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OUR FRAGILE PLANET

Carbon counter in NDN keeps eye on environment

By TIMOTHY SCHAEFER
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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 environmental 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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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 Malsechko 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.

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