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Halcyon Hot Springs Resort to unveil development plans

by Jan McMurray

Halcyon Hotsprings Resort is holding an open house in Nakusp on September 12 to give the community an opportunity to preview its development plans and to review the application that it has presented to the Regional District of Columbia Kootenay for the necessary rezoning.

"We are going to create a four seasons resort for the community that will attract more visitors and keep them here longer," says Peter Robertson, Halcyon's president and one of the owners of the property. "Our goal is to provide enhanced amenities, level out the seasonal fluctuations and provide greater opportunities for both our employees and other businesses in the valley."

The resort owners feel that the region misses out on many opportunities because the area does not have the necessary support services to host them. They think that these facilities can successfully be provided at Halcyon, and see an opportunity to work with others in the region to bring in new visitors and bring back those who appreciate the Kootenays.

"We would like to create stronger ties with other hotsprings, including of course Nakusp and Ainsworth, and work with other businesses, such as local artisans, tour operators and those in agri-tourism, to promote this area," said Robertson.

Since the new owners acquired the resort two years ago, ten new cottages have been constructed, five others have been significantly upgraded and the large lower pool has been opened, complete with a children's water park. This year has seen the addition of staff accommodation and a new full service spa building. There are plans for this fall to expand the restaurant by adding on to the existing building. Features to look forward to in the addition will be a fireplace and a lounge.

"While these improvements have really enhanced what we have to offer, in order to attract and retain visitors, and provide year round employment to our staff, we need to move the resort to the next level. Accordingly, we have engaged consultants to assist us in this endeavour and now have submitted an application to the Regional District to clarify our goals and ensure we have all the necessary approvals," said Robertson.

The development concept submitted to the Regional District calls for a mix of accommodation and tourist services on the property. It proposes individual ownership of waterfront chalets and cottages and, eventually, of units in a full service lodge, through strata titles. The plan will allow for the creation of amenities, such as large and small meeting rooms and recreation facilities, that will support gatherings such as weddings, family reunions and small business conferences.

First reading was given to a land use amendment bylaw that would allow for the development at the August 27 meeting of the Regional District. Second reading will likely be given at the September RDCK meeting following the open house, which will be held from 7 to 9 pm on September 12 at the Upper Legion Hall. Everyone is invited.

BCTF to hold strike vote September 20

by Jan McMurray

It's back to school time again, this time with a teachers' strike vote looming.

On September 20, 21 and 22, local BC Teachers' Federation president Henning von Krogh will go to each school in District No. 10 so that all members will have the opportunity to vote. Provincial results will be announced September 23. District results will not be made public.

"After the provincial election, Premier Campbell said he wanted to talk to teachers, but that hasn't happened," said von Krogh. "The BCTF executive is trying to meet with the premier to find a way to resolve the issues."

The issues are class size, support services to students and a fair and reasonable salary increase.

"If the members show they are behind the executive in the vote, it should have an effect on our bargaining. We would like to bargain successfully and negotiate the settlement," said von Krogh.

The teachers' contract expired in June 2004 and bargaining negotiations have been going on since spring 2004. "Basically, nothing has happened," commented von Krogh.

In January 2002, Bill 28 stripped the teachers' contract of class size limits and provisions guaranteeing services to students such as teacher-librarians and special education teachers.

Provincially, enrollment dropped 3.5% from the 2001-02 school year, before the Liberal government gained power, and the 2004-05 school year. The number of teachers dropped by 7.8%. Locally, enrollment has dropped by 14.09% and teachers by 20.03% in that same time period.

Maya Barker, who turned one on August 16, is New Denver's youngest GRUB. More on page 6.

August 20 was Sandon Day, hosted by the Silver Ridge Community Club. There was a fantastic turnout, with many burgers flipped by Phil Milburn and Rick Berglund, 28 huckleberry pies baked, a few folks dunked in the dunk tank and music by Dr. Glue and Tana McPhee.

Adventure racers taken with Kootenay community spirit

by Jan McMurray

Frontier Adventure Racing's 36-hour Raid the North race from Kaslo to Nelson August 19-21 was very successful, with Dirtworld Adventure Race Team (DART) coming in first place. DART members are from Squamish, Whistler, North Vancouver and Seattle.

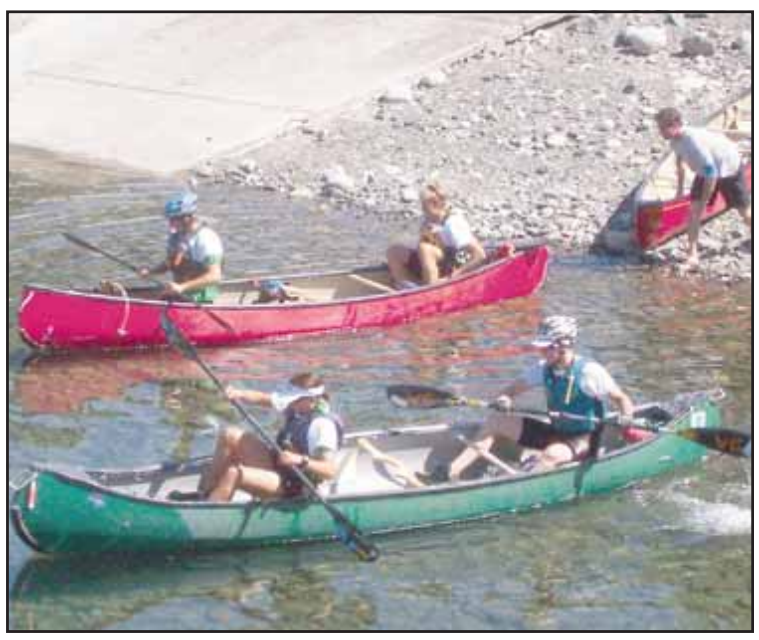
The race started amidst great festivity in Kaslo on the Friday night. A Kaslo band, "Smooth," played at the Crooked Cafe, local fire twirler Jen Cookson wowed the crowd and a group of drummers came out close to race starting time. At midnight, it was Kaslo royalty that shouted out, "On your marks, get set, go!" and the 22 teams of four were off and cycling.

"It was incredible," comments SS Moyie project manager Ken Butler, who helped to promote the race. "There were over 100 racers and lots of people cheering them along — the amount of adrenaline pumping through everybody was amazing."

The teams biked, trekked and paddled through a gruelling course, which Leni Neumeyer of Kaslo's Discovery Canada helped to design.

On Saturday at about 12:45 pm, the first three teams cycled into Silverton to jump into canoes. At that time, Helly Hanson was first, mergeo.com second and DART third. In the final results, Helly Hanson came second and mergeo.com third.

Geoff Langford, President and Race Director of Frontier Adventure Racing Inc. said race participants were "amazed by the community spirit they kept encountering." When asked if the company would hold similar races here in the future, he explained that they were looking for "new exploration every time" but that they were considering holding a six-day race in the area two to three years from now.



DART, the final winners of the Raid the North adventure race, scramble into their canoes in Silverton on August 20, about 12 hours into the event.

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Identity theft fast becoming the crime of choice in today's world

by Jan McMurray

According to Statistics Canada, one in four Canadians will be hit by identity theft this year.

This is what we learned at a seminar in Nakusp on August 11, hosted by Gerry MacKinnon of Pre Paid Legal Services and Joel Cutler of Paxx Computers, both from Nelson. They explained how vulnerable we are to this crime and what we can do to prevent it.

MacKinnon described identity theft as "the largest crime wave in the world." It can be done from anywhere and can happen to anyone. "You don't have to be rich — you don't even have to be alive," said MacKinnon. "There are people out there spending estate money before it is released to the heirs."

What identity thieves do is try to get hold of some piece of our personal information, and then use it to commit theft or fraud. They are particularly interested in getting our driver's licence, medical card, SIN card and credit card numbers. They can find the information in the trash from credit card slips and loan or credit applications that we have thrown away. They can also find it by hacking into databases. MacKinnon says that there are websites where personal information is being sold and where fake ID cards can be purchased.

So what do you do if you produce your driver's licence and the police officer says there's a warrant out for your arrest? Or hospital staff tells you that you have AIDS when you produce your medical card? MacKinnon says it takes about 600 hours of a person's time and about $1500 worth of affidavits and telephone calls to repair the damages caused by identity theft.

Nakusp Corporal Owen Wlodarczack came to the seminar to give some practical tips on how to prevent identity theft. He advised to burn or shred your mail; obscure the key pad at the ATM to protect your PIN; not to loan credit cards to anyone, including family members; cancel credit cards you don't use and keep a list of the active ones; watch your accounts carefully and often; never give personal information on the phone, fax or internet. Wlodarczack also said that identity theft was "very difficult to deal with" for the RCMP.

Joel Cutler spoke about identity theft via computer. People can get your personal information from your computer through viruses, spyware (software installed on your computer without your knowledge that gathers your information for later retrieval by whoever controls the spyware), adware (software that allows the adware creator to spy on your browsing activity), and "phishing" (sending out emails asking people to click on the link, which takes them to a site that looks like a bank or e-commerce site, and to fill out an online form with personal information such as bank acount numbers).

"The criminals behind these scams use the information to withdraw money directly from the victims' bank accounts, have new credit cards made under false names, or trade or sell stolen credit cards online," said Cutler.

He says you are probably infected with spyware and adware if you have downloaded music, if your computer is running very slowly, if you are pestered by pop-up ads or if your home page keeps changing. He recommends avoiding SPAM, instant messaging, downloading music, and surfing suspicious or off-colour internet sites. Passwords should have at least eight characters, he says, and be made up of alpha and numeric characers, as well as some punctuation marks. He also recommends some protective software and hardware.

MacKinnon works with Pre Paid Legal Services, a company that essentially offers legal insurance. For a nominal monthly fee, people have access to legal counsel at all times and can have their credit monitored so that they will be alerted to identity theft.

Percy Schmeiser to speak at the Bosun

Saskatchewan farmer Percy Schmeiser, who fought Monsanto and genetic modification of his crops, will be speaking in New Denver on Sunday, September 11.

Are you concerned about genetically modified food? Would you like to see the rights of farmers and Canada's food sources protected? The Nelson/Creston Green Party Constituency Association invites you to the New Denver Bosun Hall to hear Schmeiser tell about his legal battle with Monsanto, one of the world's largest chemical corporations.

In 1998 Schmeiser, a former mayor and MP, was sued by Monsanto for the illegal possession and use of the company's genetically modified and patented canola plant without paying licensing fees. A six-year legal battle ensued. He asserts vigorously that he had no control of the seed coming into his field, and that he never wanted it there in the first place. During the course of this legal battle, the life of Percy Schmeiser took a dramatic turn.

Incensed and alarmed by what was happening to him and other farmers around the world, he decided to speak out against Monsanto and the negative elements of the biotechnology industry. In service to this cause, Schmeiser began traveling and telling his story. In 2000 he received the Mahatma Gandhi award for working towards the betterment of mankind in a non-violent way.

The court case was international in precedent, being the first to deal with the contentious issues of genetic modification of plants and seeds, corporate patents on forms of life and the rights of farmers.

In May 2004 a 5-4 Supreme Court of Canada decision ruled in Monsanto's favour. The judges stated that though Monsanto does not own the plant itself, it does own the modified genes within the plant, and thus have some rights over the use of the plant. As well, they concluded that Schmeiser was guilty of patent infringement for knowingly having the seeds on his field. Although the court did not make Schmeiser pay Monsanto's court costs, the lawsuit inflicted a huge financial hardship on him and his 50-year legacy of farming, and his non-genetically modified seed development was disrupted if not destroyed.

Schmeiser is now in his mid 70s, and as active as ever. He remains firm in his commitment to farmers' rights, and the community and social rights that stem from them. In his words, he is fighting to make the world a better place for his grandchildren's lives.

Schmeiser's lecture at the Bosun Hall is open to the public and organized by the Nelson/Creston Green Party Constituency Association.

Saskatchewan farmer, Percy Schmeiser will speak about his 6-year battle with chemical giant, Monsanto.

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ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD?

Would you like to see the rights of farmers and Canada's food sources protected?

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In 1998 Mr. Schmeiser, a former Mayor and Member of Parliament, was sued by Monsanto for the illegal possession and use of its genetically modified and patented canola plant without paying licensing fees. A six-year battle ensued. He asserts vigorously that he had no control of the seed coming into his field, and that he never wanted it there in the first place.

Percy's court case set international precedence, being the first to deal with the contentious issues of genetic modification of plants and seeds, corporate patents on forms of life, and the rights of farmers. Monsanto won the court case. This has huge ramifications for people everywhere.

Bosun Hall
New Denver, BC
September 11, 2005
(day of the Garlic Festival)
7:00 pm

This dynamic speaker is working at the front lines in the fight against corporate domination of food sources and farmers. Don't miss it!

Great variety and great fun at Slocan Lake Dance Camp

submitted

More than 60 couples and about 20 singles attended the four-day Slocan Lake Dance Camp held in New Denver's Bosun Hall August 19-22.

Slocan Lake Dance Camp participants practise the Cha Cha on the last day of the classes, August 22.

