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Pope & Talbot's road building efforts frustrated by protesters and Mother Nature

by Jan McMurray

If the protesters can't keep the logging crews out, then Mother Nature will. The day after protesters cleared the road in the Incomappleux River Valley, a rock slide came down and blocked access.

For the first eight days of September, a small group of people stopped Pope & Talbot from getting into the Boyd Creek area of the Incomappleux to do road building work. They set up what they called an information camp about 12 km up the Incomappleux River Valley road at the junction of the Boyd Creek Road and the road leading into the upper valley.

When an interim injunction was served on September 9 at about 3:30 pm, the protesters peacefully cleared the road and set up their information camp off to the side. Some P&T trucks and equipment went through that afternoon and into the next day.

Then, on September 10 around noon, a rock slide came down and did some damage to a bridge just 7.5 km up the Incomappleux River Valley Road from Beaton.

"We are not sure yet how this will affect our plans," said P&T spokesperson Cam Leitch on September 12, adding that they would probably know within a few days. "Engineers and the Forest Service are looking at it right now." The company has permits in place to extend a road almost four kilometres this fall and to clearcut log three blocks (33 ha., 21 ha., 5 ha) this winter in the Boyd Creek area.

Some of the company's equipment is trapped on the other side of the slide, as are vehicles belonging to three people at the information camp and apparently some hunters as well. People are able to scramble over the rocks and get out on foot.

Eloise Charet, one of the protesters, reported that as the road building crew was driving out after the slide, one said, "I guess those trees don't want to be logged."

The injunction will be challenged in Nelson court on September 19. Joanna Cowen is legal counsel for the two people named on the injunction and who stayed at the camp throughout the protest. These are well known area resident Eloise Charet, who calls herself a passive resister, and Henry Hutter of Winlaw.

The Incomappleux River Valley is part of P&T's Tree Farm Licence (TFL #23), and was acquired in 1992. There has been logging activity in the valley by various forestry companies since at least the 1970s.

Recently, the valley has caught the attention of environmental groups and scientists because of the rare values of the area. These include old-growth cedar and hemlock trees, some that have been estimated to be between 1000 and 2000 years old; rare plant species and lichens; and habitat for the red-listed mountain caribou, blue-listed wolverine, grizzly bear and bull trout. The valley, which is in the Interior Wetbelt or Inland Rainforest of BC, was described as "a generally rare forest type of global significance" in a brief prepared for the Arrow-Boundary Forest District by Andre Arsenault, Silviculture Systems Researcher, in 2003.

Environmental groups are calling for the upper valley to be added onto Glacier National Park, where the headwaters of the river are found.

When these rare values were brought to P&T's attention in 2003, the company had Arsenault go into the area. The company deferred its logging plans in the upper valley as a result of his findings. While P&T acknowledges the sensitivity of the upper valley, Leitch said that the Boyd Creek area was not particularly sensitive, calling it "low emphasis biodiversity."

A press release issued by the protesters says they are "questioning the reality of destroying prime habitat for the endangered mountain caribou and grizzly bear."

Leitch says that the Boyd Creek area is "outside of the caribou habitat area as far as the Ministry of Environment is concerned." Leitch said that even though it was not required, P&T hired a wildlife technician, who found that the area did not provide good caribou habitat.

However, the area has been identified as core caribou habitat on maps created by the southern Recovery Implementation Group (RIG) set up by the federal government under the Species at Risk Act.

Craig Pettitt of Valhalla Wilderness Watch explained that the federal government charged the RIGs to come up with a Recovery Action Plan for the mountain caribou, but that there is no guarantee that the plan will be implemented as is. The RIGs came up with the plan about two years ago and "it doesn't look like anything will be finalized for at least six months yet," said Pettitt. "So there is a scramble to log the old growth terrain before restrictions come in."

Leitch says that old growth is not an issue in the Boyd Creek area. "We have met and exceeded our legal requirement [to set aside old growth areas]. There is lots of old growth up there. We can't save it all," he said.

When asked what he understood to be the protesters' demands, Leitch answered, "I get mixed messages, but it is clear that they want no harvesting. They want us to leave all of the old growth. I can't live with that.

"They've got their point of view and we can appreciate that, but we don't agree with it. We think we're doing a good job. Management has changed significantly over the last few years and it will continue to do so. We are probably the most progressive company in the southern province when it comes to the caribou. Our planning is based on scientific, statistically sound research. It's a good process."

To support that point, Leitch spoke more about the decision to defer work in the upper valley. "We're negotiating with the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands on that one," he said. "Based on the higher level plan, we could be in there. There are approved blocks in there, but we are backing off while we do more research and look at our options."

