

# OBITUARIES

**HOFFERT, Helen Ann (nee McKenzie)**  
 Of Kelowna, formerly of Vancouver, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at the age of 89 years. Survived by her daughter Cathy (Rick) Bourdon of Surrey, BC, three grandchildren Lisa (Jim), Sharon and David, and one great grandson Nash. Sadly predeceased by her husband Michael in 1977 and her sister Gretta in 1978. The family would like to thank all the staff at David Lloyd Jones for all their wonderful care. No service by request. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Springfield Funeral Home, 250-860-7077.



**RIVA, Walter Joseph**

Born in Canmore, Alberta on May 9, 1922, passed away peacefully in Kelowna, BC on May 16, 2010 at the age of 88 years. Always proud of his humble heritage as a third generation coal miner, Walter was raised in Canmore where he excelled at academics, music and sports including the setting of a provincial high school record for the 100 yard dash. He worked in the mine until he was of age to volunteer for service in the Second World War where he served as a navigator in the RAF. After the war he attended the University of Alberta under the veterans program. Having married Lorraine Cormier in 1942, they now had three children but he still managed to graduate in Mining Engineering With Distinction in 1949. His illustrious career in the coal industry included almost 25 years at Canmore Mines where he was Executive Vice President. He moved on from Canmore to Kaiser Resources where he became President and later President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of successor companies Westar Resources and BCRIC. He had the distinction of signing the first coal contract with the Japanese which opened up new markets for Canada. As a recognized industry leader he received many accolades including a term as President of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and was inducted into the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame in 2004. At the age of 86 he completed a book on the history of mining in the Bow Valley after a five year research effort. His passion for golf filled his leisure time and he was particularly proud of his two holes in one. Walter is survived by the love of his life Lorraine after a marriage of 67 years and children LeeEllen Svoboda (Jim), Patrick (Nancy), Donald (Merle), Susan Lewis (Darryl), Michael (Rhonda), Raymond (Leslie) as well as 16 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Walter's devotion to family leaves a legacy of wisdom, generosity and love which will inspire them and all whom he touched during an amazing life. A Memorial Mass will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 2010 at St Charles Garnier Parish in Kelowna. Cremation interment and a celebration of life will take place in Canmore, AB at a future date. In lieu of flowers donations to the The Pacific Alzheimer Research Foundation, c/o #210 - 1095 West Pender Street, Vancouver, BC, V6E 2M6. Arrangements in care of Everden Rust Funeral Services, Kelowna, 250-860-6440. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting everdenrust.com



**HUGET, Lydia**

Went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 14, 2010 at the age of 83. She is survived by her loving family, son Ed Huget (Barb), daughter Eileen Verwey (John), three grandchildren: Carrie McMillan (Shawn), Michael and Ryan; two sisters: Anne and Rose; several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her loving husband Charlie on October 10, 1995 and her sister Alma in 2003. Thanks to Dr. D. Sarbit, Dr. Morgan, Dr. Rishi and also the staff at Three Links Manor for their exceptional care. A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, May 19th at 1:00 pm at Springfield Funeral Home, 2020 Springfield Road, Kelowna, BC with interment to follow in the Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, 1633 Pandosy Street, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 1P6. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.springfieldfuneralhome.com](http://www.springfieldfuneralhome.com) 250-860-7077.



**LIKES, Orval H.**

Orval passed away on May 15, 2010 at Kelowna Hospice House at the age of 85 years. Survived by his loving wife of 29 years Verna and a large extended family. A special thank you to Dr. Larry Bobyn and the caring staff at the Hospice House for all their love and attention. Funeral service for Orval will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 1:00 pm at Springfield Funeral Home, 2020 Springfield Road. Interment to follow in Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Central Okanagan Central Okanagan Hospice Association - Hospice House, #202-1456 St. Paul Street, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 2E6. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.springfieldfuneralhome.com](http://www.springfieldfuneralhome.com) 250-860-7077



**ZACK, Marlene Jane**

Passed away on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at the age of 71. Survived by her son David (Deborah) of the United Arab Emirates. David and Deborah would like to thank everyone for all the support Marlene received throughout her illness. No service by request. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cancer Centre for the Southern Interior, 399 Royal Avenue, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 5L3.

**MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

If you would like to make a tribute to a charity or society in the name of your loved one, here are some choices:

**CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION**  
 1589 Sutherland Avenue,  
 Kelowna, BC V1Y 5Y7  
 250-762-9447

**CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY**  
 1-800-403-8222  
**KELOWNA:**  
 1633 Pandosy St., V1Y 1P6  
**PENTICTON:**  
 103-74 Wade Ave. E., V2A 1P6  
**SUMMERLAND:**  
 PO Box 174, V0H 1Z0

**HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION OF B.C. & YUKON**  
 1-866-432-7833  
 #4-1551 Sutherland Avenue,  
 Kelowna, BC V1Y 9M9

**KELOWNA GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**  
 2268 Pandosy Street,  
 Kelowna, BC V1Y 1T2  
[www.kghfoundation.com](http://www.kghfoundation.com)



**Maydonik, N. Allen "Al", Q.C., B.A., LL.B., M.B.A.**  
 June 24, 1945 - May 16, 2010

Al Maydonik, beloved husband of Bette Anne and father of Camille (Scott Haggard) and Bob (Tasha Atkinson), passed away suddenly on May 16, 2010. Al was a loving and kind husband and father as well as an engaged supporter of his church and community. He was also a respected and admired member of the law profession, a leader of Canada's regulatory community and a highly-valued and enormously well-liked colleague at the Alberta Utilities Commission. Al was a man of great integrity who took pride in treating all people with dignity. The world was positively impacted by his presence and he will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him, most especially, his beloved family and friends. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated by Reverend Mike McCaffery at 11:00 am on Friday, May 21, 2010 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 210 Haddow Close, Edmonton with a luncheon to follow. A private family interment will follow later. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the YMCA of Edmonton, c/o Franco Savoia, 300, 10030 - 102A Ave, Edmonton, AB T5J 0G5. To send condolences, please visit [www.connely-mckinley.com](http://www.connely-mckinley.com) Connelly-McKinley Funeral Home Edmonton, Alberta 780-422-2222