Highlighting Saturday's evening practice/social was an Argentine Tango demonstration by Rainer Schroeder and Ruth Cherry. Visiting campers Lyle and Carol Clark demonstrated their expertise, dancing the Foxtrot and Waltz. The Clarks compete professionally in the Smooth category in their hometown of Edmonton.

Instructors Victor and Annilie Doerksen and Michael Wiebe of the University of Calgary Dance Club instructed 11 classes over the four-day period in Smooth, Swing, Country and Latin styles.

Participants, ranging in age from 19 to 70, were from as far away as Medicine Hat and Peachland as well as from local communities.

East Shore residents Mat Sinclair and Patty Kelly said, "We experienced a new dynamic in our relationship and find ourselves practicing and dancing in the kitchen in the evening. It's a huge step for us as total beginners but it's so fun."

Plans are in the works for continuing classes this fall and next year's Dance Camp. Check the www.dancingbeat.org website for dance opportunities in the area.

Day of Action launched to protest privatization of BC Parks

A Day of Action to raise awareness about the need to reinstate adequate government funding and to halt privatization and industrial development in BC Parks was launched on August 18 by five concerned groups.

The Valhalla Wilderness Society (VWS) participated by sending five people to Kokanee Creek Provincial Park to offer information to park visitors. According to VWS Chair Anne Sherrod, about 95% took the information and almost all of them were friendly and supportive. She also said that many expressed serious concern about privatization and were upset about new and increased fees.

VWS representatives were on the site from 9 am to 4 pm and handed out over 200 sets of information.

"Being there at the entrance of a park for six hours taught me just how much the park experience in BC is a family experience," says Sherrod. "Now that parks are being turned into private businesses, I suspect many of these families are going to find parks too expensive in the future."

Sherrod reported that when the VWS team set up just outside the park's boundaries, the campground operator informed them that the park was his private business and they should leave. The park ranger negotiated a solution.

"We really felt how important it is to have government employees to look after the public interest in our parks," said Sherrod.

Meanwhile, the West Kootenay EcoSociety handed out information and talked to people in Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park just down the road, while West Canada Wilderness Committee was doing the same thing on the coast.

CPC board appoints new Acting President

submitted

Columbia Power Corporation (CPC) announced today the appointment of Ed Pietraszek as Acting President, replacing Lorne Sivertson, who has decided to leave his position as President with CPC. Sivertson has been President of CPC since its inception in 1994. It is with regret the CPC board of directors accepts his decision.

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Arrow Lakes Reservoir Update

This year, water supply in the Columbia River basin has been below average. **Please note forecast information is subject to change at any time.** The actual elevation of reservoirs is influenced by snowpack, inflow levels, weather patterns and other factors such as load requirements.

BC Hydro's operation of the Hugh Keenleyside (HLK) dam is guided primarily by the requirements and obligations of the Columbia River Treaty.

	August 20 Forecast	Trend
Arrow Lakes Reservoir	431.8 m	↓
operating range: 420 – 440.1 m / 1378 – 1444 ft	1416.6 ft	

Projected average flows for the week of August 20 to 27, 2005

HLK and Brilliant combined discharge . . . . . .89,800 cfs (Range: 80,000 to 90,000 cfs)

Arrow Lakes Reservoir reached a minimum elevation of 426.1 m (1397.9 ft) on January 25, 2005 and reached a peak elevation of 434.6 m (1425.9 ft) on July 1, 2005. The Arrow Lakes Reservoir level is decreasing and is expected to reach between 429.8 m and 431.3 m (1410 and 1415 ft) by the end of August.

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Valley Summer

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- **Check the Bulletin Board on slocanlake.com for local info.**
- **The Chamber wants to act as a co-ordinating body for local groups' efforts.**
- **Any ideas for a fall event to make the Garlic Festival part of a bigger valley splash?**

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Voices from the Valleys

Sustainability is valued

The logging "falldown" in Oregon precipitated a major review of how people and businesses could survive. It is now the most desired place to live in the USA. Banff real estate never even gets to market because demand is so high. Some US Wilderness Parks have limited entry and that is to be expected for the Valhallas.

These places are desirable because they are managed for sustainable values. They no longer "pave paradise to put up a parking lot." Any business here that wants to promote a short-term vision should expect a long-term, costly, and unpleasant response from the residents.

Visitors stay longest at their destination. And those visitors are endless if offered hiking, bicycling, paddling, birding, swimming in drinkable water and making music — something different from malls, pavement, noise, motors, Superstores, etc.

Eric Faulks
Hills

Kaslo voters need a say on the old courthouse

At the 23 August meeting of Kaslo village council the question was put forth on whether council should give three readings to authorize a loan bylaw which would allow for funding to purchase the provincial government building in Kaslo for $120,000. As there were only four members of council present at this meeting there was a tie vote and the motion was defeated by Councillor Jim Holland and Mayor Bob Douglas.

At a previous meeting on June 14, Councillors Donna Cormie, Suzan Hewat and Molly Leathwood used their majority and passed a resolution to take this matter to the voters in a referendum at the same time as the municipal elections this fall. The loan authorization bylaw that was defeated is needed to keep this matter ongoing.

Some would say that $120,000 is a good price to buy the building and some would say that it is too much.

I would say that it is a sound business opportunity and if the provincial government accepts the Village's offer then council should allow all the voters to have their say. After all, a discussion on the matter will pick out the finer points.

Patrick Mackle
Kaslo

Human Rights decision should put an end to the story

A small but vocal minority of people in Silverton/New Denver have for over a year and a half engaged in a campaign of innuendo and unsubstantiated allegations against me. Recently this campaign has expanded to include distribution of a letter making accusations against me that are not only hearsay and speculation (the letter writer was not present at any of the incidents he relates), but untrue.

The issue of my alleged remarks about former Village administrator Rhonda Bouillet was aired at a Human Rights Tribunal hearing in January of this year. Both sides had ample opportunity to introduce evidence buttressing their side of the story. The Tribunal found that "the complaint [was] not justified" and the case was dismissed. The full text of the finding is publicly available from the Human Rights Tribunal website (www.bchrt.bc.ca) for anyone who cares to read it.

There are always people who are content to believe innuendo, hearsay and rumours, and the letter I referred to above is full of these things.

Despite the fact that very few people have actually asked me what my side of the story is, I still believe that there is a silent majority who see this campaign for what it is – a bunch of expensive stuff and nonsense.

The case was heard by a judicial body, which ruled the case unfounded. End of story. Any further rehashing of "he said" "she said" or "I heard that he said" "I heard that she said" is gratuitous rumour-mongering.

Michael Dorsey
Silverton

Nakusp councillor clarifies decision on Glenbank development

I read your August 17 Valley Voice article "Glenbank development proposal rejected by Nakusp council." The article reported that "Mayor Cowan said he was shocked at council's decision" and quoted him as saying, "I find it disheartening that council even voted on it instead of tabling. Then they could have obtained some information so their vote would be made with some knowledge and facts rather than emotion,".etc.

I would like the community to be aware that council followed the correct procedure. At a previous meeting, council agreed to the public meeting date of August 4. It was the Mayor who set the agenda for the special council meeting which included the 3rd and 4th readings of the zoning amendment by-law. I also would like to point out that under the Municipal Act and civil case law, council is to receive no further verbal or written information after a public hearing. The reason for this is so that everyone receives the same information that council uses to make their decision.

I can assure the community that this council is not anti-development. We are indeed in favour of development and welcome it. However, at the public meeting, we heard loud and clear the opposition for development in this particular area. Public hearings are held so that the public can voice their opinion on decisions that could possibly affect them. Council has a duty to listen to comments brought forward at these meetings. To ignore them would be negligence of duty. We also have to weigh those comments with all the other information that we have been provided.

This is the third time that this area has been brought forward for rezoning and the neighbours have been diligent in insisting on maintaining their lifestyle.

Karen Hamling
Nakusp

Conservative nomination race needs four debates

During my campaign for the federal Conservative nomination in BC Southern Interior, I've made a point of reaching out far beyond my home area of Kootenay West. I believe that in asking people for their trust, support and votes, they have the right to expect me to come to them – not the other way around.

For that reason, I recently challenged my Conservative opponent, Rob Zandee, to a public debate in each of the riding's four regions: Southern Okanagan, Similkameen, Boundary, and Kootenay West.

His response, in a TV interview on Southern Okanagan's Channel 18, was that it would be "bureaucratic" to hold any more than the two debates now being planned by the Conservative Nomination Committee. Mr. Zandee claimed my challenge simply "duplicated" the Committee's efforts – and in any case, he said he didn't see any value in attending a debate where "only five or 10 people" might show up.

I respectfully disagree with Mr. Zandee. BC Southern Interior is a huge riding with more than two regions, requiring more than two debates. Every Conservative in this riding should have an opportunity to see us debate the issues without having to drive excessively long distances. That is what participatory democracy is all about.

A willingness to engage in constructive debate, and the ability to do so, are essential qualities for any candidate hoping to win election to national office. When we Conservatives face our NDP and Liberal opponents in the next election, we must be represented by a candidate who is ready and willing to debate – and win. I am that candidate.

Mr. Zandee may think that four debates is too "bureaucratic" for his liking. But no one ever said that democracy was efficient. Indeed, if efficiency were the only thing we wanted out of our government, Canada would have become a dictatorship long ago – they're not so democratic, but they sure are efficient.

Derek Zeisman
Trail

Canadians should think about security implications of new mission in Afghanistan

In a recent article, military affairs analyst Gwyn Dyer concluded that acts of terrorism in both the US and Britain are the direct result of their military actions in the Middle East, in particular, the invasion and occupation of Iraq. A consequence of those actions is that they unintentionally created the pre-conditions for Islamic terrorism to develop within Britain's own Muslim communities.

As Canada is now embarking on an expanded military role in Afghanistan, Canadians should give thought to the domestic security implications of our own foreign policy decisions.

After two years of relatively "safe" duty in the Afghan capital Kabul, the Canadian military is entering a new phase of military deployment by creating a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Kandahar, the birthplace of the Taliban and Al-Qaeda. The Canadian public is being told that this new mission is a logical extension of our previous nation building efforts in Afghanistan, and in part, that's true. However, there is also a much more dangerous aspect to this deployment which could have serious domestic security implications here in Canada.

As part of our 2,000 troop deployment, Chief of the Defense Staff Rick Hillier stated on July 15th that Joint Task Force Two Commandos (JTF2) will be directly involved in combat missions designed to hunt and destroy remnants of Al-Qaeda and the Taliban. As many of these elements have sought refuge in the high mountains between Afghanistan and Pakistan, Canadian commandos could soon find themselves operating in Pakistan itself. How will Canadian efforts to win "hearts and minds" be viewed by the local population when the JTF2 starts calling in American air strikes in support of their operations against Al-Qaeda? Will Canadian troops and international aid workers start taking casualties because of contradictory development and military objectives? If so, what will the Canadian government's response be? More troops? Do we even have an exit strategy?

Finally, what are the domestic security implications for our Muslim communities in Toronto and Vancouver if Canada finds itself actively engaged in an unwinnable counter-insurgency war in Southern Afghanistan and the border region of Pakistan? Like Britain and the US, will we unintentionally create the preconditions for domestic terrorism here in Canada as a result of our foreign policy objectives in the Middle East?

These are just some of the questions Canadians need to ask themselves as we begin a much different military mission in Afghanistan.

Brent Bush
Kimberley

Stop the Silverton nonsense

The results are back from the tribunal case that has torn this town apart — the complaint was not justified. It is hard to believe that a trivial comment has been blown to such proportions.

I believe this is all personal and does not belong in council affairs. And it is total nonsense that we citizens are all worked up over such a trivial matter.

More recently Ruth Huether tried to gain a variance on her property. Eight of the eleven closest neighbours objected to the variance.

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When it was before the variance committee, Ruth Huether stood in front of everyone with Tim Wiseman at her side and insisted that the front of her property was only subject to the side setback rules. She then insisted that the sheds in front of her place, which they put there without permission, were now grandfathered. Sheds are not grandfathered.

I'm sure most of the citizens of Silverton expect that our tax dollars will be spent on village projects and services.

You may ask why I complain now, with an election coming in three months. Tim has said he will quit, but I think there is a good chance he will be sitting on the fence on deadline day to see if he can sneak in again.

Tim Wiseman and Heather Huether should resign immediately.

Wayne Riedl
Silverton

Motorists and cyclists

Despite predictions of high gas prices keeping visitors away this summer, traffic on the highway has increased noticeably. I ride my bicycle from Hills to New Denver or Silverton about five times a week and to Nakusp once or twice a week and I feel the possibility of a bicycle/motor vehicle collision has become more likely, for a number of reasons.

First, the condition of the highway has deteriorated markedly. The edges of the road have been broken down by heavy vehicles. There are large holes and deep cracks across the surface. Shoulders are covered with gravel, stones, bark and chips from trucks, garbage and pieces of truck retreads that contain fine wires (I picked up over 100 of these in a 3-kilometre stretch south of Summit Lake last week) so that a rider has to ride out of the shoulder to avoid them. Concrete abutments have narrowed the shoulder areas. Gravel and broken glass build up against the abutments, again, causing riders to have to ride out into the traffic. I don't think that YRB has swept the shoulders since May. The white line delineating the shoulder along the road between Silverton and New Denver has been rubbed away and not repainted. This road is already narrow and corners do not allow for the safe passage of two large vehicles and a cyclist. The abutments are particularly dangerous on corners because a cyclist has nowhere to go if there is an obstacle or close vehicle.