Gary Diers, a silviculturalist from Argenta who wrote a report in 2003 calling for Goal 2 protection for the upper Incomappleux River Valley, pointed out in an interview that the Mountain Caribou Project report "'Staring at Extinction" states that P&T is the largest destroyer of habitat for the Central Selkirk herd and the sixth largest logger in the province in mountain caribou habitat.

"The fact is, with all of P&T's fancy caribou planning, the mountain caribou are vanishing from the Central Selkirks. Along with the mountain caribou, the very ancient forests are vanishing as well," he said.

A Valhalla Wilderness Watch press release states that mountain caribou, which live only in the Interior Wetbelt of BC except for a small herd that crosses into Idaho, are completely dependent upon old-growth forest. The release states that they have declined from 2,450 animals in 1998 to an estimated 1,670 in 2004; and of the 13 remaining sub-populations, most are declining rapidly, none are expanding, six of the 13 have fewer than 50 animals.

The release also refers to BC's Forest Practices Board 2004 report entitled "BC's Mountain Caribou: Last Chance for Conservation?" which said: "There appears little time left to act before options for mountain caribou conservation are ultimately forfeited. Current science suggests that if older forests continue to be fragmented and mountain caribou continue to be lost to predators, the final opportunity to restore mountain caribou in the province will soon be lost."

Colleen McCrory of the VWS stands beside a 1000-year old cedar in the Incommapleux Valley.

This is the rock slide that put an end to Pope & Talbot's road-buiding efforts in the Incommapleux Valley.

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Study finds heavier, healthier fish in Kootenay and Arrow Lakes

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Even if they aren't avid anglers, many local residents will know that the fertilization program in Kootenay Lake and Arrow Lakes Reservoir (ALR) has boosted the number of kokanee. As the kokanee are an 'indicator' species of the overall health of a lake, the fertilization program has improved the lakes' ecosystems.

In addition, the fish-eating fish (piscivores) that call the ALR home are benefiting from the increased food supply and anglers are reportedly reeling in larger fish. But this is not just another fish tale. A preliminary study by the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (CBFWCP) confirms that those fish which are higher in the food chain than the kokanee are heavier and in a healthier condition since the fertilization program started.

The study compared the weight of bull trout and rainbow trout, before and after fertilization, which began in 1999 in the ALR. The preliminary study, with a sample size of over 100 fish, found that bull trout over 60 cm in length were on average 20 to 30% heavier post-fertilization. Similarly, piscivorous rainbow trout were 17 to 24% heavier.

"These are positive results," says Steve Arndt, Fisheries Biologist with the CBFWCP. "They indicate that these fish, which are higher in the food chain than kokanee, are in better condition now, since we've been fertilizing the lake. That means they may mature sooner and be more productive as populations."

While the goal of the fertilization program is to improve the lake ecosystem, there are additional benefits such as improving the angling experience for residents and visitors alike, including Gord Roberts, owner of Blue Jay's Sport & Marine in Nakusp.

"Certainly prior to fertilization the fish were smaller," says Roberts. "They had large heads and long skinny bodies, looking more like eels. Now they are much healthier and heavier — like footballs in comparison! Our family has been here for four generations and I can honestly say that, in our time here, we have never seen the fishing as good as this year."

Arndt adds that in 2005 the study will be extended to include a larger sample size over a longer time frame — twelve months instead of three. Although no similar assessment is planned for Kootenay Lake, it is likely that the results would be comparable in both systems.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #10 (ARROW LAKES), EASTERN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ATTENDANCE ZONES

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Village of New Denver Municipal Office 115 Slocan Avenue New Denver, BC **OR** School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) Board Office 98 6th Avenue NW Nakusp, BC	9:00 am Tuesday, October 4, 2005 to 4:00 pm Friday, October 14, 2005 Excluding Statutory holidays and weekends

Nomination documents are available at the Village of New Denver Municipal office Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm OR School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) Board Office Monday-Friday 8:30 am - Noon and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

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- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older;
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Rhonda Bouillet, Chief Election Officer 265-3638
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Given under my hand this 2nd day of September, 2005
Rhonda Bouillet
Chief Election Officer

SCHOOL DISTRICT 10 ARROW LAKES

Percy Schmeiser Speaks to Full House at the Bosun

by Art Joyce

If people need heroes these days, one of the people they should be talking to is Percy Schmeiser. The Saskatchewan farmer and his wife Louise have made an inspiring stand against chemical corporation Monsanto for the rights of farmers. Nearly 7 years and half a million in legal fees later, Schmeiser continues to speak to concerned citizens, scientists, and farmers around the world. He spoke to a full house Sunday night in New Denver's Bosun Hall at an event sponsored by the Nelson-Creson Green Party. Schmeiser was welcomed by Sinixt First Nations spokesperson Marilyn James, and introduced by Green candidate Luke Crawford.

