

SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED TO LOCAL AREA GRADS



Nixon Wenger partner Chris Alveberg presents a \$750 cheque to Kristy Anderson at the Kalamalka Secondary grad on June 11th.

Nixon Wenger is pleased to announce the presentation of \$6,500 in scholarships to six local area high school grads and Okanagan College grads. The scholarships are given annually to grads who excel academically and show financial need.

Bev Rundell is superintendent of School District #22. "Nixon Wenger has supported our scholarship program for years -- it is just tremendous," she states. "These generous scholarships are a real incentive for higher achievement and certainly contribute to the success of students. We thank Nixon Wenger for these scholarships and for the many other ways they support students in our community."

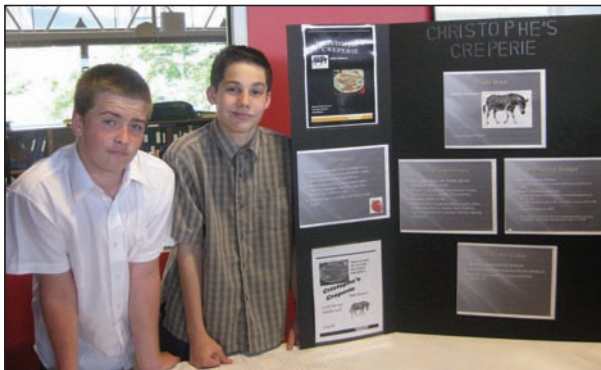
SIZZLING SUPPORT

Nixon Wenger staff member Carol Schepp (R) helps Vernon's Rose and Mike Bilinski with their lunch during a spring fundraising barbecue, hosted by the firm. Nixon Wenger raised \$1,042 for the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life event which took place on June 5th and 6th.



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INTO THE DRAGON'S DEN



Team X members Chris Leverman (L) and Mordachai Brokowski (R), both of Kalamalka Secondary, developed a crepe business and won first runner-up in the junior category, with a cash prize of \$300.

Team X proudly displays its submission in the Dragon's Den young entrepreneur competition, sponsored by School District #22 and Community Futures. Nixon Wenger lawyers Jonathan Jones and Elise Allan were among the judges who ranked the merits of school group projects, based on innovation, marketing, design and financial feasibility. There were 53 students participating from the North Okanagan, representing all high schools in Vernon, Lumby and Armstrong. Next year's event will involve an Okanagan-wide competition.

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WELCOME NEW LAWYERS



Tom Christensen joined Nixon Wenger as an associate in February 2010. Mr. Christensen was MLA for Okanagan-Vernon from 2001 to 2009 during which time he also served as Minister of Education, Minister of Aboriginal Relations

and Reconciliation, and most recently Minister of Children and Family Development. Prior to serving in government, he was a partner at a Vernon law firm and involved in many community organizations including the Vernon Hospital Foundation, the Downtown Vernon Association and the Vernon Winter Carnival Society. He is currently a member of the board of directors for the Legal Services Society of BC and for the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust. Mr. Christensen practises law in the areas of business law, company, joint venture, and partnership law; land and strata development; municipal law; real estate and conveyancing; wills and estate planning; arbitration and mediation; and estate litigation.



Christina Vinters joined Nixon Wenger in December 2009. A graduate of the University of Victoria, she received several awards, including the Horne Coupur Prize in Family Law, and was called to the British Columbia Bar in June 2010. Ms. Vinters practises in the areas of family law/mediation and collaborative family law.



Darren Kautz joined Nixon Wenger as an associate in September 2009. He obtained his LL.B. from the University of Calgary in 2007 and in 2008 was called to the Bar in Alberta and British Columbia.

His preferred areas of practice are civil litigation, construction disputes, criminal law and workers' compensation.

APPOINTMENTS



Theresa Jones, office manager at Nixon Wenger, was elected to the Downtown Vernon Association board of directors, effective May 2010.



Jonathan Jones was elected president of the Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce, effective September 2009.