I have observed that logging truck drivers, chip trucks and local motorists are, for the most part, the most considerate of cyclists. For the most part, people driving large campers are the worst. Some of these motorists seem unaware of how close they are passing at times. I know of one rider who was actually hit by a camper/trailer pulled by a truck and the driver did not even know and kept going. Another cyclist from Hills was pushed into the gravel by a truck in July and injured, again with the driver going on, perhaps unaware. I realize people are anxious to pass, but cyclists who are riding road bikes cannot move over into the gravel: our tires are too narrow. It usually takes only a few seconds for a safe passing place to open up.

Everyone needs to remember that we are sharing the roads and cyclists are legal road users. As a vehicle owner/driver I pay road taxes just like other motorists. As a motorist I appreciate it when cyclists ride as close to the right as is safely possible, and signal their intentions. As a cyclist I appreciate drivers passing not too closely and only when it is safe.

Helen Davis
Hills

Telus phone service is not OK

It has been more than 35 days since Telus locked out its employees. Media reports that have been weighted heavily in Telus's favour, assure us that things are under control and although they admit to some delays things seem to be just about normal, according to Telus.

Telus also reports that up to 70% of its employees are on the job and that more and more of the unionized members are crossing the picket lines each day. The fact is that there are members crossing the picket line. Mostly in Alberta where the CEO is actively luring mostly young members back to work with trinkets like MP3 players and by adding a living out allowance of $30 with their daily pay. Members are also receiving threats from managers that if they do not come back to work before a certain date they will be terminated. This is a flagrant breach of the Canada Labour Code and a fine example of the FiFo (Fit In or F*** Off) philosophy that Darren Entwistle, CEO of Telus, is so proud of.

The people that spend the required amount of time on the picket line have recently received their first cheque from the TWU as strike pay. This also enables the union to determine the precise number of its members that do in fact support the position of the TWU. 78% of the membership of the TWU drew strike pay. This does not take into account the number of people that are on benefits, on vacation or have taken the union's advice and found alternative employment. In addition to this fact the TWU took a strike vote about a year ago and received a strike mandate of 86%. The members of the TWU are "rock solid" in their support for a revised respectful agreement.

There is no indication of a change in the situation. Telus has not indicated that they want to get back to the bargaining table. There is no light at the end of the tunnel. As time goes on we are hearing reports of excessive delays in both repairs and of installations of phone service. The last I heard it would be December before you could get phone service installed and there are some reports that people would not get their phone until the lockout is over.

This is a lockout; it is not a strike. Telus is responsible for maintaining the service levels that are regulated by the CRTC. This is not happening, but unless those that are adversely affected by this situation report these excessive delays and just downright poor service to the CRTC then things will not change. It is a time for you, the consumer to speak up where it counts.

The address for the CRTC is on page 10 of your phone book. Send your complaint to: CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2. Their website at www.crtc.gc.ca has a means of submitting your complaint as well. You can e-mail your complaint to info@crtc.gc.ca or you can phone 1-877-249-2782.

Bob Varaleau
Local 4 - TWU District Repairman - Arrow & Slocan Lakes

Calling for public disclosure in Silverton

On August 18, I submitted a written request to the Village of Silverton to be on the agenda for the August 23rd council meeting. The issue was about the decision of the Human Rights Tribunal in the case of Rhonda Bouillet vs. Michael Dorsey. I intended to ask questions about the expenditure of more than $65,000 of Village taxpayer funds in legal fees and other expenses connected to the case and other controversies generative of two by-elections. This is 83% of the $78,000 collected from the Village taxpayers yearly.

I was 3rd on the agenda for the Tuesday meeting. The mayor moved me to 15th. When he got to the agenda item where I was to speak, he adjourned the meeting and left the room. Councillors Laktin and Huether did not object to the dismissal of the meeting. As a taxpayer who has lived in Silverton for 27 years, I am shocked over the conduct of the mayor and council on issues of public interest in the village.

The Human Rights Tribunal has found that Michael Dorsey did not injure Mrs. Bouillet's reputation with a bantering remark he may have made to fellow council persons. Rather, the tribunal found the impact of this remark was due to public repetition of it by the mayor, his wife and his sister-in-law Huether. *The Valley Voice* covered this issue fairly, but the abuses just went on in the public distribution of a letter dated August 23rd by Mrs. Bouillet's husband, Alvie Bouillet.

I have witnessed some pretty unusual things under this mayor and council. I attended one of the worst meetings in all my years in Silverton. The mayor forced Lynda Thompson and Arlene Yofonoff to resign, giving them two minutes to sign a blank piece of paper in front of a hall full of angry people inflamed by misleading rumours. He tried to force Michael Dorsey to resign, but Michael didn't give in to such pressure.

Not once in this controversy did Councillors Dorsey, Yofonoff or Thompson have an opportunity to present their side of the story before the mayor dragged the village into unnecessary conflict and confrontation. In addition, without public disclosure as to the actual facts, the Village paid taxpayer dollars in a settlement with Mrs. Bouillet that, on examination, may not have been justified; but we are not allowed to examine the factors. The council members who had complained of her job performance had criticisms which they specifically outlined and which they were required to make in conformance with their duties and the public trust.

The mayor and council hide the true contents of the letters written by Yofonoff, Dorsey and Thompson, while Alvie Bouillet circulates a publication making rash, unproven references to the content of these letters. Bouillet claims that according to the Village lawyers, these letters from the councillors to the mayor were libellous. From whom did he receive these untrue assertions when the letters are Village *in camera* business? From the mayor? From present councillors? Well, I have talked to the past council members and Michael Dorsey about the letters and what they tell me is that these letters have been totally mischaracterized. They are no more than complaints made to the mayor by council members about certain perceived mistakes, lapses and inadequacies in Ms Bouillet's performance as an employee — a legitimate and appropriate thing to do.

Today, Michael Dorsey continues to be the victim of character assassination in this village. The recent letter circulated by Alvie Bouillet states "Michael was heard boasting...", every word of which is untrue. It is also untrue that he harassed Rhonda on a one to one basis (a claim that anyone can make about anybody). Bouillet then goes on to write about two letters written by Michael, Lynda and Arlene. He says these letters are of such a derogatory nature that when the Village lawyers received them, they would not release them because they were libellous.

How did Mr. Bouillet know anything about these letters which the mayor keeps *in camera* while alleging they are so injurious? Mr. Bouillet's circulating letter is no more than a new character attack on Mr. Dorsey. It appears to be damage control aimed at the Human Rights Tribunal's finding that the actual difficulty was caused by the mayor, his wife, and Councillor Huether.

Alvie Bouillet's letter attacks *The Valley Voice*, taking incidents out of context to infer bias in the newspaper, and implies grave wrongdoing by Dorsey and the councillors who resigned. I call on the mayor and council to make public the letters on which Alvie Bouillet bases his accusations. If the mayor and council remain unwilling to make public the proof that is in their possession, these irresponsible public attacks can't stop until it likely ends in court, at a great deal more cost to the taxpayers. I further call on them to take responsibility for the conflict, confrontations, firings, forced resignations and the huge pile of legal bills, severance payment and by-election by resigning their office.

There are many other questionable decisions and conduct by the mayor and present council which deserve close examination. I refer, for instance, to the firing of Village clerk, Leah Main, without legitimate cause, which cost the Village $15,000 dollars in severance pay. Then, Walter Yofonoff, who volunteered many hundreds of hours as our Fire Chief for over 23 years, was fired from his volunteer position. Surely Silverton deserves and is capable of better leadership and an end to the tactics we have had to endure for too long.

Colleen McCrory
Silverton

No mining claims on public beaches..

After a mainly 'Monsoon June,' the first sunny Sunday, I took my kayak to my favourite beach. Imagine my shock when the gorgeous sandy beach near Hills that I'd been paddling to for 25 years suddenly had two RVs parked on the beach and a huge wharf with motorboats attached, cleared RV sites, with a huge non-permitted fire! They had used a machine at the beach, and chainsaws to open up an old skid trail from Shannon Creek Road. They sat there smugly claiming their new private 'holiday hotel' site!

It turns out they're miners from Slocan, who have discovered a 'gold mine.' For a $200 mining claim, they've taken over a $2 million value sandy beach property! The Mining Act specifies only subsurface rights are possible, and Mining Info Letter #6 states no other residential nor recreational permits go with the claim. In fact, there is no permission for any form of accommodation, only ore and equipment uninsulated storage sheds. Their occupation is illegal and immoral!

We are blessed to live in one of the most spectacular places on the planet. Slocan Lake is one of the few in the world that has an incredibly gorgeous Valhalla Wilderness Park, a proposed Rails to Trails, beautiful beaches, the biological treasure of Bonanza Creek and marsh corridor with its Kokanee, and hosting flora and fauna that predates any population here. Where else can you go to a lake where it's not littered on all of the lakefront with houses, motorboats and jetskis? Check out Okanagan Lake and see how you like it.

In Switzerland, they lock up from the general public such lakes, which appear to be clean, but are actually biologically dead from acid rain. In many places in the world, you pay to see waterfalls, and in Costa Rica, a trip to the hotsprings costs $30 US! We have an international treasure here in the West Kootenays, and yet we seem intent on destroying it, with no thought for the present nor the future.

Our Western society's obsession with 'motorized' will lead to our demise. We choose gas-guzzling SUVs and RVs, and for 'recreation,' we have ATVs, motorboats, jet skis, snowmobiles and motorbikes. BC Childrens' Hospital reports that there are 500 hospitalizations and 10-15 deaths annually in BC alone from underaged children riding motorbikes and ATVs.

Take a good look at New Denver glacier while it lasts, then later you can explain to your grandchildren how the Slocan Valley 'used to be:' water so clean you could drink it from the lake, and abundance of wildlife - deer, bears (Grizzlies -endangered), eagles (Bald, Golden, Ospreys), moose, beaver, all types of birds and waterfowl (herons-endangered), plants, and Cedars and Hemlocks - as big as our RVs! Then explain to them what role you played in this situation.

Anyways, please remove your illegally set up camp, and maybe someday, just for fun, all you motorized fans can try paddling, cycling, or walking and you'll see how much more you see. We need to open ourselves up to appreciate beauty and nature, not speed, and use our energy, not a machine's, to fuel our recreation. Then maybe we'll see a return to personal and global health. And maybe we'll all see some future for our precious earth and future generations.

Marion Bergevin
Hills

Believe it or not, Slocan Valley GRUBS are good for your garden

by Jan McMurray

NEW DENVER—If you are down by the community health centre in New Denver, check out the garden space in behind the old nursery school building. A group of 17 children and their parents, calling themselves the GRUBS (Garden Rangers United in Bio-Sustainability), started developing the garden in the spring. Although Miranda Hughes, who came up with the idea, describes it as "definitely a work in progress," the space is already very impressive.

The children, ranging in age from 0-15, each have a small plot that they planted and have been maintaining. There are also six communal plots. The group has made beautiful garden stones, scarecrows, a bat house, a worm composter and have created a charming fairy garden in one of the plots. As a fundraiser, they have made birdfeeders out of recycled teacups and saucers, available at Horsefeathers in Silverton.

Hughes explains that when she was looking for a site for a children's community garden, it was brought to her attention that a community greenhouse and garden was part of the Slocan Community Health Centre Development Concept plan as put forward by the New Denver Health Matters Committee. She approached the Primary Health Care committee with her idea, and they were delighted.

"They've been very accommodating, mowing around the garden and have even set up irrigation for us," she says.

In fact, there have been many helping hands from the community at large, she says. Len Casley of Goat Mountain Enterprises removed the sod from the area; Mistaya Country Inn donated horse manure; Karin and Bruno Burgermeister of Blue Sky Resort donated fencing wire; Ray Nikkel of Valley Landscaping donated lettuce starts; Clay Gale donated chives; Webb Cummings donated perennial flowers; Juliet Craig of the Slocan Valley Community Bat Project came to talk to them about bats; Kay Costely-White did a worm composting session with them.

Hughes says that gardening is so good for the children because, unlike everything else these days, it is not instant gratification. "The value is in the fact that gardening is such a longterm proposition," she says. "With the special draw of other kids and other families, and the gentle structure of getting together once a week, we are managing to see them stick with it."

Another component is environmental stewardship, she says. The kids explore the nearby forest and beach and pick up any litter they find there. They have also tried to monitor the lake level.

Look for more information about their harvest festival in October. Everyone is welcome to join the GRUBS. For more information, call Donna at 358-7772 or Miranda at 358-2282.

The GRUBS show off the community garden they created this summer.

Silverton council, August 23: Delegation ignored

by Jan McMurray

•Councillors Dorsey and Duncan were absent.

•Silverton resident Colleen McCrory was on the agenda as a delegation to speak about legal costs, RDCK and Human Rights Tribunal. When Mayor Wiseman opened the meeting, he made a motion to adopt the agenda with the amendment of moving the delegation to the third last item of the meeting. That motion carried. However, before getting to that item, Wiseman moved adjournment, which carried. As the meeting was breaking up, McCrory stood up to say that Wiseman was breaking Village bylaws and that she was calling for his resignation.