Monsanto filed a lawsuit against Percy Schmeiser in 1998 for alleged unlicensed use of their GE canola. Schmeiser insists he never used their seed, and suspects it may have drifted onto his cropland from a neighbouring farm. Monsanto's patented canola seed is genetically engineered (GE) to be resistant to the herbicide Round Up. Farmers using the seed must sign a contract requiring them to buy seed exclusively from the corporation each year, pay a royalty of $15 per acre, and use Monsanto herbicides and fertilizers exclusively. In the 2001 the Federal Court of Canada ruled in favour of Monsanto's right to any plant or seed that contains their patented "Roundup Ready" genes. Schmeiser filed an appeal with the Supreme Court which ruled in January 2004 to uphold the earlier court's decision, but rejected Monsanto's claim for $400,000 in damages. These verdicts ignore two issues of vital importance to farmers, Schmeiser explained.

"First, that no one has the right to own life, and second, that farmers have a right to save their own seed, as they've been doing for generations."

Schmeiser warned that because of the Supreme Court's ruling allowing for "unconfined release of GE organisms into the environment," and corporate rights to any organism affected by them, the livelihood of organic farmers everywhere in Canada is under direct threat. Once a genetically engineered organism has been released into an environment, there's no recalling it. And because the modified gene is dominant, it will survive to cross-pollinate and modify other species of plants.

Saskatchewan farmers have reaped a bitter harvest from Monsanto's seed. There are now no canola or soybean crops on Canada's prairies which are not contaminated by GE organisms. Corporate promises of higher yields and better nutrition have also proven to be unfounded. Some studies now indicate that consumption of GE foods suppresses the immune system and liver function. Japan's School of Science replicated experiments based on data Monsanto used to have its patented canola approved in Canada and found the scientific documentation had been falsified.

But the cost of acting in good conscience is high. Schmeiser spoke of the campaign of intimidation waged against his family and other Saskatchewan farmers by Monsanto, including corporate investigators spying on farm families, letters threatening legal action, and using helicopters to spray farmer's fields with Roundup. Aside from nearly bankrupting the Schmeiser family, the stress has taken its toll on their health.

Some 50 years of work developing their own varieties of canola have been ruined by the introduction of GE canola. When asked by an audience member how he manages to keep his sense of hope alive, Schmeiser cited the fact that public pressure has now prevented the introduction of GE wheat, flax, and rice on the prairies. And one more thing.

"My wife and I realized a long time ago if we let ourselves get bitter, we'd destroy ourselves from within."

Saskatchewan farmer Percy Schmeiser lectured at the Bosun Hall, Sunday night.

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Long weekend brings bad luck to Nakusp arena and hot springs

by Jan McMurray

NAKUSP—Problems at the arena and the hot springs kept Village of Nakusp Superintendent of Operations Jason Chernoff and the public works crew extremely busy over the Labour Day weekend.

On Friday evening, lightening struck the arena roof, taking out three transformers. With no power, the ice had to be removed on Sunday.

"On Friday evening, two electricians and myself worked throughout the night," recounted Chernoff. "We didn't know why the power was out. BC Hydro also came to assist and on Saturday we determined it was the transfomers."

The new transformers were scheduled to be installed on Friday, September 9, one week after the lightening strike.

The public works crew was called in on Sunday morning to remove the ice. "We tried to save the ice but we couldn't," said Chernoff. After hauling the ice away, the crew began repairing boards and cleaning the slab. Chernoff said that once the power was back, it would take a day or a day and a half to cool down the slab and then the ice making process could begin. Ice times will probably have to be cancelled for at least a week and a half.

"It will probably take one week to get the ice back. We'll try to break the record — crews will be working 24 hours a day," he said. "I'd like to thank everybody for their patience and want them to know we're doing the best we can."

Chernoff added that the system will be upgraded to include lightening arresters and fuses in between the transformers and the lines.

Then on Sunday evening, hot springs manager Gary Assel noticed a problem with water flows and called Chernoff in at 8:30 pm. Chernoff said that when he got there, the water was obviously not getting to the pools and that the two pools were down 6-8 inches. Staff went up to the source that evening to find a one-litre water bottle stuffed down the main source line.

