



## New business easy on the feet

Welcome to the following new downtown businesses!

**Grounded Mama Reflexology and Footcare**, owned by Kathryn Smith, RN, RCRT, a retired maternity nurse and full-time reflexologist offers maternity reflexology, general care reflexology, plantar fasciitis foot care, and foot care for seniors. You can find Grounded Mama sharing space with Purple Lotus at 102 – 186 Nanaimo Avenue West. They can be reached at 250-809-8650, groundedmama@live.ca, www.groundedmama.com, Facebook, and Twitter.

**a Venue 2 Ascension**, newly opened by Crystal Babcock, is located at 737 Main Street. It is a space has been created where everything metaphysical has a place. Workshops, classes, services, and goods like essential oils, etc., will be available. More information is forthcoming in the next Downtown Reporter. Until then, please do call 778-476-5832 or e-mail revcrystalrose@gmail.com.

### Relocation, relocation, relocation!

**Morpheus Graphics** has moved from 617 Ellis Street to its very large and spacious location at 101 – 324 Westminster Avenue W. So, for all your printing needs, Morpheus Graphics can carry out your design requirements across all medias, making it a 'one-stop shop' for all your design and marketing needs including, but not limited to, signs, promotional items, printing, graphic design and business accessories. Contact Corinne at 250-493-4775 or check out the website at www.morpheusgraphics.com.

**Impact Multisport Coaching** is now relocated to 233 Main Street for an interim period. Impact Multisport Coaching, an Endurance Sport Coaching company, serves multi-sport athletes in the Penticton, BC, area and remote locations through online coaching. Here you will find coaching and related services, such as Bike Fitting, Training Camps, Performance Testing and Consultations, provided by Impact Multisport Coaches, along with testimonials, race reports and results for "Team Impact" athletes. For more

information, contact Kevin Cutjer or his team at 250-487-8097 or kevin@imcoaching.com or www.imcoaching.com.

**Mike's Pawnbrokers** (formerly of 95 Eckhardt Avenue E) has relocated to 333 Main Street (old Nite Moves). Make sure to check out the new premises and be impressed with the spaciousness, layout and amount of high-quality goods that are available. As well, the games and game systems, DVDs, Blu-Ray, and videos library is large so you will no doubt find exactly what you are looking for. Mike can still be reached at 250-493-7296, info@mikespawnbrokers.com or check out the website at www.mikespawnbrokers.com.

**The Cubby Hole**, the icon formerly known as **Spiro's Cubby Hole** (130 Westminster Avenue W.), has now returned to its original owner(s) and name. Partners Spiro and Nick want you to know that Spiro's Cubby Hole is open for the lunchtime crowd (11 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday), and the dinner crowd (5 p.m. until late, Monday-Saturday). You now have the opportunity to taste the famous unique lamb dishes and Greek fare that everyone has told you about! Enjoy one of the most unique dining atmospheres in the entire area by taking Spiro's invitation seriously to drop in and get reacquainted with his unique world of wonderful food and great stories. Visit www.spiroscubbyhole.ca to download the lunch and dinner menus, or e-mail spiros@spiroscubbyhole.ca or phone 250-493-2222.

### And more....

**Amante Bistro** (101 – 483 Main Street) is offering something new—Afternoon Tea every Tuesday to Saturday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Traditional teas will be complimented by your choice of savories, pastries, sweets, and a variety of scones (chocolate drizzle, blueberry, and classic French) as prepared by Pastry Chef Gwyn. Bring your friends and enjoy a wonderful time. Call 250.493.1961 to find out more information.

**Marian's Beauty Salon**, a long-time business of Westminster Avenue and downtown Penticton, is now closed as Marian has moving onto another aspect of her life. We wish Marian all the best in her new ventures!

—Downtown Reporter

### Spend the day at SPCA

Children ages 7-12 are invited to spend an entire day at the BC-SPCA South Okanagan Similkameen Branch playing games, making crafts and meeting new friends (both furry and human).

Cat Crazy will be held Saturday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 2211 Dartmouth Drive.

The cost of the program is \$30 with a \$5 discount for Kids Club members.

Contact the BC-SPCA website for details.

## Changes made to gaming grants

Many of our non-profit members — downtown Penticton is home to a number of head offices for local charities and not-for-profit organizations — have been anxiously awaiting updates from the provincial government on the status of community gaming grants.

Last week, Premier Christy Clark announced the results of the Community Gaming Grant Review, and some tight deadlines are approaching to apply for funding.

The province is reinstating funding eligibility for adult arts and sports organizations, environmental groups and animal welfare agencies. With the reinstatement comes \$8 million for these groups: six million will go to adult arts, culture and sport organizations, the remaining \$2 million to environmental organizations.

There is a special intake of

grant applications for these groups — which now include animal shelter organizations, lake and stream stewardship organizations, arts councils, museum societies and theatres — from January 16 to February 13. Now is the time to get your application together.

Another \$7 million will be used to increase funding to groups that have experienced reductions during the past three years, including those responsible for fairs, festivals, youth arts and culture, community service, the BC Senior Games and community education organizations.

To find out if your group or project is eligible and to apply, visit: [www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/gaming/grants/community-gaming.htm](http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/gaming/grants/community-gaming.htm)

— Allison Markin

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### ON THE COVER

Talita Levi (left) and Chloe Richardson model at the Retro Diva fashion show held this past week at the Penticton Lakeside Resort. The event was a fundraiser for the South Okanagan Women in Need Society. Photo by Clear Images Photography. See additional coverage on the event on Page 6.