•Public Works Foreman Chris Fox gave his report. Among his many activities from July 25 to August 19, he fixed the waterline and standpipe in the overflow campground, blocked the septic tank with a guard rail at Memorial Hall, moved picnic tables to the day park, finished pargeting the sidewalk at the hotel, sealed some cracks in the pavement, installed two more benches, and has started planning for reservoir disinfection, which should take place August 28-30. There were 179 pumping hours for July. Fox noted that one hour of pumping equals close to 25,000 gallons and that some days not much less than one million gallons of water are pumped. Wiseman thanked the community for its reasonable water usage.

•Councillor Huether reported that the lease with the Slocan Lake Gallery Society had been signed after two or three years of negotiations and said that everything had worked out well.

Leases have been signed with the Slocan Lake Gallery Society, the Silverton Historical Society and the Arena Society. They are 10-year leases from October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2013 with renewal rights for another 10 years until October 30, 2023.

Wiseman explained that the delay had to do with complications around long-term leasing.

•The Village proclaimed the week of September 26-30 as UBCM Centennial Week. September 29 marks the 100th anniversary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

•Council voted to support Larry Lavan and his associates in their application for the $20,000 Community Networking Infrastructure grant. Lavan and his two associates made a presentation in council chambers on August 9 on their wireless high-speed internet service and asked council for a letter of support. As there was no quorum on August 9, the request was brought forward to this meeting.

Wayne Riedl was protesting outside Silverton council chambers before the August 23 meeting, while Alvie Bouillet handed out a letter outlining his perspective to the many members of the public who attended. The meeting was held at the Memorial Hall.

Community Pig Roast set for September 10

submitted

The third bi-annual Slocan Valley Community Pig Roast is scheduled to go for Saturday, September 10 at Slocan Park Hall. Only 100 tickets have been printed and in addition to the fine dinner, there will be door prizes and refreshments served.

Every other year, the Kootenay-Slocan Lions organizes the popular full course dinner to raise funds for use in Slocan Valley communities. The pig is supplied by Legendary Meats, with Dave Anderson and friends doing the honours with the pig, while members prepare the other foods. Roasting the pig is an all-day event and is a sight and experience in itself.

In past years, the funds generated by the event have gone toward the purchase of First Responder equipment for local fire departments, scholarships at Mt. Sentinel Secondary School, support for school programs at WE Graham, Winlaw School, Brent Kennedy and the Whole School.

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For information on these and other services, please visit the Health Centre at 401 Galena in New Denver (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday), or call 358-7911.

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(Appointments can be made at 358-7911.)

Interior Health

Calling all Slocan Valley businesses, entrepreneurs and employers

submitted

Do you have a unique or innovative business operating out of the Slocan Valley? Are you somebody who is creating a sustainable livelihood in the rural area between the communities of Crescent Valley and New Denver?

The Youth Employment Resource Centre will be hosting a Career and Opportunity Fair the first week of October and we are seeking your participation to inspire our youth and community members with your story. The fair will expose individuals to the "hidden" job market and will unveil innovative ways that viable employment is being created in the valley community. Our aim is to bring local businesses, employers, entrepreneurs and service providers together with youth and community members in the Slocan Valley, to bring awareness of our rural economy, and provide valuable networking opportunities.

We are looking for: workshop facilitators (50 minutes max.); successful entrepreneurs, businesses, and employers who are willing to share their experiences; people, organizations and businesses interested in participating in the Career and Opportunities Fair by setting up booths, providing information, speaking on a panel or within a workshop setting; donations for door prizes and draws.

This dynamic event will be hosted in partnership with HRSDC, Kootenay Career Development Society, WE Graham Community Services Society and Selkirk College — and we're always looking for more!

For more information please contact Jessica Lunn or Michelle Seguin at 352-5656 or e-mail valleycareerfair@yerc.ca.

Couple creates Frog Peak Cafe

by Jan McMurray

Laurel Giasson and Matthew Theoret have transformed a building with a history into the Frog Peak Cafe.

The couple bought the 1886 building from the Ministry of Transportation, which had purchased the place when straightening Hiway 6 at Crescent Valley. After the road work was done, the Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department used the house for practice.

"It was completely burnt on the inside and we spent two years renovating while living in it," reminisced Giasson. "We are happy to have been able to do that and open it to the public."

Former tree planters, the couple wanted to stay in the area but get into a new business. Giasson grew up in the Slocan Valley and Theoret moved here 14 years ago from Montreal.

The cafe has a big yard with a children's play area and seating outside on the patio as well as inside. "Families have really been enjoying the place because their kids can run around," said Giasson. The couple can relate to how important that can be, as they have a one-year-old son themselves.

Although they have no previous restaurant experience, Giasson's mother Shellie Swann sure does and she works at the cafe. Giasson says, "I have always loved baking and learned from my mom." Swann has been working in restaurants and baking for 30 years.

On the menu are grilled panini sandwiches made with focaccia bread from the Kootenay Baker, chicken pot pie, baked fritatta, pizza, fresh soups and salads, baked goodies, carrot cake, specialty coffees, smoothies and milkshakes. Giasson says they support local businesses and use organic ingredients as much as possible.

Laurel and Matthew invite everyone to check out the Frog Peak Cafe on Highway 6 in Crescent Valley.

New faces at the Hidden Garden Gallery

submitted

Works by Ian Zack of Zack Graphics and Ink in New Denver will be featured from August 31-September 5 at the Hidden Garden Gallery. Ian invites everyone to come and see his exhibit of large format digital artwork and floral closeups and photo enlargements in spectacular colours.

"I thought this would be a great way to introduce my new photo enlargement service," he said. "Everything is of professional quality, some are framed with glass clip frames, some are unframed and all are reasonably priced."

As the summer winds down, a large group of local artists will feature their work in a group show entitled, "Points of View" running from September 7-12. The brainchild of Galen Felde, this group began meeting and working at various nearby locations early in July. As Galen said, "A collaborative show of works inspired by several 'on-site' art-making sessions should make for interesting viewing." Look for pieces by Paul, Wendy, Gretchen, Dagmar, Claire, Petra, Sylvia, Myles, Chillia, Galen, Koko, Teri, Aiko, Sally, Morgen, Daphne…did I miss anyone? Should be a great show. Opening night will be celebrated on Friday, September 9 from 7-9. Ruth and Rowan Tichenor will entertain. All welcome.

Continuing its series of thought-provoking and interesting 'talks,' the Hidden Garden Gallery is proud to present Ken Clatterbaugh, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Washington and a summer resident on Red Mountain Road. The title of Ken's talk is "Beware of God: Religion and Politics in the 21st century." Please feel welcome to come listen, learn and discuss on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 pm. By donation.

Gallery hours are 11-4 from Wednesday to Monday.

About 18 people and a dog came out to walk with Joan Warner from Passmore Lodge to Slocan Park and back on the morning of August 20. Meanwhile, more than 2000 people were walking 10 kms in the Reykjavik Marathon for Diabetes in Iceland. Warner, a diabetic, could not make it to Iceland for health reasons, so her friend Donna Ratcliffe went in her place and we did Reykjavik in the Valley.

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The Village of Silverton
2005 General Election
Advance Elector Registration

The **2005 General Local Election** will take place on **Saturday, November 19, 2005**. A list of registered electors has been prepared.

For those eligible electors not on the current List of Provincial Registered Electors, advance elector registrations will be accepted at the Village of Silverton Office until Tuesday, September 27, 2005. With the exception of registrations on general voting day, elector registrations will not be accepted during the period September 28 to November 18, 2005.

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- Age 18 or older; and
- A Canadian citizen; and
- A resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- A resident of the Village of Silverton for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- Not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- Age 18 or older; and
- A Canadian citizen; and
- A resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- A registered owner of real property in the Village of Silverton for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- Not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- Not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and
- If there is **more than one registered owner** of the property, **only one** of those individuals may, with the **written consent of the majority** of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

Non-resident property electors **who do not register in advance will be required to obtain a "certificate to register" prior** to the time of voting or on voting day. The certificate may be obtained at the Village of Silverton Office, Monday to Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. or during voting hours when voting proceedings are being conducted for advance voting or general voting. ALL APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE PROOF SATISFACTORY TO THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO BE REGISTERED AS A NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR, PREFERABLY A COPY OF THE TITLE FOR THE PROPERTY.

LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS:

Beginning Tuesday, October 4, 2005 until the close of general voting for the election on November 19, 2005, a copy of the list of registered electors will, upon signature, be available for public inspection, at the Village of Silverton Office in Silverton, BC during regular office hours Monday to Thursday, excluding statutory holidays. An elector may request the Chief Election Officer to omit or obscure, on the list available for public inspection, the address of the elector or any other personal information about the elector.

OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR:

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the list of registered electors may be made in accordance with the Local Government Act until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2005. An objection must be made in writing and may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the Village of Silverton and can only be made on the basis that the person whose name appears has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the Village of Silverton.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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Silverton's replica tram tower was home for several marijuana plants over a period of several months this summer, until Constable Scott Rennie removed them, August 5.

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Help create interpretive signs for Slocan Valley Rail Trail

submitted

SLOCAN—The Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society is seeking volunteers to help plan and design interpretive displays for the Slocan Valley Rail Trail. The purpose of the project is to enhance the enjoyment of trail users by providing informative and educational signs describing the natural resources, ecology, history and folklore of the Slocan Valley. Volunteers will help select themes and locations along the trail for the interpretive displays, and participate in the research and design work.

"We're excited about this project and are eager to get more local people involved in the planning, research and design," said Pierre Dupont of the Trail Society. "This is an opportunity for residents to participate directly in the development of the rail trail."

The project will be ongoing for the next two to three years, and will eventually see up to 20 sites along the 50-km rail trail with interpretive signs. The initial funding is being provided by the Columbia Basin Trust and BC Hydro. The Columbia Power Corporation is participating by providing the first interpretive signs near Winlaw describing the CPC's riparian habitat restoration and riverbank stabilization work.

Individuals with knowledge of natural or cultural resources, with knowledge of local stories and legends, with artistic and literary skills or past experience with interpretive displays, or anyone with a general interest in this project are asked to contact the trail society at info@svrt.ca or 1-888-683-7878 (SVRT).

Local artist Galen Felde's show "flight and small sorrows" was at the Hidden Garden August 24-29. Here, she graciously poses with "Two Truths (L)" for the camera. About 120 people attended the opening on August 26, with the music of Osmosis.

A book of Les Weisbrich's art at last

by Jan McMurray

One of the area's most well known artists, with a lot of help from his friends, has published a book that is truly a local production.

Les Weisbrich: A Small Selection of My Work features 38 paintings, mostly from the last five or six years; 51 sketches; a brief biography; photos of "The Gallery," where Weisbrich shows his work just north of New Denver on Highway 6; photos of Weisbrich giving workshops; and his teaching agenda, which gives "general information for the lay person and valuable information for people who paint," Weisbrich says. The teaching agenda is what he used for the week-long courses he gave for 13 years.

The book, over 60 pages long, is a von Krogh "Rusty Nail Publication" (named after Weisbrich's favourite drink) and is produced with a colour printer and bound with a coil binding at Henning and Judy von Krogh's home in New Denver.

"It has been a learning curve for all of us," said Weisbrich. He says it was "quite a job" to find the right paper, the right printer and inks, and to get the colour right.

"I don't like reproductions in books," he said, explaining why he had never seriously considered publishing a book before. The von Kroghs, however, have long wanted their friend to publish a book. They made him a draft for his 78th birthday present, June 27 this year. Although Weisbrich was not really impressed with the design and colour in the draft, he saw the potential and began taking an active role in getting it right.

"This is the best relationship I have ever had with somebody doing work for me in my life," said Weisbrich.

The von Kroghs have been friends of Weisbrich's since 1977. "They adopted me many years ago," reminisced Weisbrich, who came to the New Denver area from Beverley Hills with his wife and their seven children in 1970. He has been painting for 65 years, has received many honours and awards, and is known internationally. His paintings, mostly watercolours, are of nature.

"I have made a valiant attempt to understand nature," he said, calling himself an environmentalist. "I don't copy nature in my paintings, I re-organize it."