"We took the source apart and opened it up. There was major airlock and no flow," said Chernoff. "The pressures were higher than they have ever been. There was lots of air in the lines."

The hot springs had to be closed on Labour Day Monday.

Early Monday morning, Chernoff and Assel went back up to the source. Public works was called in to do maintenance on the line, which was in bad repair. It was corroded and quite a bit of sediment had accumulated. The system was flushed three times and Chernoff said this process will be done a lot more than it has been done in the past. "There's more flow now than they've seen in a number of years," said Chernoff.

However, Chernoff reported that there is cold water coming in. He said a contractor was coming in in October to investigate the source. This will cost $7000, which has already been approved and budgeted for.

"My recommendation to the Hot Springs board is to enclose the source," said Chernoff. Councillor Dahlen assured that the Hot Springs board had requested an estimate for this job.

FortisBC won't pay for damage caused by June 13 event

by Jan McMurray

The Kootenay-Okanagan Electric Consumers Association believes that FortisBC should pay for damages incurred by its customers in the June 13 event that resulted in power outages to approximately 8,000 customers in Kaslo, Coffee Creek, Crawford Bay, Wynndel, the upper Slocan Valley, Slocan City, Ymir and Nelson. There were 184 claimants on record by July 28, with the largest number from the Kaslo area.

However, FortisBC's report on the incident to the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) states that the company will not pay for customer damage because "the event was due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control." It describes the incident as having "highly unusual circumstances."

According to the report, lightning struck a transmission line that interconnects FortisBC's Brilliant Terminal Station with BC Hydro's Kootenay Canal plant. (KCL) Because two circuit breakers at KCL were out of service for a maintenance inspection, six breakers were opened. This caused the FortisBC plants on Kootenay River along with a Kootenay Canal plant generator to be separated from the rest of the grid, causing an "islanding event."

In 1999, three "island events" caused a lot of damage to customers' equipment and FortisBC paid for it. At that time, the company installed protective equipment. "This protective equipment has worked in many situations since then and has protected customers from damaging surges of power," says the report. "This proven system was in place and functioning as it always had at the time of the June 13 disturbance."

BC Transmission Corporation, which operates the BC Hydro system and had allowed the two circuit breakers to be isolated for maintenance work, is also investigating the event. BCTC has assured Fortis that from now on, if more than one circuit breaker needs to be out of service at KCL, they will review all contingencies and will inform FortisBC in advance.

Don Scarlett, electrical contractor from Kaslo, wrote to BCUC on behalf of the Kootenay-Okanagan Electric Consumers Association, calling for the Commission to make Fortis offer to compensate all of its customers, as well as affected BC Hydro and City of Nelson customers. He also wants the Commission to order FortisBC to notify all affected consumers that they should test GFCI receptacles and circuit breakers immediately. Scarlett suggests that the company's shareholders should pay the bills for all damaged equipment, as this is "the only way there will be incentive at FortisBC to correct behaviour which endangers the public. If the company is allowed to recover its costs from the public, negligence and misconduct are likely to continue."

He points out that the power surges of 1999 and this most recent one occurred in essentially the same geographic area, and that discrimination against a group of customers is prohibited by the Utilities Commission Act. "...a subset of FortisBC customers (and the identified group of BC Hydro customers) should not be forced to endure repeated property damage and financial loss, while the utility and the rest of the utility's customers are left whole."

As for FortisBC's description of the event as "rare," Scarlett says, "Even a rare event may require payment of justified claims from injured customers, but clearly an event which has been repeated four times in six years cannot be considered rare."

Scarlett explained in a telephone interview that after the 1999 events, a relay was installed that was supposed to disconnect customers in the case of a surge. He says that according to the report, Fortis has now discovered that the relay does not work at high frequency. "But what do you expect in a surge except for high frequency? That's what a surge in an islanding event always does — so they didn't do their homework when they decided to install the relay," he said.

In conclusion, Scarlett says that such an event could cause electrical equipment to explode and burst into flame. "Only sheer luck has kept FortisBC from being the direct cause of a house fire or loss of life," he says, and warns that disaster could still happen if a GFCI receptacle or circuit breaker has lost its protective capability due to this surge or the 1999 surges.

BCUC is currently in the process of accepting any further comments or complaints regarding the June 13 surge, after which they will undergo a review and render their decision.

