



ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation Community News

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April 12 to 23, 2010



In memory of "Mama Dog" of 2870 Kootenay Road #3 who passed away on March 27, at age 13.5 yrs. She leaves Harvey with two dogs: Rosey and Maggie Mae.

North Area Water System maintenance:
The water supply to the subdivision will be interrupted on Monday, April 27 for regular maintenance to the water supply system. People living in the subdivision may want to set aside some water for drinking and cooking on Sunday night, April 26.

Coming events at the ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation

Tuesday, April 13:

Comprehensive Community Plan presentation open house, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Band Hall. For more information Contact Gayle, 342-6301

Tuesday, April 13:

KNC employment Adult Basic Education open house, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Band hall

Tuesday, April 13:

A.M. foot clinic at the Health Centre

Wednesday, April 14:

P.M. foot clinic at the Health Centre

Thursday, April 15:

Comprehensive Community Plan presentation open house, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Band Hall. For more information contact Gayle, 342-6301

Thursday, April 15:

Dr. Page at the Health Centre, 2p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20:

Columbia Valley power line information session, 3 to 6 p.m. at the Band hall. Come out and learn about jobs building the new power line

Thursday, April 22:

Election Code Review and

approval meeting, 6 p.m. at the Band Hall

Thursday, April 22:

Dr. Page at the Health Centre, 2p.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, April 23:

Band Election Candidate Nomination meeting, 6 p.m. at the Band Hall

Thursday, April 29:

Fundraising spaghetti dinner to help Tina Shovar on her trip to France. 5:30 p.m. \$7 per person.

Walking Loop:

A path has been cut in the field east of the Band office.

Staff have been using the loop for walks over the lunch hour. Come and join us or use the loop to go for a walk anytime

KNC Employment:

Someone from KNC employment is at the Band office the third Thursday of every month to help with career planning and job hunting

Calling the Band office

If you call the Band office and do not get the reception, please leave a message and your call will be returned. Please be patient, staff makes every effort to get to every call when it comes in, but like any office, this is not always possible.

ʔakisq̓nuk election process

The next steps in the Band's election process are set.

On Thursday, April 22, a meeting will be held at the Band Hall to review and approve the

new draft ʔakisq̓nuk election code.

On, Friday April 23, the nomination meeting will be held at the Band Hall. Both meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

Donation and rec. policy

Members of the ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation are welcome to submit, in writing, request for recreation funding.

Amounts up to \$500 are to be decided by the Band Administrator. Re-

quests over \$500 are the decision of the Council.

Individuals are allowed up to \$750 per year. Those owing money to the Band are not eligible without a plan to repay their outstanding debt.



From the D.T.S.S. Ab. Ed. support workers

Ktunaxa 101 from College of the Rockies is going strong and the students are working very hard and learning an incredible amount.

Elders Bea Stevens, Nelson Phillip, and Sabina Cote have come to the school to speak with the Students on Thursdays. It is an honor to be able to share time and learn the language this way -- with such incredible Ktunaxa speakers.

The Ktunaxa 101 group will be attending the upcoming Ktunaxa Language Summit at St. Eugene's on Wednesday, April 14. Watch out com-

munity we will need some practice!

Some important dates:

- Early Dismissal Thursday, April 15th.

- Parent/teacher/Ab-Ed conference night, 7 to 9 p.m., April 15. Anyone wanting an appointment please call the school at 250-342-9213.

- Grad Parent meeting is also April 15 and starts at 6:30 sharp!

- Third Term ends Friday, April 16th.

- Grad Photos start Tuesday, April 20, and go through Thursday the 22nd. Grads please sign up at the main office as soon as possible.

- There is no school on Friday, April 23 for RSA Day.

- Thursday, April 29th term three report cards come home with your child.

- Thursday, April 29th Tina Shovar will host a fundraiser at the Band hall. Help send her to France for a year on student exchange.

The Youth Group did Ukrainian Easter Eggs. It was a fun and we now appreciate how hard the Easter Bunny works! Moccasin Making has started at Open Doors. Elder Bea Stevens will be dropping by to make

sure we are doing it correctly.

Course selection for 2010-2011 school year is now happening! Please ask you child what they plan on taking, and parents you must sign off their choices. First come first served on some of the classes so please get them in as soon as possible.

