

# The Edge

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### SURPRISE VISIT FROM INDUSTRY CANADA

On Friday August the 1<sup>st</sup>, my first day of work at *The Edge*, I was driving down the valley at excessive speeds and I passed an Industry Canada vehicle. I had a fleeting thought that this man would be coming to *The Edge* to check out the site. I showed up at the site about ten minutes before our surprise visit from Industry Canada. When he did show up, he proved that he had a good sense of humor and we had a laugh about the situation. Greg Corbett the Industry Canada representative, forgave me as soon as we entered the site. He was very impressed with the visual look of *The Edge*. Greg had many questions regarding equipment and services we provide. We found out later that Greg plays the saxophone in an eighteen piece jazz band! Bre Volansky, the Regional Youth Coordinator, kept him entertained, while I sped up the valley again to get Ms. Bassett so she could be present at the meeting. Greg was impressed with our site and the knowledge and speed of our staff. *The Edge* surpassed any requirements Industry Canada had.

By Kelly Settle

### Columbia Basin Trust Youth Links Visits Us

**On August 6<sup>th</sup> the Columbia Basin Youth Links group paid a visit to our site. This vibrant group comes from all areas of the basin, and they were having a gathering at the nearby Whatshan Lake Retreat. The Youth Links group travels to various communities in the basin and at each of these communities they are presented with a new work experience. The Youth Links group was impressed with our site and asked us many questions regarding local businesses, the economy and youth issues in Edgewood. Jennie and Perry Jones were quizzed about their up and coming bed and breakfast business and Arron Haggart gave the run down on the recording studio. Each of the staff members did a presentation on their job and place at *The Edge*. The group also viewed our community promotional video "*Edgewood Music*" and they were delighted to see how the community was so involved in this video.**

**The Youth Links group got exposure to the *The Edge* and Edgewood and our unique qualities.**

**All in all, I would say that the visit went well and the group went away knowing how special we are out in the woods.**

By Bre Volansky

### Neil Squire Foundation Update

The afternoon of July 29th saw a visit from our benefactors at Neil Squire Foundation! How did they find our establishment? Let me recount the tale...

It was a hot and muggy afternoon - in *The Edge* at least - and several people were busy plucking away at the computers. The not-so-quiet roar of the fan filled the air, and dampened the sound of the door opening to admit Bryan Oulton and Greg Pyc. As I was not acquainted with either of these two gentlemen, I was soon introduced to Mr. Oulton by Ms. Bassett, and Mr. Pyc was introduced to all of us. They moved around chatting with various *Edge* employees, asking questions that were answered in a succinct manner by each of us. They both seemed impressed by our facility, commenting on how great it was to see the public using the computers, and they were thrilled to find out that even the studio area was wheelchair accessible, as Mr. Pyc was able to navigate his way to the drum set. Greg Pyc was also excited to learn of the quartz crystal caves in the area, and intends to return at a later date to explore the area. Hooray for *The Edge* and another successful visit from our benefactors!

The crew at *The Edge* deserve a hearty congratulations on the new layout of our facility. Thanks to everyone that moved all our equipment around!

By Jennie Jones

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<http://cap-pac.ic.gc/bc/theedge>

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## *Our hours are:*

Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm and 7-9pm each night except Wednesday and Saturday when the Studio is open for music recording.

*We look forward to your visit! See you soon!*

## Virtual Museum and Storytelling

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**Derek:** As I grew up, I learned very quickly that storytelling was in my blood... “No mom, I didn’t draw on the wall..., uh, uh, ... a man, yah, a big man, ah, from the... door, yah, he was from the moon so...” Well, all kidding aside it is my pleasure to take on the task of telling the story of our beautiful valley.

I will be collecting information from anyone who has stories to tell, pictures to share, and knowledge of our history. Because this is a pilot project for Columbia Basin Trust, I will try to squeeze as much into this as possible. Including artifacts, events, folklore etc.

I am four weeks into this project and have three arms full of information, pictures of artifacts, and photo collections from the past. If you feel you have anything large or small to offer to this exciting project please feel encouraged to call me, Derek Nicholson, at 269-7590 (w) or 269-7527 (h). Please feel free to visit us at *The Edge* and see the work in progress. Help us tell the wonderful story of our home!

**Perry:** Most of my time with the Virtual Museum has been processing the pictures Derek has taken of local pre-Columbian artifact collections to prepare them to be published online. In the next few weeks, we will be focusing on historical photographs borrowed from local collections and in adding text commentaries to the existing material. Check out the web site for a sample of our work!

On Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> The Edgewood Community Internet Society held its Annual General Meeting. The meeting was well attended and there were many issues discussed. The new directors are as follows:

- ☆ **Jean Bassett**, Chairperson
- ☆ **Arron Haggart**, Recording Studio Manager
- ☆ **Nina Ewings**, Secretary
- ☆ **Kelly Settle**, Treasurer
- ☆ **Bill Penner**, Community Liaison
- ☆ **Colette Beaulieu**, Official Languages
- ☆ **Echo Belerose**, Youth Representative
- ☆ **Marny Lillico**, Photography Coordinator
- ☆ **Margaret Cairns**, Volunteer Sector

We look forward to another successful year with the new board!

**By Bre Volansky**

## Financial Report

### **By Carlene Enge**

We are delighted to report that our financial statement for The Edgewood Community Internet Society and the KootenArrow Networks has been audited by Rogers and Company in Nakusp. Audited copies for each account are available at *The Edge*.