIN MAGNUSON	2001	ROSALIE BIRD	2023
JACK AND PATRICIA HEICHERT	1980	DOUG FISCHER	2001	BIN LI & CASSANDRA QUI	2023
MONICA IRWIN	1981	MIKE KOOTNIK	2001		
RAY AND ELIZABETH NUNN	1981	JARED SIMPSON	2001		
JOAN AND DANNY LAW	1981	DAN O'BRIEN	2001		
GARY MUSIL	1982	BILL FINLEY	2002		
BILL JONES	1982	ELSIE REDER	2002		
BILL VAUGHAN	1983	SUE DAVIES	2003		
TOM AND HAZEL STEENHOFF	1983	LORNA OBERMAYR	2003		
VERA ANGRIGNON	1984	ROB REDER	2004		
DIANE D'ANGELO	1984	BILL ROBERTS	2004		
ISABEL REITMEIER	1985	CATHY & ABE WIENS	2005		
BILL WILSON	1985	MEL & GAYLE SWANSON	2006		
JOHN & GAIL BRIGHTON	1986	HEATHER HUETHER	2006		
ELSIE MARSHALL	1986	ANN MOTT	2007		
PATTI AND BRUCE BRIED	1987	BEV & KEN CASLEY	2007		
DAWN AND NELS LINDSTEIN	1988	DICK CALLISON & BARB YEOMANS	2008		
SHELLEY WELCH	1989	CAROL BELL	2008		
MARGUERITE THRING	1989	CAROL PENGELLY	2009		
MARY O'SHEA	1990	STAN WILSON	2009		
VI GILROY	1990	WENDY HARLOCK	2009		
DOREEN BROUGHTON	1991	NOBBY HAYASHI	2010		
SHELLEY HICKS	1991	CATHLEEN OLSON	2010		
BARRY & GERRI BUCHANAN	1992	JUDY & CHUCK CAMERON	2011		
YVONNE & TONY MAXINUK	1992	GORDON BUTT	2012		
SHARON & RUSS BROUGHTON	1993	BARB DE ROSA	2012		
RAY NIKKEL	1993	SUSIE BOLIVAR	2012		
GAIL & HERMAN HEIBERT	1993	MERCEDES CASLEY	2013		
WALLY & MARY FULKCO	1993	LORA LEE BREKKE	2013		
PAULI INOSE	1994	COLIN MOSS	2013		
EVA MOTT	1994	KEVIN MURPHY	2014		
DONNA & LORNE POZNIKOFF	1995	NEW DENVER FIRE & RESCUE SOCIETY	2014		
LIL FLYNN	1995	DOUG FISCHER	2014		
BARB & RAY LAHNER	1996	RICHARD HARWOOD	2014		
BOBBI NESBITT	1996	LEONARD CASLEY	2014		
KATHY McCRORY	1997	NIGEL THOMAS	2014		
DONNIE & BARB BROUGHTON	1997	WILF WILSON	2014		
BEV CASLEY	1997	KIETH STEENHOFF	2014		
CATHY WIENS	1997	ALVIE BOUILLET	2014		
ERIC BERGREN	1998	DEREK HICKS	2014		
STEVE & KATRINA HAMMOND	1998	RIC BARDATI	2014		
GEORGE SKARR	1999	CALVIN REITMEIER	2014		
GORDIE BUTT	1999	MERCEDES CASLEY	2014		
CLAUDIA JUPP	2000	CAMERON NELSON	2014		
TREVOR & SHEILA HARROP	2000	EMMA CALLES	2014		
JACK GREENAN	2000	CASEY LAW	2014		
NEW DENVER FIRE DEPARTMENT	2000	BRENT OLSEN	2014		
DARCY BUCHANAN	2000	TYLER PAYNTON	2014		
		JORDAN DEAKOFF	2014		

Sorry for the sketchy quality of these lists. I was translating from file types with which I was unfamiliar and in the end just took photos.

(Thanks to R. Bouillet who made this list available to UD. If you added up the freely given volunteer hours herein represented? Well, it's a lot!)

Citizens of the Year
2024
are
Debbie and Laurie Hicks
&
Shelley and Dave Welch
Congratulations!

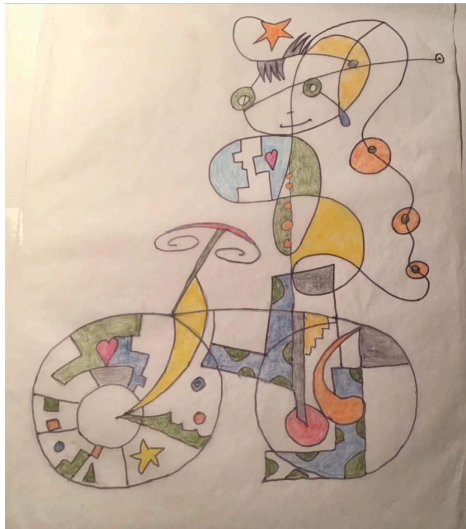


Willing hands made May Day happen. Mayor Casley and our firemen always step up and for this we thank them. *You got a workout chasing soapboxes, Leonard!*



It's a Lively Community

Rabi'a Meets Picasso



"...original drawing...on
crappy newsprint paper"

"When we..Carl and myself... were tossing around for names..it was carl suggested it and such a good fit..."

