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Tiny Torches



Nelson elementary school students took to the streets on Friday to celebrate the Olympic Torch relay. We were there to capture the cheers and smiles of the afternoon.

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Eye Opener

Nelson-Creston MLA Michelle Mungall spends a couple weeks in Cambodia where she mixed work with touring the Asian nation.

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Olympic Angst

Torch relay fails the test for those who have a hard time with the cost of the Winter Games.

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Ice Age



Midget Ice survive scary bus mishap and complete decent weekend on the ice.

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THE EYES AND EAR OF THE MINISTER



— COLIN PAYNE PHOTO

Minister of Education, Margaret McDiarmid (middle) was in Nelson Monday and met with staff and trustees from Kootenay Lake School District No. 8 to discuss budget concerns and possibilities for renovating or rebuilding school facilities in Nelson. Here SD8 superintendent Pat Dooley (front) and board of trustees chair Bill Maslechko show McDiarmid some of the ideas they have for addressing facilities concerns around local schools. Keep an eye on *The Nelson Daily News* for results of the discussions.

RENOVATION

Changes begin to take hold at KLH as project unfolds

Daily News Staff

Temporary changes are afoot at Kootenay Lake Hospital while more permanent renovations are ongoing.

On Monday the curbed grass island in front of the main entrance to KLH was removed to make way for a larger, safer space for patients to be dropped off and picked up.

As of January 27, the current ambulance ramp at KLH will be closed and all ambulance and walk-in patients to the emergency department will have to enter through the hospital's main entrance — a change that will last until the new ambulance entrance is finished and the emergency room construction is complete.

The new emergency department entrance and reconstructed emergency department are expected to take just more than a year to finish, around spring or summer, 2010.

IHA noted that all services at KLH will remain available during this time and asked for patience from the public during the renovations.

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OUR FRAGILE PLANET

Carbon counter in *NDN* keeps eye on environment

By **TIMOTHY SCHAFER**
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With the real threat of climate change looming, Michael McGee asked himself if he was doing enough.

The answer back was no. Although he felt the information was out there to improve one's life amidst the spider webs of political spin, he decided to add his voice of clarity to the mix and ferret out facts on the effects of

the greatest threat to humanity: climate change.

What was born was an online activism site (CO2Now.org) that has now spilled over into the Monday edition of *The Nelson Daily News* with a weekly widget, a carbon counter, recording the rising levels of CO2 output, as well as imparting other bits of environmental wisdom.

The widget is aimed at educating people, said office manager and author of the Wednesday environ-

mental column in the *NDN*, Michael Jessen. It was through his encounter with McGee's online site and his advocacy that Jessen entertained the idea of a weekly counter.

"I definitely feel (education) is one of the roles of a newspaper, not just to inform but to educate people about the critical issues that are affecting everybody's lives," said Jessen.

"This is a great addition and plus

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