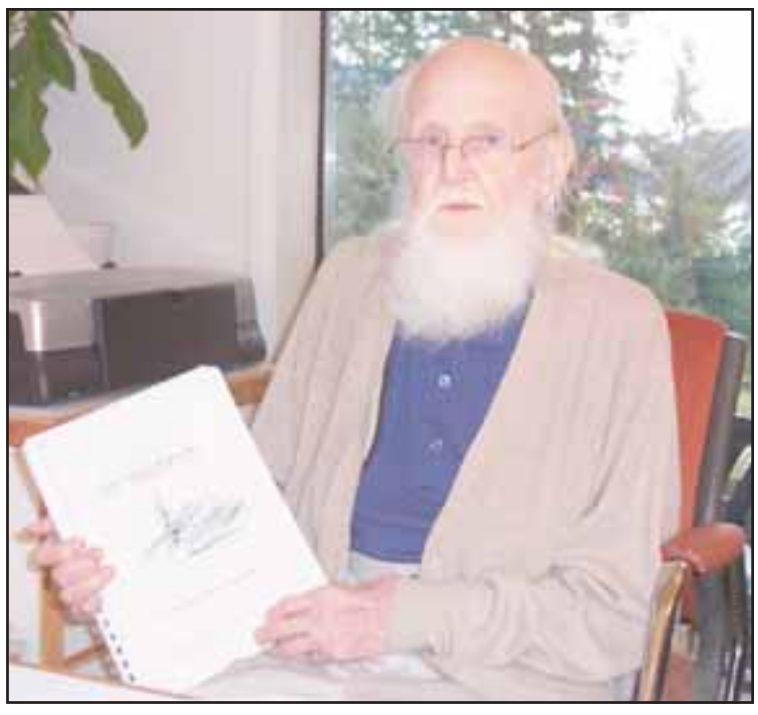
Weisbrich's health has been failing him for more than a year now and the loss of his wife Darlene last year was very hard.

"I don't think I have got too many years left and if I can't paint there is no sense in being around. It's producing them, not selling them, that makes me happy. I enjoy painting so much. I have been so blessed to be able to paint all my life," he said.

Anyone looking at the book can tell that it is a labour of love, with Weisbrich's brief but personal statement about each painting, and with the knowledge that each page comes off a printer at the home of his friends, who then bind each page together.

It is a very expensive way to produce books, but that is often how it is for labours of love.

The books are selling for $130 and are available at "The Gallery." A book signing event on September 4 and 5 from noon till 5 pm at "The Gallery" will be a great opportunity to see the publication and of course to purchase one.



Les Weisbrich is very happy with his new book, which he produced with New Denver residents Henning and Judy von Krogh. Don't miss the book signing at "The Gallery" on September 4 and 5 from noon till 5 pm.

TIMBER SALE LICENCE A77097

Pursuant to section 20 of the Forest Act, a Timber Sale licence is being offered for sale.

Closing Date:	September 15, 2005 @ 11:00 AM, BC Timber Sales, Kootenay Business Area, Nelson, BC
Geographic Location:	Limpid Creek, located approximately 38 km southwest from Salmo, within the Arrow Boundary Forest District
Estimated Volume:	15,360 cubic metres, more or less
Upset Stumpage Rate:	$34.10 / cubic metre

The upset stumpage rate was determined by the Market Pricing System, and is applicable only to coniferous sawlog grades.

Term:	one (1) year
Estimated Species / Volume:	Balsam (Grand-fir) 9,358 m^3, Douglas-fir 3,335 m^3, Cedar 914 m^3, Lodgepole pine 52 m^3, Spruce 166 m^3, Hemlock 33 m^3 Grade 3: Balsam 183 m^3, Douglas-fir 983 m^3, Cedar 102 m^3, Lodgepole-pine 154 m^3, White Pine 80 m^3.

Comments: Harvesting methods are partial-cut and clearcut with reserves, utilizing ground-based equipment (65%) and cable yarding equipment (35%).

Tenders will only be accepted from individuals or corporations registered as a BC Timber Sales Enterprise, Category 1, 2 or 3.

Stumpage rates will be fixed for the duration of the licence term and for the duration of any extension to that term.

This licence is subject to, among other things, new maximum term limits and extension fee and surrender provisions. Applicants are advised to carefully consider the impact of these changes when formulating their bids. Further information on these changes may be found in Advisory Bulletin 06/28/04.

Applications will be accepted by the BC Timber Sales Manager, Kootenay Business Area, 1907 Ridgewood Road, Nelson, BC V1L 6K1 no later than 11:00 AM (Local Time), September 15, 2005.

In respect to this proposed timber sale licence, there is additional material which the applicant must consider in their application. This material and application forms may be obtained from the above BC Timber Sales Office or the ministry web site at: http://www5.for.gov.bc.ca/notices/init.do Specify Timber Sale Licence A77097.

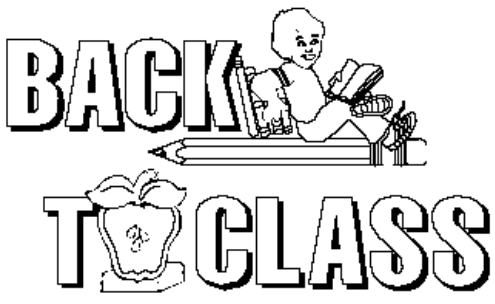
School District No. 10
(Arrow Lakes)

SCHOOL OPENING 2005/06

September 6, 2005 - all district schools will be in session 1/2 day only

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ATTENDING LUCERNE ELEMENTARY-SECONDARY SCHOOL AND NAKUSP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will be contacted by the teacher prior to attendance.

First day of attendance for BURTON ELEMENTARY AND EDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS is Wednesday, September 7, 2005.



STUDENTS RIDING SCHOOL BUSES MUST BE AT THEIR STOP 5 MINUTES PRIOR TO POSTED BUS ARRIVAL TIME.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:
School Hours & Bus Routes for this year are significantly different from last year. Please check the schedules carefully. Should you have any questions, please call 250-265-3638, ext. #0.

EDGEWOOD to NAKUSP ROUTE 2005/06
Driver - Dave Buhrman • Bus #3139

AM RUN		PM RUN	
7:13	Leave Base	3:08	NSS
7:14	YRB Yard	3:13	Cann
7:24	Fenton	3:31	Adshead Rd.
7:30	Junction/Hwy 6	3:33	Shaw
7:45	Ferry	3:36	Robins
7:55	J & S Snacks	3:38	Orr
7:58	McGinnis	3:40	Massey/Reimer
8:00	Royko	3:41	Rupp
8:15	Burton School	3:42	Burton Store
8:16	Burton School Rd.	3:54	Royko
8:17	Burton Store	3:55	McGinnis
8:19	Rupp	3:57	J & S Store
8:20	Massey/Reimer	4:00	Ferry
8:22	Orr	4:21	Junction/Hwy 6
8:23	Robins	4:23	Robinson Rd.
8:26	Shaw	4:30	YRB Yard
8:27	Adshead Rd.	4:31	Base
8:43	Cann		
8:46	NSS		
8:50	NES		
8:55	Base		

SUMMIT LAKE/GLENBANK/HWY 23 ROUTE 2005/06
Driver – Andy Cruden • Bus #7100

AM RUN		PM RUN	
7:35	Leave Base	3:00	Leave Base
7:56	Summit Lake Rd.	3:05	NES
8:01	Kingfisher	3:10	NSS
8:02	Allshouse Rd.	3:15	Paul
8:07	Wilson Lake Rd.	3:16	Coachman Campground
8:08	Neftin	3:17	McDonald
8:09	McKee	3:18	Homis
8:11	Henke Rd.	3:23	Home Ranch
8:12	Carson's Corner	3:24	Churchill/Shakespear Rd.
8:13	Command	3:27	Lindgren
8:17	Alexander Rd. Turnaround	3:28	Herridge
8:19	Southin	3:30	Matchett Subdivision
8:20	Beingessner	3:35	Bateman
8:22	Sones	3:36	Wanstall
8:23	Wanstall	3:37	Sones
8:24	Bateman	3:40	Beingessner
8:27	Matchett Subdivision	3:41	Southin
8:29	Herridge	3:42	Alexander Rd. Turnaround
8:31	Lindgren	3:44	Command
8:33	Churchill/Shakespear	3:45	Carson's Corner
8:34	Home Ranch	3:47	Henke
8:36	Homis	3:50	McKee
8:41	McDonald	3:51	Neftin
8:42	Coachman Campground	3:52	Wilson Lake Rd
8:45	Paul	3:58	Allshouse
8:47	NSS	3:59	Kingfisher
8:50	NES	4:04	Summit Lake Rd
8:55	Base	4:25	Base

Where Bus service is not available, Transportation Assistance may be provided to eligible parents who apply for assistance. Remember to apply in September as Transportation Assistance is paid starting at the beginning of the month when submitted and not retroactive to the beginning of the school year.

REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS
(effective September 6, 2005)

SOUTHERN ZONE SCHOOLS - George Harding, Principal

Edgewood Elementary School: Phone 269-7212 Hours: 8:20 - 11:20 and 12:00 – 2:06
Kindergarten: 12:00 - 2:06 Monday to Friday

Burton Elementary School: Phone 265-3253 Hours: 8:20 - 11:20 and 12:00 – 2:06
Kindergarten: 12:00 – 2:06 Monday to Friday

NAKUSP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - George Harding, Principal
Phone 265-3731 Hours: 9:00 - 12:00 and 12:50 – 2:56
Kindergarten: 9:00 – 11:15 and 12:41– 2:56 Monday to Friday

NAKUSP SECONDARY SCHOOL - Kees van der Pol, Principal; Peter Blacklock, Vice-Principal
Phone 265-3668 - Hours: 8:50 - 12:15 and 1:01 - 3:05 Monday to Friday

LUCERNE ELEMENTARY-SECONDARY SCHOOL - Trish Hawkins, Principal
Phone 358-7222 Regular Hours: 8:50 - 12:15 and 1:01 – 3:05
Kindergarten: 11:10 – 3:05 Monday to Friday

SILVERTON ROUTE 2005/06
Driver – Craig Besinque • Bus #4100

AM RUN		PM RUN	
8:05	Leave YRB Yard	3:15	LESS
8:30	Red Mountain Rd S	3:16	Orchard
8:37	Red Mountain Rd N	3:19	Hicks Rd
8:39	Silverton Bigway	3:20	Silverton Ball Park
8:42	Silverton Ball Park	3:23	Silverton Bigway
8:43	Hicks Rd	3:25	Red Mountain Rd S
8:46	Orchard	3:32	Red Mountain Rd N
8:47	LESS	4:05	YRB Yard

HILLS ROUTE 2005/06
Driver – Dan Wilson • Bus #2611

AM RUN		PM RUN	
7:57	Leave LESS	3:15	LESS
8:17	Purdy Rd	3:21	Golf Course
8:21	Crown Rd	3:22	Maxinuk
8:25	Sopow	3:24	Log Dump
8:26	Hills Mail Boxes	3:25	Rosebery Loop S
8:27	Laktin Rd	3:26	Rosebery Loop N
8:28	Bonanza Rd	3:33	Bonanza Rd
8:36	Rosebery Loop	3:34	Laktin Rd
8:38	Log Dump	3:35	Hills Mail Boxes
8:40	Maxinuk	3:37	Sopow
8:41	Golf Course	3:40	Purdy Rd
8:46	LESS	3:44	Crown Rd
		4:10	YRB Yard

EDGEWOOD/FAUQUIER ROUTE 2005/06
Driver - Laura Latter • Bus #4101

AM RUN		PM RUN	
6:55	Leave YRB Yard	2:10	Leave ESS
7:15	Ferry	2:13	YRB Yard
7:25	J&S Snacks	2:16	Giffen/Jordan Rd
7:30	Ferry	2:17	Zerrath/Ferret Rd
7:42	Somers	2:20	Galloway
7:46	Hockman	2:26	Burgin/Robinson Rd
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8:07	YRB Yard	3:00	Ferry
8:10	EES	3:30	YRB Yard

ARROW PARK/CRESCENT BAY ROUTE 2005/06
Driver – Don Mahon • Bus ##2734

AM RUN		PM RUN	
7:40	Leave Base	3:00	Leave Base
8:00	Cenotaph	3:05	NES
8:03	Arrow Parks Ferry Rd	3:08	NSS
8:04	Lancaster	3:11	McQuair
8:13	Bayview Estates	3:13	Zack's Road
8:17	Brinker	3:15	Nakusp Redi Mix
8:19	Crescent Bay Rd/Hwy 6	3:16	Christie
8:21	Brooks	3:19	Yoshida
8:22	Madden	3:20	Bartley Rd
8:24	Beech Rd	3:22	Beech Rd
8:25	Bartley Rd	3:24	Madden
8:27	Yoshida	3:26	Brooks
8:31	Christie	3:28	Crescent Bay Rd/Hwy 6
8:33	Brouse Loop Rd/Hwy 6	3:30	Brinker
8:36	McQuair	3:33	Bayview Estates
8:45	NSS	3:44	Lancaster
8:47	NES	3:46	Arrow Park Ferry Rd
8:50	Base	4:10	Base

BURTON to FAUQUIER ROUTE 2005/06
Driver: Raynelle Posnikoff • Bus #2457
- one month only, pending ridership -

PM RUN ONLY	
2:10	Leave BES
2:13	Clark Rd.
2:30	J&S Snacks
2:50	Base

VEHICLE OPERATORS: September 6, 2005 will be the official opening of school for School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) 2005/06 session. We like to remind motorists to watch out for children walking to school or waiting for school buses.