"she started her life as a morning doodle non significant drawing....then carl suggested would make a good sculpture if we scaled it up to ten feet...give it a third dimension and "voila". (Rabi'a)



On May 22nd, folks gathered at Knox Hall to say goodbye to Katharine Dickerson who is moving to Calgary to be nearer her family. She will be lovingly remembered here for the generous gift of the wonderful weaving (shown here) now permanently installed at Knox Hall. She also contributed greatly to the HGG with years of board service backed by years of Art experience. **Thanks, Katharine.**

Lucerne School garden: sipping dew from Ladies Mantle with a chive straw.
(photo credit: J.Greenlaw)



The **Slocan Community Health Centre** Auxiliary will be hosting a fundraiser Hotdog and Bake Sale on June 14th, 10am. in front of the old laundromat opposite the Friday Market.

An enthusiastic group met at Three Forks on Saturday to make some repairs and upgrades to the Old Sandon Road Trail. The group of eleven volunteers came together from Hills, Rosebery, Winlaw, Sandon, Retallack and New Denver despite the rain and beavered away for more than five hours to repair two rotten boardwalks. It was damp, muddy work but the mood was positive and we made great progress! The group will meet again in the coming week to finish the work, making a safer trail

for hikers and bikers to enjoy. Many thanks to all the volunteers (Frank, Greg, Mike, David, Chris, Allen, Hiromi, Gerald, Juerg, Cullumn & Abi) and to Bryn Perry for milling and donating the cedar boards.



(Submitted by A. Marsh)

Village Business



-Committee of the Whole Council Meeting
May 28, 7:00pm

-Level 1 Water Restrictions
No Sprinkling 10am to 6pm

- Please remember to fill out the **Library Survey** either online or where available, paper copies.

-2024 Census:
[Please ensure you help provide this vital information and and watch for your 16 digit census invitation code in the mail.]

-Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre's 30th Anniversary June 22 and 23.

Reminder!

2024 Grad Motorcade

leaves the school at 1:30pm

Friday, June 7 to make its

way around town.

Come out and wave your

best wishes to our grads .

May 14 Council Meeting

I attended as usual online and quite a few items sparked my interest. Let's see how many stayed with me:

-Mayor Casley and Councillor Fyke share the RDCK director role. They spoke about the announced changes to the Rosebery Transfer station at a cost of \$750,000. Plus Mayor Casley spoke about the waste from there which has historically been hauled to Nakusp will now be sent to Ootischenia near Castlegar. No one knows more or has thought more deeply about our waste management than he and he says this means there will be more trucks on the roads and more cost to the village.

-Councillor Fyke spoke to a letter on invasive species which he asked to be pulled from the correspondence file. I found his commentary on the threat invasive mussels represent to be interesting and informative. They travel readily from one water body to the next on watercraft, even kayaks and paddle boards. They start out about 2 mm in size so are easily overlooked in inspections. It's extremely costly to intakes and

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instruments when they plug them. As well they can change whole ecosystems by clarifying the top layer of water by eating all the plankton so milfoil can thrive to a far greater depth. He cited Okanagan Lake as an example of one lake currently under threat. He said BC Hydro is investing \$900,000 because they take the threat so seriously. I appreciated his clear presentation and the research he'd done for us.

-Councillor Hammond thanked staff and fellow councillors for the flowers she'd received.

-Councillor Fyke and Mayor Casley were invited by Nakusp's Mayor Zelesnik to attend a wildfire mitigation symposium which included MOF personnel and which they found worthwhile for having “all the players together”.

-Councillor Fyke reported on the Firesmart Rooftop Sprinkler workshop he conducted at SBS which he said was well attended.

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"Mayor and Council are inviting community members to a BBQ at the bottom of the Kootenay Street Stairs (the sidewalk across from New Market Foods) on Thursday, May 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join them for a meet & greet and to learn more about what is happening in local government here in New Denver."

This was well attended with councillors Fyke and Law serving up great hot dogs and burgers. It was also a chance to look over the drawings of the planned sidewalk extension and brochures on FireSmart. Thanks to Staff for the baking.

Updraftsville



Slipping through the veil to the shining village of Updraftsville is a regular pastime for New Denver-ites. We enjoy mingling with the residents there being as they familiar but different all at once. May is a lovely time to make the trip as the air is full of swallows and the scent of lilacs rides every breeze. Just as at home we find the denizens busy with their individual pursuits but happy to stop to visit when approached. As we wandered through the pretty, peaceful village today we met several interesting and friendly folk. Let me introduce them to you now.



