

# Area C Communicator

## From the Director's Desk

### *Greetings to all Area C Residents,*

To say the Regional Director's job is a job with many issues would be an understatement. During the first 7 months of this term, I've answered and returned approximately 400 telephone calls, the emails are running at around 40 – 50 per week. Both areas of communication brought to my attention issues ranging from noise, nuisance, zoning to "can you come to an event" and "are you having any fun ye?t!".

New bylaws will soon be in place and the first of same will, along with a lot of other topics, be discussed at my 2<sup>nd</sup> Town Hall Meeting on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. at the West Creston Community Hall.

Please join me for coffee & cake and some information sharing.

## Columbia Basin Trust Grants

This year, Area C had \$19,288.24 available for CBT funding. A total of 29 organizations applied for a total of \$58,000 worth of grants. After reviewing the applications and with input received from the April 14<sup>th</sup> public meeting, the following grants have been awarded:

Central Kootenay Spay/Neuter Animal Protection (SNAP)	\$ 1,000.00
Creston & Area Music Fest Committee	700.00
Creston Community Radio Society	1,200.00
Creston Valley Beef Growers (Noxious Weed Control)	4,200.00
Creston Valley Regional Airport (Web Cams & Internet)	1,000.00
Creston Valley Wildlife Area (Replacement of Viewing Tower)	3,000.00
Goat River Residents Association (Information Boards)	3,000.00
Goat Style Mountain Bike Society	800.00
Greenheart Herbal Society	1,000.00
Teetzel Creek Water Users Society (Fire Protection Support)	3,000.00

**Total of Grants: \$18,900.00 leaving a carryover for 2010 of \$388.34**

### Town Hall Meetings

- Meetings will be at the West Creston Community Hall 7:00 p.m.

### 2009 Schedule

June 22  
September 21  
November 30

## Support Our Local Producers!

### " GO GREEN"

To receive this newsletter & other information bulletins online, please contact Cathy Robinson

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We are so very fortunate to have a number of local food producers in Area C and throughout the Creston Valley.

This issue highlights some of these hard-working people, what they produce & sell locally and where you can find them! If you produce food for local people & live in Area C and have not been included in this newsletter please contact us & we would love to feature you in the next newsletter.

Check out the "Creston Valley Farm Fresh Guide" to access more local producers. A copy can be downloaded at [www.crestonfarmfresh.bc](http://www.crestonfarmfresh.bc) or pick up a hard copy at local area storefronts.

### **Big Rock Simmental Beef & The Pickle Patch**

located at **973 Reclamation Road**, has been providing top quality beef for over 20 years. Naturally grown beef, aged for flavour & tenderness. The Pickle Patch offers fresh produce throughout the growing season, farm fresh eggs along with homemade tasty pickles of all varieties in their storefront. Larry & Charlene 250-428-8980

### **Garden Hoe Farms – 4813 Lower Wynndel Rd.**

Naturally grown herbs, vegetables including tomatoes, peppers, onions, beans, peas, cucumbers, lettuce, chard, spinach, carrots, beets, squash, corn & potatoes. Bev & Barry 250-866-5582

### **Duck Lake Bison Farm, 1301 Duck Lake Road**

Family raised, natural bison meat (if you have never tried buffalo you don't know what you are missing!). Also available fresh & ground garlic. Chad & Michele 250-866-5730

### **Duck Lake Berry Orchard, 1331 Channel Road**

U-pick or "we pick" berries that include saskatoons, raspberries & red currants. "Grandma's Homemade" jams & syrups made with locally grown fruit. Hetty & Hans 250-866-5792.

### **R & S Lawrence Farms – Swan Road**

The 150 acre Lawrence Farm raises cattle, pigs, hay & grain. A part of the Kootenay Grain CSA since 2007, this year they are growing khorasan, spelt, oats, red fife wheat, hard winter wheat & lentils for local SCA members. Roy & Sherry 250-428-7556.

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## What is S.N.A.P.? (Spay/Neuter Animal Program)

Many of the Creston Valley's unwanted and abandoned cats & dogs are a direct result of owned pets and have become a source of concern. In April 2008, "SNAP", a non-profit, registered society was formed to spay/neuter cats & dogs irrespective of the owner's ability to pay. SNAP's focus has been to

reach as many intact pets as possible. Since it's start up in December '08, SNAP has facilitated the spay & neuter of many owned & stray cats & dogs. Considering the prolific reproduction rates, this already means a great reduction in the number and suffering of future unwanted cats & dogs.

As a non-profit society, SNAP is dependant on private funds, donations along with grants to continue its work.

If you wish to help, please contact Bruno Schultz @ 250-4288-2811.

A tax receipt is available for donations of \$10.00 or more.