"trans quips"

Who says law is boring?

The following are excerpts from actual courtroom transcripts.

BY THE COURT: Is there any reason why you couldn't serve as a juror in this case?

BY A POTENTIAL JUROR: I don't want to be away from my job that long.

THE COURT: Can't they do without you at work?

POTENTIAL JUROR: Yes, but I don't want them to know that.

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NIXON WENGER LAUNCHES NEW SOCIAL MEDIA SITE AND RESOURCE WEBSITE

How much is pain and suffering worth? Should you go to court or accept mediation in a personal injury case? These are examples of the topics covered in the new personal injury blog sponsored by the Personal Injury Practice Group at Nixon Wenger, LLP.

"We can't ignore social media -- it is now an important way to communicate," explains Nixon

Wenger managing partner Doug Lemiski. "Our lawyers want to reach out to people searching for answers to their legal questions, and share their knowledge through social media. As a first step, we have just inaugurated Accident-Injury-Lawyers.ca."

Accident-Injury-Lawyers.ca aims to share Nixon Wenger's knowledge of legal options related to

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NEW OFFICE PLANS BECOMING A REALITY



Contractor Chuck Winn (L) and Guy McLean (R) review blueprints for Nixon Wenger's new office building, under construction at the corner of 28th Street and 30th Avenue.

Ground work for Nixon Wenger's new office building got underway in early July, at the corner of 30th Avenue and 28th Street. The building will be four storeys high, and will include the Blenz coffee house, which was previously on the site, along with other commercial space. Nixon Wenger presently has premises spread around downtown, including three floors in the CIBC building and offices across the street.

"We're very excited about our plans, as the new building will put our lawyers and staff under one roof," states Nixon Wenger partner Paul Nixon. "We are also pleased about the improved location, as we'll be in close proximity to the courthouse and the new Vernon library. The choice of a downtown location also underpins our firm's hope that the city core remains as the commercial hub of our community." The building is expected to be completed by the end of 2011.

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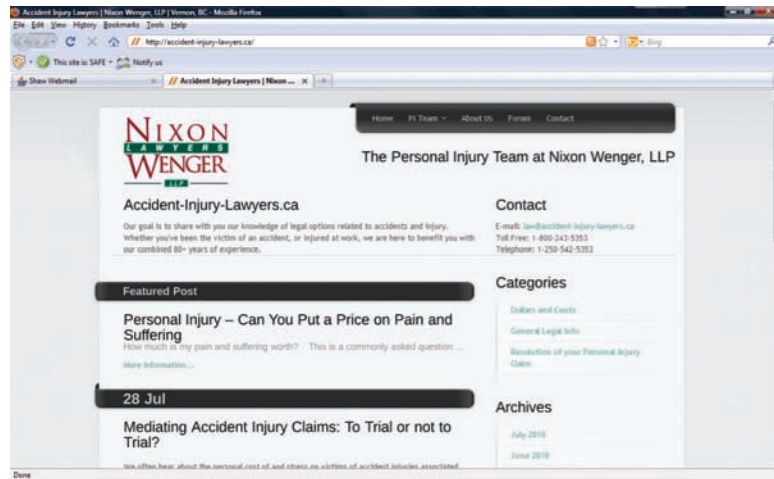
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accidents and injury. New articles will be posted weekly and visitors will be invited to ask questions via an online forum or to make comments on the articles.

To develop interest in the blog, information about new articles will be posted to Twitter under

http://www.twitter.com/injury_legal. Over time, other social media will be employed but for now Nixon Wenger will focus on writing informative blog posts and training staff to use the blogging software.

Accident-Injury-Lawyers.ca



Nixon Wenger is also pleased to launch a new legal resource website -- CanadianLawyers.ca. It will feature substantive information about law-related topics, ranging from the workings of the legal system in Canada to landmark Canadian legal cases.