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Arrow Lakes Reservoir Update

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

	September 10 Forecast	Trend
Arrow Lakes Reservoir *operating range: 420 – 440.1 m / 1378 – 1444 ft*	430.5 m 1412.3 ft	↓

Projected average flows for the week of September 10 to September 17, 2005

HLK and Brilliant combined discharge . . . . . .71,700 cfs (range: 66,700 cfs to 76,700 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 428.2 m and 429.8 m (1405 and 1410 ft) by the end of September.

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FortisBC Inc.

2006 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES PLAN

Notice of Workshop and Regulatory Timetable

On August 16, 2005, FortisBC Inc. applied to the Commission for approval of its 2006 Capital Expenditures Plan.

As part of its Application, FortisBC Inc. requested that following a workshop and consultation with stakeholders, that the Application be reviewed by way of by a written process.

The Commission issued Order G-81-05 establishing that the Application for approval of the 2006 Capital Expenditures Plan be reviewed by a written public process in accordance with the regulatory timetable below.

REGISTRATION
of Intervenor and Interested Parties with the Commission
Friday, September 16, 2005
Mail: Box 250, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3
Email: Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com
Web Registration: www.bcuc.com
Facsimile: (604) 660-1102

FortisBC Inc. WORKSHOP WITH STAKEHOLDERS
Tuesday, September 20, 2005
Location: Coast Capri Hotel, 1171 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, BC
Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Commission and Intervenor Information Requests to FortisBC
Friday, September 30, 2005

FortisBC Responses to Information Requests
Thursday, October 13, 2005

Intervenor Comments filed with the Commission and FortisBC
Thursday, October 20, 2005

FortisBC Response to Intervenor Comments
Thursday, October 27, 2005

The Application can be viewed at www.fortisbc.com/about/regulation.htm

For further information please contact the Commission Secretary
Toll Free at 1-800-663-1385 or (604) 660-4700.

Voices from the Valleys

Jonesing for the CBC, waiting for telephone service

Is anyone out there as tired of the CBC and Telus lockouts as I am? In both of these "labour disruptions," as the CBC so euphemistically calls them, the biggest issue is the contracting out of services formerly done in-house. In both cases, management is trying to replace long-term, skilled employees with outside contractors. In both cases, they seem to be trying to get the work done more cheaply.

In both cases, management is doing a dismal job of providing adequete services to their customers during the lockout.

I don't listen to commercial radio. I've always felt that advertising belongs in privately held newspapers, not cluttering up our public airwaves. Besides, how many times does one have to hear the top-rated song of the day in an hour? All the buttons on my car radio are tuned to the different call numbers for CBC 1 in our area. I don't listen to CBC 2 (except for that stretch of road between Nakusp and New Denver where I can't get CBC 1) because I'm not overly fond of classical music.

But I love the news. I particularly enjoy the uniquely Canadian perspective that I get from the CBC. The only television that I watch regularly is "The National." BBC World Service doesn't cut it for me. I hate to admit it, but I'm starting to miss Peter Mansbridge.

I'm tired of re-runs and football games without play-by-play.

As bad as the situation is at the CBC, however, the Telus lockout is worse. Many of my neighbours have been unable to get their phones hooked up in weeks, our ADSL link has slowed to a crawl, and no one can get through to complain. Lives are being put at risk by this lockout, but management doesn't seem to care.

If Telus was cash-strapped, I might have some sympathy for the people in charge, but Telus is one of the most profitable companies in the province. Locking out the employees that made it that way strikes me as an odd way to encourage loyalty. Not providing prompt telephone hook-ups to customers who may have medical problems is simply unconscionable.

We've been very tolerant as these lockouts have dragged on, but enough is enough. It's time for management to get back to the bargaining table, and work something out with their employees.

Dan Nicholson, publisher

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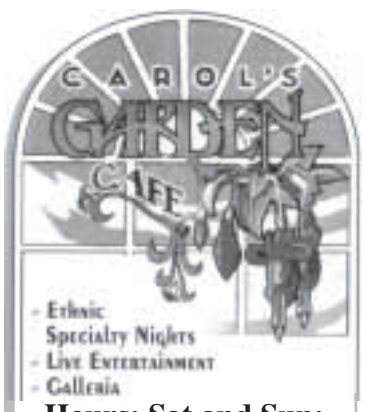

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Friday, September 9

Keep our water clean

We in the Slocan Valley have some of earth's purest water, as well as some of the largest sources of pure water. It's our most important mission to keep these waters clean and pristine.

As a mother of a young child, I feel intensely drawn to keep our valley ecologically balanced. I feel that motorized vehicles on Slocan Lake jeopardize the integrity of our pure water. We can use Kootenay Lake or Arrow Lakes for motorized vehicles. People, friends of mine, get their water from the river. Motorized vehicles definitely contribute to high levels of contamination in our waters.