ALTERNATE FLASHING LIGHTS: School buses are equipped with alternate flashing red lamps and when they are flashing, ***traffic in both directions must stop and remain stopped until the red flashing lamps are turned off.*** The flashing lights are to indicate the school bus is loading or unloading school children. ***It is an offence under the Motor Vehicle Act to pass a school bus with its overhead red lights flashing.***

SCHOOL ZONES: **Motorists driving through School Zones between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. must use caution and restrict speed to 30 km/hr.**

Nakusp council, August 25: Unsightly Premises hearing held

by Jan McMurray

•Susan and Bruce Mackie, caretakers of six rental cabins on 5th Ave. SW, attended to speak to requests by the Village to clean up the property under the Unsightly Premises bylaw. The Mackies were of the opinion that they had complied with the request, but staff was recommending that council pass a resolution authorizing Terry Warren, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, to clean up the property if the owner did not in the next 14 days. The work would be billed to the property owner.

The Mackies pointed out that nearby Village property needed clean-up. Susan presented pictures she took of other Nakusp properties with natural growth. They also raised their concern that higher maintenance costs would drive up the low rental prices of the cabins. The couple also said that there had been some confusion about the property lines — they had recently found out that the lots were 75' wide and not 50' wide.

Councillor Curran said he often walked past this area and had seen an improvement in the past month, but that "this is an ongoing problem."

Council asked Warren and Chernoff to visit the property with the Mackies to clarify what was expected and where the property lines lie. A report will be brought forward to the next council meeting.

Chernoff told council that the unsightly Village-owned property along the waterfront was scheduled for clean-up, and that he was not aware until recently that it was Village owned. Mahoney explained that the Village had not yet contacted all owners of unsightly premises in Nakusp, but that a priority had been put on properties in touristy areas.

•Council approved an extra $22,000 for the installation of culvert pipes at Kuskanax Bridge so that residents living north of the bridge will be able to have sewer and water services in the future. The quote for the project from West Bridge Corporation out of North Vancouver came in at $52,600. Council had budgeted $30,000. CAO Richard Mahoney reported that the extra would come out of water reserves, which currently has a balance of over $400,000.

•To make Broadway safer for beach and park goers, council approved installing a crosswalk across Broadway from the beach to the gazebo park entrance. To heighten awareness of the 30 km/hr speed limit in this area, existing signage will be moved to the cemetery area where it will be much more visible, and a new speed limit sign will be installed at the cenotaph. The crosswalk will cost about $300 and the signage project around $500.

•To deal with heaving problems on Village sidewalks, public works will remove two large ash trees in front of Wylie's and the Kuskanax and replace them with smaller trees that create minimal root damage.

•The approximately 15-year-old drainage problem in Columbia Crescent will be repaired by installing a new 310-foot pipe and re-doing an existing pipe at a cost of about $5000. At times during the project, 8th Ave. NW will be closed.

•Installing ornamental lighting along the waterfront walkway was moved to budget discussions for next year. Staff proposed that six to eight lights, 15-20' high, be installed along the walkway for a total of $41,000. This would reduce vandalism and make the park more visually appealing. Superintendent of Operations Jason Chernoff reported that BC Hydro would remove the existing lighting at no charge.

•Warren Sheele asked council earlier this year for a donation of the Village's old computers, which have been unused for over five years. Council had asked staff to look into the leasing arrangement. CAO Mahoney reported that the leasing company was no longer in business and the leasing company the Village uses now has no interest in the computers. Councillors Curran and Hamling mentioned that the CAP site in Nakusp is also in need of computers. Mahoney will bring more information forward to another council meeting.

•CAO Mahoney said he would report on the issue of changing the Village name at the September 8 council meeting.

•Councillor Janis Dahlen will carry the Village of Nakusp flag at UBCM.

Arrowtarians meet with MP Jim Abbott

by Jan McMurray

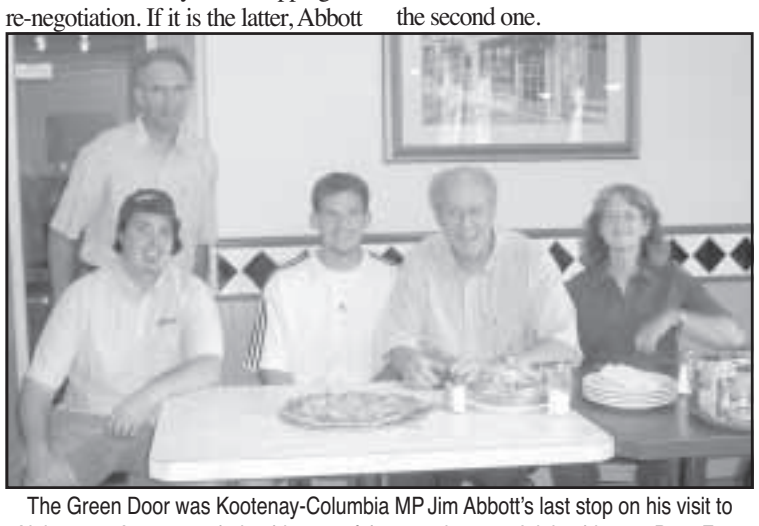
The Arrowtarians met with Kootenay-Columbia MP Jim Abbott while he was in Nakusp on August 23 to discuss the possibility of re-negotiating their two mortgages.

"We made representation to CMHC but they say we can't alter the agreement whatsoever, so we thought it was time to talk to our MP and see what he could do," said Harry Ellens, Manager of the Arrowtarian Rotary Villa project.

Abbott said he would look into the issue to find out if it is legislation or CMHC bureaucracy that is stopping the re-negotiation. If it is the latter, Abbott may be able to help.

Ellens explained that the Arrowtarian Society had two long-term mortgages with CMHC, one for Phase I and one for Phase II of the project. They would like to lower both the interest rates and the repayment time on the two mortgages.

The Society's arrangement with BC Housing for Phase 3 is much more satisfactory. This mortgage is through the CMHC Direct Lending program and can be re-negotiated every five years. The interest rate is only 3.85%, compared to 7.75% on the first mortgage with CMHC and 10.5% on the second one.



The Green Door was Kootenay-Columbia MP Jim Abbott's last stop on his visit to Nakusp on August 23 during his tour of the constituency. Joining him are Brett Fee, Youth Co-ordinator, Jim Pike, Manager of Operations, Laurie Page, Chair of the Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services board and Marty Lewis, ASLCS Administrator. Watch for a special commentary on the project from Abbott in October.

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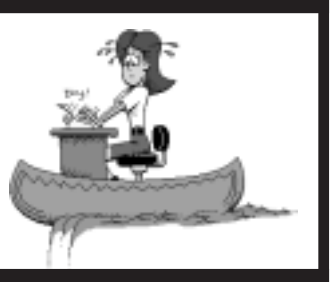

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Nakusp golf course replaces irrigation pump

by Jan McMurray

Nakusp council intends to give the Nakusp Centennial Golf Club an interest-free loan of up to $20,000 to go towards the cost of replacing its submersible irrigation pump.

The golf club's pump broke down in July, and wasn't replaced until the weekend of August 20. For five weeks, the two grounds crew and one dedicated club member hand watered the greens and set up fire hoses to water the fairways.

"The new pump is in, it's working and we're just so grateful," commented Cheryl Nishida, golf club director.

Nishida requested funding for the new pump at a special meeting of council on August 4. At that time, council asked staff to get a legal opinion on whether the Village should grant or loan the funds. At a special meeting on August 18, CAO Richard Mahoney relayed the legal advice that the Village could do either.

Councillor Dahlen said she sympathized with the golf course but was concerned about setting a precedent in granting the money. "I wonder how often we would be asked for money," she said.

She also wanted to know if the golf club was coming to the Village for the loan because the Village could give the club a better interest rate than the bank. Mahoney explained that the terms of the loan would be up to council.

Councillor Heppner said he would be in favour of a loan as long as the money was used for no other purpose than the pump.

Councillor Hamling said she had been approached by residents who said that they would have a problem with the grant, but not the loan.

Mayor Cowan was not present. Mahoney reported that he had declared a conflict of interest as he is a member of the golf course. Councillor Curran was also absent.

Area K Director Paul Peterson had offered to grant the club up to $10,000 or 40% of the total cost (estimated at $22,000), as long as the Village granted 60%. Peterson said he made this 60-40 stipulation because about 60% of the members live inside the Village and about 40% live in the regional district. If the Village did not agree to the 60%, Peterson would arrange for a $2,000 grant. Mahoney confirmed at the August 18 meeting that if the Village decided to loan the money, Peterson would grant only $2,000.

With only $2,000 coming from the regional district, council agreed that the Village should loan the club up to $20,000 with a grace period of two years and a repayment period not to exceed five years. This decision should be ratified at the September 8 regular council meeting.

OPEN HOUSE

HALCYON HOT SPRINGS

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7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Monday 12 September 2005
Upper Legion Hall in Nakusp

It's Nakusp Fall Fair time again

submitted

Nakusp Fall Fair participants are reminded to bring their various competition entries for registration to take place at Nakusp Arena auditorium on Friday, September 16 between the hours of 4 and 7 pm (no late entries accepted). Judging of all entries takes place immediately following.

According to organizers, last year's event attracted 265 individual Fair entries within all divisions, with as many or more expected again this year.

The Fall Fair prize booklet, distributed via downtown merchants, gives full details of all the entry categories ranging from garden produce, home and fine arts, hobby collections, jams, jellies, wines, canning, baking and many more. Robin Hood Flour Mills and Bernardin food and supply industries are sponsoring an additional number of competitions this year with both general and junior categories inviting participation.

Sponsored by Arrow Lakes Arts Council, Fair Day is set for Saturday, September 17 and runs between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm. General admission at the door is $2 (children under 12 years free). At the conclusion of the Fair, between the hours of 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm, organizers request that all entries, materials and equipment be taken home or removed, as cleanup of the premises follows. For more information call 265-0075.

Help expedite high-speed internet to Kaslo area

submitted

KASLO—If you are weary of waiting for internet pages to download, join forces with Kaslo infoNet (KiN) as the society works to hasten delivery of high speed internet service to North Kootenay Lake communities.

The urban/rural split or "digital divide" is being felt acutely in the Kootenay Lake area and residents are being urged to take action. There are direct links between investment in information/ communications technologies and a community's standard of living and economic development. This is the new infrastructure, like electricity, water, and roads have been in the past.

"We simply cannot afford to sit back and wait for it to come to us," says Tyler Dobie, KiN President.

With cable and telephone line upgrades still lagging far behind, wireless technology is the fastest way to overcome the digital divide. JV Humphries School, Redfish Elementary, and Crawford Bay are three remote schools providing excellent working examples of using wireless technology to overcome this area's topographical challenges.

KiN now has two key initiatives underway to extend an affordable version of wireless high-speed internet to North Kootenay Lake communities. The first is the purchase of the wireless access-point tower (previously used by Mountaintop Wireless Ltd) on Mount Kaslo and connection to a high-speed internet backbone, using Kaslo as a hub. The second is the acquisition of an E-10 line in Meadow Creek (available in July 2006) to share high-speed service wirelessly between North Kootenay Lake communities. The first North Kootenay Lake antennas are to be installed on an unused television tower on Grey Horse Ridge.

Currently, Mirror Lake and the Village of Kaslo are the only towns north of Balfour where high-speed internet is available — excluding satellite internet, which requires an equipment purchase.

Telus does not intend to expand its ADSL service deeper into rural areas, despite local requests including a recent petition with over 25 Shutty Bench residents' signatures. Instead, Telus wants community-based organizations like KiN to provide the "last-mile service" to customers, while the corporation provides the network to these organizations.

KiN fundraising activities to get service up and running as soon as possible include seeking grants from numerous regional sources including BC3, RDCK, Columbia Basin Trust, the Village of Kaslo, and the Kaslo and District Community Forest Society. The Society is also looking into tapping into federal plans to extend broadband access to all rural Canadian communities, including the current Telecommunications Policy Review Panel.

The provincial network initiative is already well underway and BC3 will be distributing $600,000 in grants on the Province's behalf this fall for community infrastructure upgrades.

Success will hinge on engaging the support of Kootenay Lake residents and businesses.

To donate or assist, please contact: Kaslo infoNet Society, P.O. Box 1081, Kaslo, BC V0G 1M0 or email tdobie@pop.kin.bc.ca. Letters of support are welcomed!

Kaslo infoNet is a non-profit society founded in 1996 with a mandate to create a community access network in the Kaslo area. Successes to date include establishing free Community Access Program (CAP) sites at the Kaslo Library and J.V. Humphries School; creating summer employment for many students and youths to enable them to gain valuable experience in the high-growth information technology industry; launching www.Kaslo.org as a community portal for the Kaslo area; and providing web-hosting services to non-profit societies. Today KiN members are focused on bringing the benefits of high speed internet to North Kootenay Lake communities in order to overcome the urban/rural digital divide. KiN memberships are just $5 annually.

Kaslo council, August 23: Provincial building purchase process stalled

by Jan McMurray

•A motion to table the three readings of Bylaw 1023, Provincial Government Building Purchase Loan Authorization bylaw, until all council members were present at a council meeting, was defeated. The motion to give first reading to the bylaw was defeated. Councillors Cormie and Hewat voted in favour of the two motions; Mayor Douglas and Councillor Holland voted against. Councillor Leathwood was absent.