- *Courtesy Deb Fisher*

Transmission line jobs open house

An open house to highlight employment and/or business opportunities for Ktunaxa Nation citizens on the Columbia Valley

hydro transmission line is planned for 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., April 20 at the Band Hall.

This will be of interest if

you are an individual looking for employment or the owner of a business looking to work on the project.

Authorized expenses:

The administration of the Akisqnuq First Nation will not pay the costs of any unauthorized products or services purchased by individual Band members of the Akisqnuq First Nation. Only products and services purchased by authorized Band personnel will be paid for.

Columbia Valley Good Food Co-op

The Columbia Valley Good Food Co-op supplies boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables at a savings over regular retail prices. The program is run by the Family Resource Centre in Invermere.

The cost is reduced because the produce is purchased in bulk and repacked by co-op members with the savings being passed on to the program participants.

How does it work?

You purchase one or more good food boxes. A family size box is \$10 and an individual size is \$5. We combine all the money and buy vegetables and fruits in bulk. We try to get locally-grown produce as much as possible. The boxes are transported to local depots for convenient pick-up.

The program is available to all who want to

join. If you want to eat more fresh fruit and veggies and would like to stretch your grocery dollars a little further, this program is for you.

A typical box may contain:

Three lbs of potatoes, two lbs of onions, eight carrots, six bananas, four apples, six oranges.

Plus, depending on the season: four pears, three grapefruit, two red peppers, four tomatoes,

broccoli, cauliflower, spinach.

Your food box value will always exceed that available in the retail supermarket.

For more information about the Columbia Valley Good Food Co-op talk to Danny Burgoyne or contact the Family Resource Centre in Invermere, (250) 342-4242.

- *Information courtesy The Columbia Valley Good Food Co-op.*



Rocky Mountain Trench
Ecosystem Restoration Program

Restoring Nature's Balance.

March 22, 2010

EAST KOOTENAY PRESCRIBED BURNS PLANNED IN APRIL

The Rocky Mountain Trench Ecosystem Restoration Program is planning to conduct three prescribed burns in the East Kootenay in the month of April, weather conditions permitting.

The controlled fires will cover a total of about 455 hectares (ha) and take place in the vicinity of Wasa, Skookumchuck and Jaffray, as follows:

- 138 ha on Gina Pasture near Premier Ridge, about 7 km northeast of Wasa
- 30 ha in the northwest corner of Premier Lake Provincial Park, east of Skookumchuck
- 287 ha on Clear Lake Pasture, 10 km south of Jaffray.

Ecosystem restoration work has been ongoing on all three sites for several years.

Timber harvesting and thinning treatments on the sites have reduced forest stands to the point where fire can be introduced safely and effectively.

The fires will be managed to achieve specific objectives and controlled so they burn with limited intensity and within defined boundaries.

Prescribed burning is carried out by trained crews who follow detailed plans prepared by certified burn bosses and approved by the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Fires can be ignited, however, only when weather conditions meet BC's smoke control regulations. Weather will be monitored daily beginning April 1 to determine the optimum day for light-up. The public will be advised on the day a fire is ignited via local radio announcements.

Prescribed fires mimic the low-intensity ground fires that historically burned at low elevations in the East Kootenay. These frequent fires removed tree regeneration and re-invigorated native grasses and shrubs, leaving a mosaic of grasslands and open forests between Radium Hot Springs and the US border.

Fire suppression in recent decades has eliminated frequent low-intensity fire from the landscape, allowing dense forest ingrowth to fill in open forests and trees to invade grasslands.

The resulting impacts are all negative: heightened risk of more intense and damaging fires; overall deterioration in wildlife habitat; decline in natural forage for cattle and wild ungulates; and forests more susceptible to insects and disease.

The Trench ecosystem restoration program, a coalition of stakeholders representing government, industry and the public, has been working since 1998 to restore grasslands and open forests by removing excess trees and re-introducing fire to the landscape.

The goal is to restore about 107,000 hectares over a 30-year period.

Visit www.trenchsociety.com for more information on fire-maintained ecosystem restoration in the Rocky Mountain Trench.

**NOTICE OF BAND
ELECTION
REGULATION
APPROVAL MEETING:**

Thursday April 22nd, 2010

6:00 PM TO 8:00 p.m.

AKISQNUK COMMUNITY HALL

Your government, your community.

**NOTICE OF BAND
ELECTION
CANDIDATE
NOMINATION
MEETING:**

Friday April 23rd, 2010

6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

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