PENTICTON

# Woman jailed for drunken stabbing

**Court told woman attacked her partner after she found him watching porn**

By JOHN MOORHOUSE  
 Special to The Daily Courier

Ruth Skookum was celebrating her birthday when she discovered her partner watching porn on TV. Flying into an alcohol-fuelled rage, she slashed his forearm with a steak knife and then sank it into his chest. The 33-year-old Penticton woman was sentenced to 18 months in jail and the maximum three years probation after pleading guilty to aggravated assault in Penticton provincial court Monday. A charge of attempted murder was stayed by the Crown. Crown counsel Colin Forsythe told court police were called to an

apartment building on Dynes Avenue on March 15 to find an injured man lying on the living room floor, his shirt soaked in blood. Skookum, who had come to the door, had blood on both her hands. Police later found a bloodied steak knife on the kitchen table. The victim, Christian Gull, was taken by ambulance to Penticton Regional Hospital and was later transferred to Kelowna after losing 1 1/2 litres of blood. Gull later told police while recovering in hospital that he had attempted to phone 911 after being stabbed, but was dizzy and could barely talk. He said Skookum then took the phone and completed the call. Forsythe said Skookum had been drinking heavily throughout the day. She had come down from her sister's apartment to discover Gull watching an adult film. "The response was to take a knife

and stab Mr. Gull, causing a very serious injury," he said. Defence lawyer Robert Maxwell said the couple had moved to Penticton fairly recently from northern Canada. He said Skookum has had a severe alcohol problem since she was 13 years old. He also suggested she may have been suffering from postpartum depression after having had a baby about two years ago. Judge Gale Sinclair granted two months credit for the time Skookum has already spent in custody, leaving 16 months remaining on her sentence. He ordered her to attend a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program upon her release. "You must get off the alcohol," he said. "I'm sure you're a fine person when you're not drinking." The judge also ordered her to have no contact with her partner except if allowed to see her daughter, now in the father's custody.



MARISSA BAECKER/Special to The Daily Courier

## Gal palz pull together for breast cancer awareness

The Kelowna Dirt Bike Club hosted the inaugural Motocross Ride for the Cure on Sunday at Bear Creek Park. Twenty teams did laps to raise money for breast cancer awareness. The unofficial total was \$19,349. MotorcyGalz entered the only all-women's team and earned the most spirited team award. Read MotorcyGalz in Friday's wheels section for a review of the event. The MotorcyGalz team is, from left, Katie Wilcox, Annis Ha, Kim Sylvester, Marg Robertson, Kathy Hubble, Tia Hubble, Marissa Baecker, Cindy Rogers and Jasmin Doobay. Left, Hubble takes to the air during a lap.



## Valley MP delivers strong message to Canada Post

Special to The Daily Courier

Plans by Canada Post to transport Valley mail to Vancouver for sorting one day a week have been labelled as "absolute nonsense" by B.C. Southern Interior MP Alex Atamanenko. The Crown corporation said, starting Sept. 1, it will send local mail posted Fridays to Vancouver for machine sorting over the weekend. Then it will be sent back for delivery. This will affect postal outlets throughout the Okanagan, as well as the Kootenays and Central B.C. Currently, mail in Kelowna is collected for local sorting Monday to Friday from mailboxes marked "Okanagan region," while mail in boxes marked "All other destinations" is sent to Vancouver. Canada Post says customer service will not be compromised in affected communities. Canada Post plans to include the local mail in trucks already transporting non-local mail to Vancouver. It does not anticipate any staff layoffs will result. The plan has Atamanenko shaking his head. Summerland, Oliver, Osoyoos, Castlegar, Trail, Nelson and Grand Forks are all affected. The New Democrat MP said on Monday he has written a letter outlining his concerns to federal Minister of State for Transport Rob Merrifield, the minister responsible for Canada Post. "The idea of sending a letter over 600 kilometres for processing and then back the same distance prior to delivery defies all logic," he said.

## Downtown

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On Monday, council also decided to exclude part of Kerry Park beside The Sails sculpture from the CD-21 zone. That effectively means a highrise hotel proposed for that property would have to move across the street (to the former Willow Inn site) before it gets approval. The mayor made the bold move at the beginning of Monday's meeting to declare that she would like to see the entire CD 21 scrapped. That got the entire council talking and revealed that even councillors previously believed to be against CD 21 actually support it if some changes can be made. "It had the desired effect," said the mayor. "We found the flexibility today to move ahead. It wouldn't be a good idea to kill the CD zone because there would have been the perception that we were killing a stimulus for growth."

**Andy & TJ**  
 in the morning  
  
 listen every weekday morning at  
 7:05 am for  
**MINDBENDER**

**3 Doors Down to rock inside South Okanagan Events Centre**  
 3 Doors Down, a band that has been called rock's truest underdogs, is coming to Penticton's Events Centre. Tickets go on sale Friday for the Tuesday, July 13, show. Tickets are available at the SOEC box office, the Wine Country Visitor Centre in Penticton, over the phone or online at [www.ValleyFirstTix.com](http://www.ValleyFirstTix.com). They range in price from \$43 to \$63, plus various service charges. The band is best known for its hit single Kryptonite.  
 — Daily Courier Staff