CanadianLawyers.ca is organized into several sections, making it easy to navigate and find information. Sections include: The Canadian Legal System, Basis of Law, Courts, History; Legal Services

in Canada and How to Find a Lawyer; Canadian Law Schools and Becoming a Lawyer in Canada and a Just(ice)the Facts section showcasing Weird Laws and Cases of Interest.

Once the site is launched this fall, there will also be blogged interviews with lawyers who will share their experiences of becoming lawyers and working as lawyers in the Canadian system.

CanadianLawyers.ca



BOOKS FOR BABIES



Debbie Schiller

Nixon Wenger partner Paul Nixon and associate Tom Christensen share story books with Vernon mother Heidi Thiessen and her two children Lexi and Kaylin at the spring announcement of Nixon Wenger's sponsorship of the Literacy and Youth Initiatives Society of the North Okanagan and its Junction Literacy Centre. The Books for Babies program is one of several literacy programs that will be supported by Nixon Wenger's commitment of \$10,000 per year for the next five years.

Nixon Wenger is pleased to commit \$50,000 over the next five years to support three key programs provided by the Junction Literacy Centre. The funding will make it possible for the Books for Babies to re-start, and Come Read with Me and You Can Count on Me workshops for parents to continue and expand in the Vernon school district.

"These programs are designed to help families understand and learn how to support their child's early literacy and numeracy development -- between birth and school age," says Debbie Schiller, executive director of the Junction Literacy Centre. "We simply couldn't continue these three important programs without this funding." She continues, "We are just so grateful for

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 Nixon Wenger lawyer Tom Christensen

this generous funding commitment, and the best thing about it is that we can count on the funds for the next five years."

It's estimated that 20% of children come to school poorly prepared, lacking speech and language skills; and 10% in any given class need specialized reading support. As the former Minister of Children and Family Development and Minister of Education, Nixon Wenger lawyer Tom Christensen understands first hand how valuable this funding will be to Vernon's families and the Junction Literacy Centre. "The statistics clearly show that literacy support for kids at an early age makes a difference," describes Mr. Christensen. "It's one of the best investments we could possibly make."

BUILDING A TOWER OF CARE



Paul Nixon Q.C. is honorary chairman of the Vernon Jubilee Hospital Foundation's Tower of Care fundraising campaign.

The Vernon Jubilee Hospital's "Building a Tower of Care" campaign is in its last year, as the new patient care tower nears completion. The campaign's goal is to fund medical equipment purchases for the new facility which is expected to be in full operation by September of 2011. Some of the highlights include a new ER which is three times the area of the existing space, along with increased space and privacy for patients and their families throughout. A new paediatric unit will introduce new technology which will allow a child to be assessed by a specialist at BC Children's Hospital right here in Vernon.

So far, the "Building a Tower of Care" campaign has raised just over \$3.5 million, plus about \$1.5 million in additional gifts. Another \$2 million is needed to reach the \$7 million goal. Nixon Wenger partner Paul Nixon is the honorary chair of the campaign. "We are looking forward to turning our old, dated hospital into one that continues to attract the best medical professionals to the North Okanagan, and offers a new level of medical care to our community." For more information, visit www.towerofcare.org.

NIXON WENGER FUNDING SUPPORTS 4-H KIDS



James O'Brien poses with steer "Rodney" belonging to fellow 4-H member Riley Schweb.

The North Okanagan Beef 4H Club got a boost this year with a sponsorship from Nixon Wenger. The funding enabled the 20-member group to purchase start-up supplies, including showshirts, workshirts, equipment for steers and signage. "We're thrilled to have Nixon Wenger as our sponsor," says leader Trudy Schweb. "This funding makes it possible for our young people to stay connected to their agricultural roots, while building their leadership, citizenship and life skills."

U13 SOCCER CHAMPS

Vernon United U13 girls struck gold at the July provincial soccer tournament in Richmond. Coached by John Hughes, and assisted by Keith Hatten, the team won its final game against Coquitlam 2-0, earning them the gold medal in their division. The team has been proudly sponsored in part by Nixon Wenger for the past two years.

