

News

Board demands more action over mussels

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The Okanagan Basin Water Board welcomes increased provincial action on invasive mussels but the agency insists more needs to be done.

Victoria has announced that the Columbia Basin Trust is providing funds to expand the number of roving boat inspection stations from three to six.

"This is generally very good news. Inspection and decontamination in the Kootenays helps protect the Okanagan," said Anna Warwick Sears, OBWB executive director.

"That being said, OBWB would prefer the province ensure the most defensive, conservative approach possible, with a minimum of five permanent inspection stations

at major highway crossings on the B.C.-Alberta border."

With the announcement of three additional roving inspection stations, OBWB says the government has all of the resources and personnel needed to defend all major road crossings.

"If they amend their tactical plan, from roving to permanent stations, they will have

taken every step necessary to protect all B.C. waters," said James Littlely, operations manager.

"This isn't about action within our borders, it is about stopping invaders at our borders."

For more on zebra and quagga mussels, go to the OBWB website www.DontMoveAMussel.ca.

Store rallies for Hospice House

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Staff at a Vernon grocery store continues to remember a much beloved colleague.

On Saturday, Butcher Boys will host the eighth annual Chris Huculak memorial barbecue.

"Chris worked at Butcher Boys for nearly four decades; first as a carry-out, then a butcher and lastly, as a manager," said Tamsen Guidi, with Butcher Boys.

"Chris was a loyal, loving, hard working, and hilarious individual who dedicated many early mornings and endless hours to making Butcher Boys a wonderful place to both work and shop."

In 2008, he died from cancer, but not before spending his last few days at the North Okanagan Hospice Society where he received palliative care.



Chris Huculak

"As a thank you for taking such good care of our friend, Butcher Boys continues to support NOHS in Chris' honour, through hosting an annual fundraiser where 100 per cent of the proceeds go to NOHS," said Guidi.

"To date, Butcher Boys has raised nearly \$70,000. Last year, alone, we were able to raise \$16,360 - a new record.

"This year, we are aiming to reach the \$20,000 mark and we need your help."

Saturday's event at the Pleasant Vallet Road store will include a barbecue prepared by the BX-Swan Lake Fire Department, a silent auction and a bake table.

There will also be haircuts by Blanca's Hairstyling, manicures by Estetics on the Go, a bouncy castle, face Painting by Charlene Beer, a 50/50 draw and live music.

"The Butcher Boys family looks forward to seeing the community out there again this year," said Guidi.

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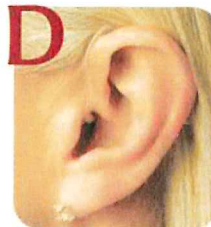
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