•The Kootenay Lake Historical Society wrote to council asking about the status of its March request for a $1000 grant in aid. This is a grant that the Village has given the Society for the past 10 years for maintenance of the Visitor Reception Centre, Visitor Information Centre and the SS Moyie. The Society also receives a $1500 grant from the Village for upkeep of the regional district beach and to keep the beach washrooms clean throughout the season. The letter also requests a meeting with council to discuss improvements needed to the washrooms. The letter was referred to the Planning and Development committee, which will meet with the Society.

•The Kaslo Trailblazers Society sent council a copy of the rules and guidelines it has developed for the Kaslo River Trail, to be displayed at the trailhead. The first of the six rules/ guidelines is "Non-Motorized Use Only." Council will submit the document to MIABC for comment.

•The Kaslo Trailblazers Society's request to post directional signage to the trail on four existing signposts was granted. Locations are Hwy 31 and D Ave., the Langham-Legion corner, 5th St. and D Ave., and Railroad Ave. and 5th St.

•A motion to designate Kaslo Bay Park as an area for off-leash dogs was defeated. A 'dogs on leash only' sign will be installed at the lagoon area of Kaslo Regional Beach Park near the SS Moyie.

•The Village will send the Noise Abatement bylaw to the Crooked Cafe and let the owners know that permission to exceed the normal 10 pm limit requires advance permission by council and that further requests for events to extend the limit could be denied.

•Council received the financial statement it had requested for the Kaslo Bear Aware Program.

•Anne Gray will be advised of existing tax payment options and that an alternative tax collection system will not be introduced at this time.

•Bylaw 1022, Beer Garden Regulation Bylaw, which makes the amendment to require groups to carry public liability insurance, was given three readings.

•Herb Thompson was appointed as Deputy Chief Election Officer for the Village of Kaslo.

•Mayor Douglas was appointed as voting delegate to the MIABC AGM, with Councillor Cormie as alternate.

•CAO Rae Sawyer was authorized to attend an Emergency Planning workshop in Grand Forks on September 22.

•CAO Rae Sawyer was authroized to attend the Fall Chapter meeting of the West Kootenay Boundary Country Local Government Management Association of BC in Nelson on October 20-21.

•Accounts payable in the amount of $59,079.35 were approved for payment.

'Problematic' grizzly travels far and fares well

This is not the usual ending to a human-bear conflict story although it has ties with a story of drama and ultimate tragedy. It is the story about two re-located 'problem' grizzlies from the Nelson area that garnered media attention last year. Biologists now know that one of them, at least, has fared well. The bear seems to have established its territory in the mountains above Castlegar after wandering widely, including an excursion into the United States.

In early summer of 2004 the male grizzlies, then two years old, had become regular fixtures along the roadside between Ymir and Nelson. They were labelled as 'problematic' after passing motorists began feeding them, much to the concern, and against the repeated advice, of Conservation Officer Len Butler. It is well known that these circumstances can lead to injury or death, for either bears or humans.

Len Butler was busy tranquilizing and relocating these bears in early August 2004, rendering him unavailable for the Kaslo Jazz Festival black bear incident.

Relocating black bears is not a provincial policy or priority, but fortunately for these two young bears, female grizzlies and cubs are more likely to be considered for relocation. And that's what happened to this lucky duo.

One grizzly was airlifted to the headwaters of Duncan River and the other, fitted with a radio collar, was relocated to a remote location near Conway Creek, to the east of West Arm Provincial Park.

The radio collar has allowed biologists to better understand the movements of the young grizzly over the last 12 months. Staff from the Ministry of Environment (MoE) and the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (CBFWCP) have located the bear's unique radio signal on numerous occasions, often as they tracked other collared wildlife such as caribou or deer. When the bear crossed into American territory, the Washington Department for Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) was asked for tracking assistance.

Within a matter of weeks of its release, the bruin had traversed the southern Selkirk Mountains, crossed the USA - Canada border and was located near Metaline Falls, Washington.

"We found it feeding on a dead white-tail buck," commented Steve Zender, District Wildlife Biologist for the WDFW. "It stayed on this side of the border for over 10 days before heading north up the Pend d'Oreille Valley and back into Canada."

Later in the fall of 2004 it was located near Seven Mile Dam, south-east of Trail, and subsequently in the Bonnington range, east of Castlegar, where it hibernated for the winter. Late spring and early summer this year found the bear in the same vicinity.

Kaslo is Back To The Earth

submitted

Earthworkers Community Organization (ECO) has recently received funding to help support the Kaslo 'Back to the Earth' Community Composting project. Funding is from the Columbia Basin Trust Environmental Initiatives Program, administered by the Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership.

"This exciting initiative will help to portray the Village of Kaslo as a leader in a growing movement towards environmental sustainability and community stewardship," says Jamie Whitney of ECO.

An enthusiastic group of dedicated local residents established ECO in the fall of 2004. The mission statement is "to encourage ecological and community stewardship, striving to understand, maintain and enhance the biodiversity of the natural environment in a collaborative effort within the community of Kaslo."

The Kaslo Back to the Earth Community Composting Project was developed by ECO to encourage waste reduction, while stimulating awareness about composting in an urban environment. Back to the Earth will collaborate with local residents, businesses and schools to reduce the amount of waste going into the landfill and to recycle nutrients back into the soil.

Local restaurants and grocery stores are supportive of the project and are willing to contribute organic materials to be composted in the community compost facility. JV Humphries School is enthusiastic about a composting system at the school, to be used as an educational tool. Local residents will be brought on board through a series of workshops and community events aimed at developing support for the long-term goal of a full-scale municipal composting facility in the Village of Kaslo. Also, the public will be offered the opportunity to purchase and maintain a personal vermi-composting bin with free consultation and technical assistance provided.

ECO is seeking donations for the composting project. Suggested donations are: tools (wheelbarrow, shovel, rake, pitchfork); materials (red wiggler worms, manure, leaves, straw bale, tarps, five-gallon buckets, wood, wire mesh, electric fence); truck (occasional use); financial contributions; volunteer participation and community spirit.

If you require further information or would like to show your support, please contact Jamie Whitney at 353-7751 or backtoearth@netidea.com.

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See The Mitten Lady at Frog Peak

by Jan McMurray

For the month of September, there will be an exhibit of Natalie Lucas' artwork at the Frog Peak Cafe in Crescent Valley.

The exhibit shows the illustrations Lucas has done on her first in a series of stories about special people in the valley. "This first one is about a lady who is very special in my past," she says.

The story is entitled *The Mitten Lady* and is about Mary Chigmaroff, "who left a warm spot in many children's hearts," says Lucas. "They all knew her as the Mitten Lady and so my story tells of this memorable woman and her gift to those children of the Slocan Valley."

The exhibit is also "a tribute to a generation of Doukhobor women who lived by their values of hard work, peace, love and hospitality," Lucas adds.

Lucas, from Castlegar, is a writer and illustrator and gives workshops on storytelling. She has created many childcare resource materials and has co-authored and illustrated a historical fiction on Doukhobor life entitled *Brilliant: A New Place for a Way of Life*.

The Mitten Lady exhibit at Frog Peak Cafe shows the artwork Natalie Lucas has done for a children's book she is writing and illustrating. The exhibit will be at the cafe for the month of September.

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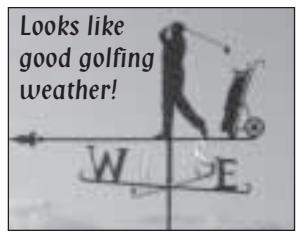

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Get Outta Town!

with Peter Roulston

Lazy days on the Slocan River

First off, just to let you know, I want to mention that Andrew Rhodes is doing his places-to-eat column strictly on a probationary period, and it if impacts his work as Burton Tunnel Liaison Officer, his efforts here will have to cease...Remember that reading my column will help get you thinner, but reading his stuff will just make you fat!!

So anyhow, with the continued hot weather and serious sunshine, most of my time has been in or around water, and using both paddle and power boats. I've been down parts of the Slocan River over the past couple of years and decided to re-visit the stretch from Winlaw to Crescent Valley, with its variety of minor rapids and fine scenery. The recent famous Poker Float takes place on the mellow section from Perry's Backroad bridge to just above the Winlaw Rapids, taking out at the regional park there.

I drove just past Winlaw to where the river is right beside the highway, with good access and decent parking. I put in below the rapids which look pretty rocky these days, then pushed off into the current. I met Randy along the shore, who is working on the streamside enhancement project with includes the new log jams, placed to improve the fish survival rates. He was fixing up some burlap screening, which should help grasses grow along some steep banks. I paddled out and around the new log jams and found them to be no deterrent to my paddling efforts, so I sure hope the fish put them to good use.

The river moves right along, at maybe a running slow sort of rate, and at times the current picks up and the rocky bottom whizzes past pretty fast. There are numerous small rapids and shallow stretches, but all went well and I only grounded out on rocks a few times. Riding the main current is faster, with lots of eddies and calm spots to pull off into if you need to stop. There are many small private beaches and landings along the way, and there are places where you feel very secluded and away from civilization.

The rapids at Passmore were fine, and after the fast chute at the Slocan Park bridge I began seeing a lot of people on tubes and inflatables cruising happily along. There's lots of good launch spots and at least a couple outfits down that way will rent you a tube and probably can shuttle you back as well. I floated/paddled past cows grazing, ospreys diving, horses loitering, nudists swimming and cyclists on the rail trail. Caught up to some rather relaxed persons in their new inflatable kayaks and chatted a bit, then pushed on, realizing hat the day was getting late.

Besides the small sections of rapids and shallows, there are a number of deadly log jams that are a real hazard, but easily avoided at low water and at least some attention. Some signs warn about these dangers, but the general idea is that the river surges under and through these log jams, but if you get sucked under, the tangle of roots and limbs will trap you and your boat and rescue would be hopeless. I hovered around a couple of these tangles of trees and watched as the river sucked deep into them and came back out who knows where?

From Slocan Park down, things become less inspiring but still very pleasant and I paddled steadily, the shoreline flowing by and odd houses and micro beaches here and there. Rows of pilings in the river channel mark where log drives once took place, and soon I went under the large concrete bridge that is the Pass Creek Road at Crescent Valley. Couple more curves then I pulled off at the beach below the Old Cop Shop, near Wildways. After a swim and beer, I locked the kayak to a tree and walked up to the highway to thumb a ride back to my truck at Winlaw.

After not long, Paul from Pass Creek gave me a ride to the Co-op, then my New Denver neighbour Niekitah gave me a lift to the truck and described her own kayak adventures. You can do these kind of trips with two people and two cars, or connect with the bus, or take your chances and hitch-hike, which can either be fun or else humiliating...

The river beckons, and will remain warm and inviting for at least a few weeks yet, so give the idea some thought There are tricky spots and there are rocks, but my boat only got three new gouges, so I figure that's fair enough. Whether you go alone or with a buddy, plan and prepare, and get to know that river in this valley a little better.

Peter Roulston owns the Bicycle Hospital near Nakusp and lives in New Denver. 265-4331. 358-2133.

Fear and loathing in a Citroen C5

One of the wonderful things about being a correspondent for *The Valley Voice* (other than the monstrous salaries we are all paid), is the opportunities for travel that open up. When the editor suggested Doc Spanner's Mototalk devote a column to automobile evaluation, it took little convincing that a trip to France to evaluate the new Citroen C5 would be in order. Unfortunately, I made the mistake of mentioning that my bar/restaurant bill would be in the order of several hundreds of dollars per day, and with the trip over to England, Hoover Craft ride from Dover to Calais as well as flights over and back, Dan was hesitant to include accommodation in five-star hotels, so it was decided that I would have to pick up this portion of the tab myself. For this reason, I decided that the C5 station wagon would be the vehicle of choice, as then the fair Penelope and myself could eat and drink like kings and then sleep the night away on a double mattress located in the back of the car – quite comfortable on the whole, as sometimes the obsequiousness of the bell hops at these high end hotels can be difficult on one's nerves.

We picked up the new C5 at Calais and after a day spent in the beautiful seaside resort of Hon Fleur in Normandy, we drank and ate our way across France to Geneva in Switzerland, then doubled back through the French Alps to Chamonix to see how the beast handled in its native environment.

The 1600cc direct injection turbo diesel showed surprising acceleration and speed on the motorways and steep grades and returned a whomping 16 km/l, which is a good thing as diesel costs 1.15 Euros/l, ($1.60/l) over here. The 4 wheel disc brakes never showed any sign of fade, even on the largest and steepest downgrades and the satellite navigation system would have been of inestimable advantage if I could have figured out how it worked. The car looks sleek, the finish on the outside is good, but they cheaped out on the interior. The seats are uncomfortable for 700-km days and the window frame is too high to rest one's arm out the window. On the plus side, the automatic climate control keeps a constant set level regardless of the outside temperature and Citroen's famous auto level ride control smoothes out the roughest bumps. It is weird though, to open the back hatch and sit in the car, as the auto level control servos then raise up the rear – only to have the car settle down as you stand up. The cruise control and most other ancillary controls are complex and quirky as expected of French engineering and the driving computer inexplicably speaks to you in English if you do something wrong such as trying to drive away with the parking brake on.

All in all, I think the best thing about the car is its engine, which is smooth, powerful and stingy on fuel – no wonder the majority of vehicles over here are small high-tech diesel engines. I noted that Chrysler's popular PT Cruiser is even equipped with diesels here in France.

