

The Edge

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November Events

By Bre Volansky

November at *The Edge* has been exciting so far as we plan different events for the next couple of months. Jean will be away in Pictou, Nova Scotia from the 19th-24th attending an Innovative CAP workshop. This is a wonderful opportunity for Jean and great that Edgewood is being represented at such a prestigious event! Good luck Jean! On December 7, *The Edge* will be taking part in the Christmas fair. Santa Claus will be there, so bring your son or daughter down to have a picture taken. On December 12, *The Edge* will be hosting a Christmas bash. We will be celebrating the arrival of high speed internet and also acknowledging our valuable volunteers. There will also be a potluck dinner on this night. On January 19th and 20th we will be hosting a regional workshop at the Whatshan Retreat. Matt Wenger from CBT will be attending this workshop and we are co-hosting with the Kaslo Network. Stay tuned for more information!



Training

We have started Microsoft training workshops with our newest staff member, Chris Ewings and would like you to come down! If you are interested in these workshops, please stop in at *The Edge* and sign up! They will be held on Wednesdays at 10am and there will be a \$5 drop in charge for each

Fun Finders!

By Jennie Jones

As the winter months loom closer and closer, most of us begin to tumble on our many layers of clothing and light up those nice cozy fires after a long (short on day light) day's work. At one point or another, every one of us needs a break! The common practice in these parts is to go out on a nice crisp morning and either ski, ride on your snowmobile or ski. Well, I've been looking around, and found a few extra things for you and your family to enjoy that doesn't involve quite so much snow.

First up? What does almost everyone love to do in the summer? Yes that's right, swim. I'm not talking about a polar-bear dip, but hot springs! The Kootenays are filled with hot springs and there are picturesque resorts around Nakusp. And what about the crisp winter mornings which are a little too crisp and a little too snowy to go anywhere? For a little family fun, I've uncovered a few useful websites. For all of you who haven't gotten the full winter gear together, there's a little something extra!

<http://www.kootnet.com/hspg.html> - A great list of hot springs around here!

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/winter/> - filled with lots of fun kids stuff!

<http://www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/winter/fun.htm> - more fun activities for the little ones or the whole family!

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/experiences/downloads/screensavers.asp> - A nice looking screensaver for those who like to see snow outside and in!

<http://www.readyforwinter.com/> - Great for getting ideas on preparing for winter!

ARTIFACT HUNT!

By Kelly Settle

The Edge is planning a field trip to look for artifacts. The search will be at the beach at Old Edgewood (also known as Dump beach). Terry Allen has agreed to guide all participants on this field trip. We have yet to decide the date on the artifact hunt, as we are waiting for the water to go down a bit. Anyone interested in accompanying us or who would like more information on this exciting trip please contact Kelly at *The Edge*.

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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!

FLASH!

Jean Bassett, Network Coordinator, will be attending the Pictou, Nova Scotia CAP Summit on November 19- 24 as a representative of the Pacific Region with the KootenArrow Networks and *The Edge* CAP Site. This is a summit in which one hundred Community Access Program champions are meeting to address the innovative strategies and success stories at their individual sites and networks.

Canada's Digital Collection

The Digital Collection is coming along nicely and we have gathered most of the computer and informational resources we need to finish the project, although we are still getting pictures and stories from local residents. We have gathered, processed and placed approximately 350 pictures of native artifacts from local collections into web ready galleries. We are planning an expedition with the owner of one of the larger collections to take several kids on an artifact finding expedition. We hope to capture this expedition on digital video and post it to the museum with text commentary on what was found and the techniques that were used.

We have collected and scanned about 2000 pictures from local photo collections dating from the late 1800's including pictures of early settlement, logging camps, and a variety of other topics. We are preparing them by researching who some of the people in the photos are and the locations of the pictures as many of the collection owners do not have full information on all of the pictures. We are also re-mastering and repairing the pictures and have processed about 200 of them into usable form. Currently, we are able to process about 50-100 pictures a day.

We are putting together the basic structure of the web pages that will hold the museum. We are also sorting the pictures we have according to where they will be used in the web pages. The other major part of the project we are working on right now is researching the general topics on the museum and gathering enough information and detail to make accurate and entertaining text entries on the pages when we are done. We are hoping to get a basic web format up and running in the very near future so we can start to get an idea of what our finished project will look like, so that we have time to polish and make any necessary changes before we start to add the majority of our content. **CONT →→→→→**

Community Events

December 7 is the Edgewood Community Craft fair and we will have a table set up and will be taking family portraits and pictures with Santa! Come on down and get some Christmas oictures taken.

On **December 12**, *The Edge* will be holding a Volunteer Appreciation Day/DS Satellite Link Un-Veiling/Christmas bash. Thank you to Columbia Basin Trust for bringing high speed internet to Edgewood! We will start at *The Edge* for some refreshments at 3, and then work our way to The Legion for a potluck dinner at 5:30. Everyone is invited, so see you all there!

By Chris Ewings

Hello all, Chris here! Everyone has been looking forward to high-speed internet here at *The Edge*, and it looks like it is finally going to happen. We don't have an exact date yet, but it should be in the week of November 17th to Nov 21st. We have the money from the Columbia Basin Trust Options Grant, we have approval from the School Board to install the satellite on the roof, and we have confirmed getting the installation done from Steven's Electronics in Nelson. Hopefully, we should be up and running with high-speed sometime next week. We will be having an un-veiling party on December 12, so keep your ears open for more details. Oh, and as always, if you need any help with your computer, or want to order some parts or whatever, you can always give me a call at 269-7230.

We have received a positive response from our Canada's Digital Collection Project Officer, Edith Dauphinais: I must admit I'm quite impressed with the number of pictures of native artifacts you and your team have collected and organized for web galleries, as well as the huge amount of local pictures you have. I'm truly looking forward to seeing all that exclusive material online.

We are ahead of schedule and will continue our work on the museum. Come down and have a look!