I feel an urgency to keep this water and land pure and pristine for my child and all the beautiful, conscious children of this valley. And for all the coming generations of children and children of the Mother. Deer, bear, elk, moose, eagle, raven, frog and salmon. To preserve and protect for all our relations.

The time is now to use the gifts given to us to serve, heal and protect. We are children of the earth. Let's rise up together to preserve our majestic water.

This is my prayer for a harmonious, ecologically sustainable community. So be it.

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Purchase of Kaslo courthouse — let the voters decide

I have recently learned that Mayor Robert Douglas of Kaslo has, or is planning to discuss his views on Kaslo's Cable Community Channel 10 on why he feels the Village of Kaslo should not purchase the old Kaslo courthouse. Why is he doing this? After numerous discussions, the majority of Kaslo council passed a resolution on June 15/05 to submit an Offer to Purchase for $120,000, subject to a referendum to coincide with our next full municipal election this coming November. The citizens of Kaslo have paid for this building through their tax dollars many times over.

I have recently read a section of the Community Charter, Section 116 (g) titled "Responsibilities of Mayor," which reads, "to reflect the will of council and to carry out other duties on behalf of the council." It would appear that Mayor Douglas is neglecting his responsibilities as Mayor. I certainly hope that all of our current Kaslo Village councillors take the time to express their views on Kaslo Cable, regarding this very public issue. The public needs to hear from all of them, not just Mayor Douglas.

So in closing, I would like to agree with what Patrick Mackle stated in his letter in *The Valley Voice* of August 31: "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."

Jill Braley
Kaslo

Students

September is a time when households turn their attention to the school year. The kids are working to a new routine and everybody in our schools — the principal and vice-principal, teachers and the support staff — is looking forward to another year of successes.

The recent announcement that there could be a strike this year will present everyone with a challenge. Our students, for sure, as they wonder how their learning and social activities might be affected and nobody can discount the impact on parents as they try to accommodate an unexpected situation.

Whatever the outcome of the strike vote by BC's public school teachers, principals and vice-principals will continue to do their best to keep the interest of students at the forefront.

These circumstances are always difficult but principals and vice-principals know that the dispute is between the union and the employer. As principals and vice-principals we will do our best to minimize the hardship for students and their parents. I am hopeful that the union and the employer, with or without government help, can agree to settle their differences without hurting the learning opportunities for students.

We know that while emotions can run high, everyone will want to get back to normal as soon as possible. And that is one thing we know for sure: the situation will return to normal. In fact, this is one of the most important tasks for principals and vice-principals.

As we start this new school year, it is important to maintain the focus on students and their achievements. The resolution of the teacher contract will require efforts from both the union executive and the employer negotiating team to ensure that the education of our students continues uninterrupted. I am certain that all of BC's educators want as much and urge the union leadership and employer negotiating team to do just that.

Tom Hierck
President, BC Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association

Animal protection bylaw needed

"A society is judged by the way it treats its animals." (Gandhi)

Recently, I was dismayed and very concerned about the casual dispersion of eight or nine eight-week-old puppies of mixed breed at the New Denver Friday Market.

The puppies were picked up out of a plastic tub by small children and adults alike, with various abilities for handling young animals, then carried around the market. I saw a young child of about five years of age walking around holding a puppy. This child had packed the dog around for a long time...the pup wanted to go to the ground perhaps to relieve itself and the child kept it upside down and then stuck it in a chair for a moment. The pup tried to get down and the child again hauled the animal around like a rag doll. The mother of the child confided in me that her daughter was whining to get a puppy but that it was not possible according to the parent in question.

The mother of the pups wandered around anxiously for five hours - 10 am to 3 pm. The mother dog could hear the whimpers and cries of distress from her babies as well as smell the hormones released during the lengthy, stressful five hours. These dogs were not treated with human respect and the emotional blackmail implemented by bringing a lot of "cute" baby dogs was apparent by the clinging of children, grasping the warm, cuddly babies and beseeching parents to "please, I want a puppy."

Responsible dog/cat owners spay and neuter their pets. If an unwanted litter arrives, usually due to neligence or the idiotic idea that it is "good" for the female to have a litter before spaying, or "it's good for my children to watch the meaning of life," etc., the young animals must be dealt with intelligently — either by surrender and paying cash to the SPCA or other shelter society, or by advertising for sale at a decent price and vetting the prospective new owners by investigation and follow-up as to the fate of the pet.