1. This is Florinda who runs the popular DaisyChain bakery/coffee shop. It's a busy place as her baking is heavenly and the coffee good. Locals gather here on their way to or from the Post Office in part to catch up on town news. It's generally accepted that at times you listen; at others you share and still others you **ARE** the news. Flo is affectionately known as "Flourinda" nicknamed so by a wag because she's almost always in flour up to her elbows.

2. George is usually to be found in his garden. Thankfully it's not yet zucchini season as the ones George grow are heavy to pack back through the veil to New Denver. Things grow big in George's garden. He's one of those great gardeners who is always willing to give you advice but only when you ask! (That's a rather appealing quality especially to a woman gardener.) George like all good gardeners knows that it pays to be thinking 6 months ahead. Watch out for him as he pops through the veil at times to compare notes with his friends in in their gardens in ND.



3. Here's DeeDee. She wears sturdy shoes and a raincoat when as is set in stone she takes Stella out for her twice daily walks. Stella is a designer dog wearing a chi chi harness. There are always dog poop bags attached to her leash as DeeDee is scrupulous about such and usually is headed towards the nearest trash can.. In her other hand she usually wields a stout stick to ward off uncontrolled dogs in the approaching off-leash area and also of course there may be stray children at large.

4. Meet Fred, the Fixer. Everybody knows and likes Fred; he is one of Updraftsville's unsung heroes. The entire town knows how to contact him and does just that when their truck engine starts to stutter or their lawn mower blow blue smoke. For sure he knows what he's about when under the hood of a car or ATV. Fred truly is the soul of patience and knows to take himself and his canine buddy, Bruno off in the camper fishing when it gets to be too much for them in town.



Disclaimer:
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-I would like to be on your mailing list. Your positive approach will a welcome breath of fresh air Like Anne Murray's song A LITTLE GOOD NEWS is just what the world needs.

-Inspiring work Rosalie! Please sign me up! Great idea for connecting us in a positive way

- I am in. Positive information is what I am interested in.

-Got it. It perfect, Thank you.

-I'm currently in Kelowna enjoying my second cup of coffee, reading the first edition of UpDraft. For the first time in a while, I'm not feeling anxious and upset about the news from our little piece of paradise. There's enough to worry about in our personal lives, and reading UpDraft brings my attention to the wider shared burdens and joys of life in a small town. UpDraft's Volume 1 Issue 1 reminds me that being part of this community is important and appreciated. The stories took me back to 1991 when I first lived here and picked up two copies of the Swami at the hardware store ...

-Congratulations on your new newsletter! We moved to town last year and are thrilled to hear you have a new creative project.

-I have just read your first edition with my coffee in hand. What a delightful way to start the day. I would very much appreciate being added to your subscription list.

- UpDraft really did bring me to tears.....thank you...

-Wow!!! I'm stunned at what a beautiful inaugural you created. Bravo! ♥

-Read Updraft on the flight and thoroughly enjoyed it!

-I had a moment to enjoy your first issue of Updraft this evening. So lovely to read about the happy news around New Denver. I look forward to reading more, and possibly sending the odd item your way.

-Spectacular beginning- what beautifully creative work to weave memories, current events, history and photos together in such a striking way?

-Powerful medicine

-Thank you so much for creating this Rosalie. We are not social media users. Put off by the negativity. Please add us to the UpDraft subscribers list. Thanks.

-What a wonderful newsletter! I was going to say "rag" but with great affection!! I now have to sit down at my big screen and read it more carefully. Can you add us to the subscription list? Congratulations! Looks amazing.

-Its such a good idea because we need positive news. Thank you for doing this.

-Good morning I just read your paper. First it's excellent. Second certainly reminds me of the Swami and third I would love to subscribe to your excellent paper.

-Wonderful, Rosalie! I enjoyed your first edition very much. Good work! (As usual♥)

-Congratulations on your first issue! Well done and looking forward to the next issue. Love the stories and beautiful photos. The emergence of beauty and positivity spreading throughout our community.

-Nicely Done Rosalie! Im excited to see more! I was/am a huge fan of the SWAMI nice to see it remembered.

-This is fabulous!!

-This is fabulous Rosalie -- I would love to be of support in any way and send submissions.

-Have just read the first issue -- wonderfully beautiful, inspiring and heart provoking. I will muse on some submissions.

-Great Job, Rosalie. I look forward to the next edition.

-As a long ago and now seasonal residence of New Denver I would like to commend you on your first edition of "Updraft". Such a creative and well-designed breath of fresh air. The positive and genuine content is an inspiration to us all. I look forward to future editions. Thank you for allowing me to be part of the subscribers.

-Luv the pictures, good work we really need positive news right now
BUNDLES AND BUNDLES OF GRATITUDE TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTIVE. BOTH MARGARET AND I ARE ENCOURAGED AND EAGER TO IMPROVE BECAUSE OF YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS.

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