My French has improved, my legs are sore from trekking in these high mountains and I hope to return to the Valley soon and carry on with my duties there – Au revoir.

Cool Eateries of the West Kootenays

with Andrew Rhodes

Get yourself to Edgewood! Yes, do it now! Take highway 6 all the way or use the Burton tunnel to shorten your drive by forty minutes. Either way you'll find the quiet and peaceful haven of Edgewood wherein sits Carol's Garden Cafe. It's on the left. I assure you, you'll thank me for the tip.

Last Friday the publisher and I took the tunnel and arrived at Carol's Garden Cafe ready for anything.

Carol Stroshein, the hard-working proprietor, isn't kidding about her restaurant being a "garden" cafe. Settled among the pines and tall fir, her restaurant has a partly covered deck with ten or so tables surrounded by an array of blooms from the garden and from hanging baskets. It's beautiful! The feel is friendly, comfortable, and homey.

Inside the restaurant are more tables and a "reading centre" with bulletin board, shelves of books and magazines, and a comfy couch. More than a restaurant, Carol's Garden Cafe seems to be the community's central meeting place.

Carol's menu has more items than I could possibly list, but a glance at the eight choices of appetizers revealed jalapeno peppers stuffed with cream cheese, deep fried and served with salsa and sour cream. Another featured appetizer is Poutine: french fries smothered in gravy and nacho cheese. The soups are all home made from organic and local produce in season. Same with the various Caesar, Taco, and Garden salads. Sandwiches include my beloved clubhouse, BLTs, and hot roasted turkey.

Now stand back and wait for the parade of more than a dozen burgers ranging from the 'cordon bleu chicken burger' to a 'fete-vegie burger,' and of course the good old beef and cheese burgers loaded with everything. Gadzooks! Speaking of cordon bleu, the dinner items include veal cordon bleu and veal schnitzel. On the dessert list are two of my all time faves: sundaes and milkshakes in vanilla, chocolate and strawberry. The sundaes come topped with caramel, hazelnut, butterscotch, blueberry, blackberry and kiwi. Anyone for Hedgehog Trifle Mousse??! Carol's

Dustin Wheeler, Tawny Smith and Carol Stroshein were working in the kitchen at Carol's Garden Cafe, August 26.

With all these choices you'd think we might have difficulty making up our minds, but no. Carol's Garden Cafe also features ethnic specialty dinners, and on Friday the special was Thai Food. A three-course dinner no less. It's true. We started with Tom Gam Yung soup, a hot and sour delight loaded with lots of prawns and meaty mushrooms. Then we ordered bottles of Singha, which is a strong good-tasting Thai beer, and then on to the second course of spring rolls served with a delicious dip slightly hotter than the soup had been. After that we sipped our beer, and suddenly the main course appeared. Pad Thai: rice and green coconut cream and curry with the tenderest chicken I've ever had, red peppers, zucchini and baby corn. The noodles had some fantastic secret sauce on them. Each of us got a big platter piled with all that good food. Perhaps it's obvious I don't know much about Thai food, but I know this much, Carol's Garden Cafe makes it in delicious and hearty portions with just enough heat to leave your lips tingling. Mine even continued tingling after I had that famous Thai dessert: cheesecake with huckleberries and huckleberry sauce. We ate like royalty, and guess what? Other nights Carol's worldwide ethnic style dinners include Mexican, Greek and Sushi. So call in advance and find out when your fave kind of food is being prepared, or just go there and love it! Carol's Garden Cafe offers a full bar with all kinds of highballs, fancy liquors, and beer.

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Andrew Rhodes is the Valley Voice food critic and spokesman for the Burton Tunnel Consortium.

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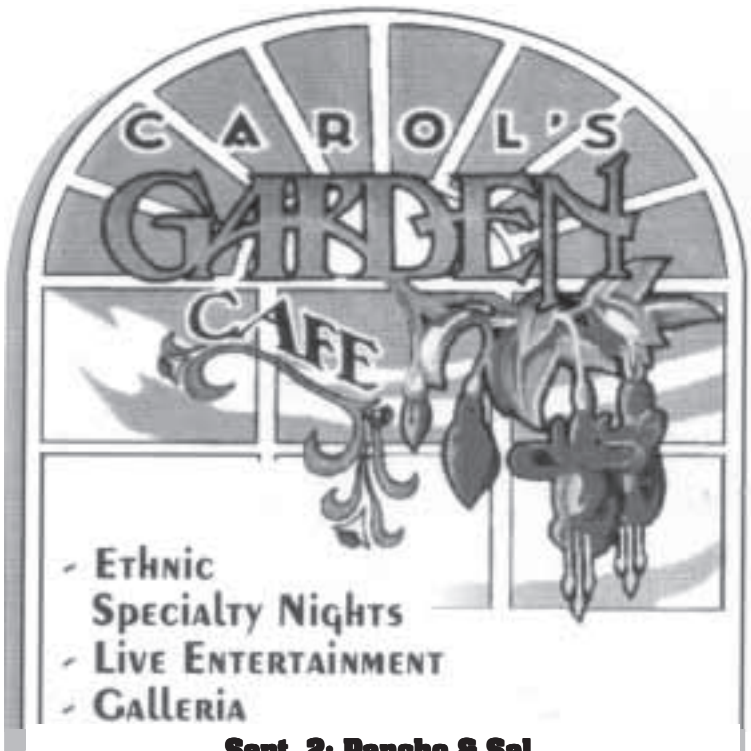

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DANIEL HELLYER, JORG BECKER AND HELEN DAVIS, organizers of the successful 6th annual BCMCA cycling races, were helped by many community volunteers. Thanks to Ulli, Richard, Mark, Tisha, Ashley, Nyree, Penny, Jeremiah, Kyle, Sally, Barry, Francie, Evelyn, Dave, Ric, Steve, John and Bergen. Special thanks to the generous support of Ann Bunka. Thanks to the Village of New Denver and local businesses for allowing the downtown Criterium event. We also appreciate the local and visiting motorists who shared the road and passed cyclists with caution and courtesy. The racers have fallen in love with our beautiful cycling area and return year after year with their families to participate in this event.

To everyone who participated in and contributed to the success of the first **Slocan Lake Dance Camp** especially Michael Wiebe, Victor and Annilie Doerksen, Ray Lyver, Patti Sebben, Kesh Smith, Ann Bunka, Barb Yeomans, Katrina Sumrall, Glen Jordon, Ursula Krieger and Carol Page. Thanks also to Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance, RDCK, Area H Director Don Munro and the local recreation commission.

COMING EVENTS

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BC Hydro to study kokanee spawning in Arrow Lakes

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BC Hydro, in co-operation with Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Ministry of Environment, will be studying the spawning activity of kokanee in the drawdown zone (the area where the water rises and falls each year) of the Arrow Lakes Reservoir. In years where the reservoir elevation is lower than normal, rivers and creeks extend farther into the drawdown zone before emptying into the reservoir. Spawning in these sections of streams has been noted, but the extent to which kokanee spawn in these areas is not fully known.

"Low streamflow is understood to be the primary reason for why kokanee, and also bull trout, can have difficulty accessing their native tributaries," said BC Hydro Environment and Social Issues manager, Gary Birch. "Some fish seek alternate streams, but we have also observed spawning activity in the drawdown zone."

BC Hydro Natural Resource specialist Karen Bray says that the lower than normal summer Arrow Lakes Reservoir elevations may expose obstructions to some streams, but these are less of a deterrent to spawning kokanee than low flows in the tributaries caused by drier than normal weather. "The low water conditions we are experiencing this year have created an opportunity to collect data on kokanee use of this extended drawdown zone," she says.

Hydro will also investigatie egg deposition and survival according to Bray. "We want to start looking at whether spawning in the drawdown zone may help offset lost spawning opportunities in Arrow tributaries that experience low, or no flow conditions."

To fully answer these questions, BC Hydro fisheries biologists expect that longer term monitoring through the Columbia River Water Use Plan (WUP) will be necessary, especially to assess kokanee use and survival over a range of streamflow conditions and reservoir elevations. Current estimates put the amount of affected kokanee at five per cent of the total spawners.

The study includes data collection, co-ordinated by the Ministry of Environment, by way of weekly flights over the reservoir tributaries during the spawning period. Spawners will also be counted from ground level in several tributaries and a habitat assessment of the drawdown zone at several streams will be undertaken.

Fieldwork would commence in mid-August and continue to the end of March 2006. A summary of field assessments will be reported to BC Hydro later in the fall to allow the findings to be incorporated into future WUP activities.

NOTES FROM THE RCMP

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE BASED ON PRESS RELEASES AND MAY HAVE BEEN EDITED.

Kaslo detachment

•Selkirk Lodge in Meadow Creek was broken into on August 20. Suspect(s) entered the main lodge and workshop and stole approximately $20,000 worth of items. Kaslo RCMP is investigating.

•A vehicle was demolished when it hit the rock wall at the Coffee Creek bluffs on Hwy 31 south of Kaslo on the evening of August 20. The driver, Gary Hill of Balfour, was not injured and was given a 24-hour driving suspension. Hill had two dogs in the vehicle; one was killed in the accident.

•Gordon Davidson of Nelson was charged with impaired driving when he lost control of his mini van while travelling eastbound on Hwy 31A. About 12 kms west of Kaslo, the vehicle plunged over the embankment and into the Kaslo River. Davidson sustained head and back injuries. Kaslo Ambulance and Fire Rescue responded and extracted the lone male from the vehicle. BC Forest Service was first on the scene and assisted with the stabilization of the vehicle and the injured male.

•Wayne Hutton of Ainsworth was charged with having a blood alcohol in exess of 80 milligrams and with possession of stolen property on August 18 near Woodbury Resort on Hwy 31 south of Kaslo. He was found with a stolen Alberta licence plate.

Nakusp detachment

•Nakusp RCMP responded to two incidents on the weekend of August 20 along the beach near McDonald Creek Park. The first involved illegal camping on private property in the Bayview area along the lake. The campers were notified and moved on soon after.

The second incident involved a vehicle doing donuts and driving erratically along the beach area in the park while families were picnicking. The RCMP attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver continued on towards McDonald Creek and did not stop. At McDonald Creek, the vehicle became stuck and RCMP were able to speak to the occupants. None would claim to be the driver, so the vehicle owner becomes liable under the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA). Charges are pending.

Driving any motorized vehicles, including ATVs, along the beach at McDonald Creek Park is in contravention of the BC Parks Act. They would also like to remind the public that driving an ATV along any roadway is subject to a charge under the MVA if the vehicle is not insured, the driver does not hold a valid driver's licence, or if the vehicle is driving erratically, among other charges.

RCMP reports that they have received many complaints about ATVs within the Village of Nakusp, particularly on the pathway next to Highway 6, Highway 23 and the bypass.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

2004 ANNUAL REPORT

Residents of the Village of Slocan are requested to take notice that, pursuant to Section 98 and 99 of the Community Charter, the Corporation of the Village of Slocan's Annual Report will be available for public inspection, as of September 6th 2005 at the Village Office, 503, Slocan Street, Slocan, B.C. V0G 2C0, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 99 of the Community Charter, Council will consider the Annual Report at the Regular Meeting on September 14th 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Corporation of the Village of Slocan Council Chambers, 503, Slocan Street, Slocan, B.C.

Council will accept submissions and respond to questions from the public at that time.

The Village of Slocan

2005 General Election

Advance Elector Registration

The **2005 General Local Election** will take place on **Saturday, November 19, 2005**. A list of registered electors has been prepared.

For those eligible electors not on the current List of Provincial Registered Electors, advance elector registrations will be accepted at the Village of Slocan Office until Tuesday, September 27, 2005. With the exception of registrations on general voting day, elector registrations will not be accepted during the period September 28 to November 18, 2005.

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- Age 18 or older; and
- A Canadian citizen; and
- A resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- A resident of the Village of Slocan for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- Not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- Age 18 or older; and
- A Canadian citizen; and
- A resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- A registered owner of real property in the Village of Slocan for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- Not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- Not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and
- If there is **more than one registered owner** of the property, **only one** of those individuals may, with the **written consent of the majority** of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

Non-resident property electors **who do not register in advance will be required to obtain a "certificate to register" prior** to the time of voting or on voting day. The certificate may be obtained at the Village of Slocan Office, Monday to Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. or during voting hours when voting proceedings are being conducted for advance voting or general voting. ALL APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE PROOF SATISFACTORY TO THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO BE REGISTERED AS A NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR, PREFERABLY A COPY OF THE TITLE FOR THE PROPERTY.

LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS:

Beginning Tuesday, October 4, 2005 until the close of general voting for the election on November 19, 2005, a copy of the list of registered electors will, upon signature, be available for public inspection, at the Village of Slocan Office in Slocan, BC during regular office hours Monday to Thursday, excluding statutory holidays. An elector may request the Chief Election Officer to omit or obscure, on the list available for public inspection, the address of the elector or any other personal information about the elector.

OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR:

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the list of registered electors may be made in accordance with the Local Government Act until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2005. An objection must be made in writing and may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the Village of Slocan and can only be made on the basis that the person whose name appears has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the Village of Slocan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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