Will the Village of New Denver please address this issue and bring into law protection for animals, be they dogs, cats, birds or other livestock, by setting an example that the aforementioned display of ignorance be stilled and deemed unacceptable in society of today?

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New Denver

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Voices from the Valleys

The price of freedom

If it's true as the saying goes that "the price of freedom is eternal vigilance," then the Canadian public has been dead asleep for years. And like fabled Rip van Winkle, when they finally wake up, they will no longer recognize their own country. In the name of 'the war on terrorism' and at the urging of the US Homeland Security administration, parliament is preparing to enact a bill this fall which will give our government unprecedented powers to spy on its own people.

Most Canadians are not even aware that we have our own version of the American Patriot Act, although ours is cleverly portioned out between Bill C17, the Public Safety Act, and Bill C36, the Anti-Terrorism Act.

These bills are not subject to the governance of our elected parliamentarians but to government ministers who may act to implement them arbitrarily and without public scrutiny. This is now being expanded to include legislation called 'Lawful Access,' which will give police the power to spy on our telephone, cell phone and internet communications with no need for a court order. The justification for this has been expanded from fighting terrorism to the so-called 'war on drugs,' combating child pornography, and other cyber crime. In the past, even the Emergencies Act enacted in times of crisis such as war or other national emergencies, has been subject to the usual provisions of law which protect Canadian Charter rights and freedoms. These have been specifically removed from this new act. It gets worse. Since police will require internet and telephone service providers to keep vast databanks of our communications records to be available at a moment's notice, this cost will be passed on to the consumer. In other words, we will be paying for the government to spy on us!

The rationale used by CSIS and other law enforcement agencies has been that new digital technologies place them at a distinct disadvantage in fighting 21st century crime. According to BC Civil Liberties Association Policy Director, Micheal Vonn, however, "The proposed changes go far beyond 'updating' in regard to new technologies. That rationale may be legitimate, but it is being exploited as an opportunity to introduce other unrelated changes in law that are unprecedented in their impact on privacy and the way the government conducts surveillance. There are fundamental rights at stake."

The argument that extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures is far too shallow here. As the BCCLA explained in its submission to government regarding this bill: "To say that civil liberties can be qualified when an open society encounters extraordinary threats to its institutions is almost a truism. No rights are absolute, and security is a fundamental condition of the exercise of all other rights. But this does not mean that simply saying 'security' allows a government carte blanche to do what it likes. Restrictions to established basic rights and freedoms are justified only if they are necessary ultimately for the sake of those very same rights and freedoms."

Should we be surprised that the Canadian government has been engineering this unwarranted intrusion into our private lives? And behind our backs, at that? Not really. In fact, it's just another example of the George W. Bush Republicans dictating policy to the Martin government as part of its Homeland Security agenda. (Which includes provisions for integrating Canadian customs, law enforcement, and military command structures under American control.)

Consider carefully what freedoms you're willing to give up in order to feel safe from terrorism. I've said it before, I'll say it again (and you can quote me): The potential for abuse of power rises exponentially with its concentration in fewer hands. That's why we need history — to remind us of this fact. And if you doubt such misuse of power, talk to Maher Arar, the Muslim Canadian who spent a year in a Syrian prison subjected to torture on the mere suspicion of being linked to terrorism.

About all we can do now is let our elected representatives know in full voice that under no circumstances must the new Lawful Access legislation be allowed to pass in the House of Commons. Because if it does, we are in the end game stage of a truly Orwellian state of constant surveillance. All we need now are banners across the parliament buildings that echo the totalitarian slogans of Orwell's novel: "War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery."

Write your MLA, MP and the BC Civil Liberties Association, which is representing Canadian citizens against the Lawful Access legislation, at www.bccla.org.

Art Joyce
Hills

Dementia/Alzheimer education offered in New Denver and Nakusp

submitted

Are you caring for someone with Alzheimer Disease or a related dementia? Come out to a series of three Saturdays in New Denver and Nakusp, hosted by the Alzheimer Society. Education and understanding of the disease are vital to assist caregivers during the stressful journey dealing with the disease.

The education series is for caregivers of people with Alzheimer Disease or related dementias such as Vascular Dementia, Pick's Disease or Lewy-Body Disease. Topics will include the difference between Dementia and Alzheimer Disease, Communication, Behaviour, Effects of Stress and Loss, Taking Care of Yourself and Community Resources. This series is for family and friends who are caring for a person with dementia at home, in a long term care facility, attending an adult day program, or living at a distance.

Sessions will be held in partnership with Selkirk College Saturdays, Sept 17, 24 and October 1 in New Denver and Nakusp, costing $35 for the series. The number of participants is limited, so please pre-register at 265-4077. For further information call the Alzheimer Society at 250-352-9552, Debbie at 358-7262, Evelyn at 265-4641 or email: lhoskin@alzheimerbc.org.

Alzheimer Coffee Break

submitted

Mark Wednesday September 21 on your calendar: Alzheimer Coffee Break! Since 1996, the Alzheimer Society of B.C. has been holding Coffee Breaks all over the province. In fact, the entire country has been raising funds through Coffee Break.

What is Coffee Break? It's an event where friends, co-workers and customers can gather to raise funds for the Alzheimer Society of BC. Guests invited to the event make a donation for every cup of coffee poured, and the money raised stays in the community to help support local programs and services through Alzheimer Society Resource Centres.

Hosting a Coffee Break is easy: gather your friends or co-workers over a cup of coffee at home or at your workplace, and ask them to make a donation to the Alzheimer Society of BC. In recent years, retail organizations have also come on board selling our Coffee Cup cut-outs, writing the donor's name on it, and posting it on the wall to show their support.

Coffee Break coincides with World Alzheimer's Day — Wednesday, September 21, 2005.

Apology and retraction

We apologize for publishing Wayne Riedl's letter in our August 31 issue without having edited it. We feel that it was not in the public interest to publish some of the statements in the letter. We encourage debate on matters of public policy, not on matters of a personal nature.

Red Mountain Road Washboard

When Red Mountain Road became impossibly rough in August, I phoned YRB. They said the crew was already on it. They had only been waiting for some rain. They also said driving habits and dry weather cause washboard on gravel roads. To reduce washboard they suggested four wheel drive is better. "It takes the grinding off the rear axel and spreads it," they said. And since then I am only using four wheel drive on the steep part of Red Mountain Road.

Larry Lavan
Red Mountain Road

Peace Day focuses on New Orleans

The Kootenay Region Branch of the United Nations Association (KRUNA) observes the International Day of Peace on September 21 each year. We mark our personal commitment to the dream of a world at peace.

Wars have their own brutal dynamic. Funds voted by Congress to repair the levees that protect New Orleans were spent on the war in Iraq. The National Guard that secures the State of Louisiana was away fighting foreign wars. Mobile kitchens, hospitals, tent cities, helicopters and all the logistics of disaster relief were deployed half the world away. New Orleans became collateral damage in a maelstrom not of nature's making. Storm damage there would have been but the disaster was made by war.

KRUNA will be raising funds this year in support of the people of New Orleans.

Join us on Wednesday September 21 at 6:00 pm at the Castlegar Heritage Museum. We shall have speakers, songs, letters to sign and a social with refreshments.

George Richards
Castlegar

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at the Regional District of Central Kootenay Office
202 Lakeside Drive
PO Box 590
Nelson, BC V1L 5R4

From 9:00 am Tuesday, October 4, 2005 to 4:00 pm Friday, October 14, 2005
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Nomination documents are available at the Regional District of Central Kootenay office during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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FURTHER INFORMATION on the foregoing may be obtained by contacting:

Randy Matheson, Chief Election Officer
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Photo contest winners announced

The Slocan District Chamber of Commerce photo contest winners can be viewed at www.slocanlake.com. Click on the "Photo Album" to check out the three winning pictures.

Best overall photograph went to Rick Tegeler's "Kootenay Fall," depicting dazzling fall colours framing a majestic mountain.

Eileen Magnusson took the best people shot, showing canoeists on Slocan Lake.

The best event shot was of an event that took place in the picturesque Kohan Garden in New Denver, photographed by Sally Lamare.

Judges were Patrizia Menton, professional photographer from Hills, Jan McMurray, co-owner of *The Valley Voice* and Lorna Obermayr, described as "New Denver's artistic raconteur" on the website.

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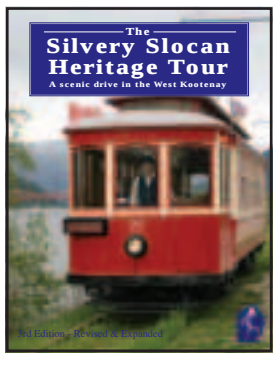

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Passmore Lodge AGM September 28

submitted

Ten years ago Passmore Lodge in the Slocan Valley was just an idea which caught the imagination of the entire community. Today it houses 10 seniors in comfortable, affordable, self-contained, one-bedroom apartments. When seniors find their homes no longer suitable or too much to care for, the lodge is the next step, providing independent living in a safe environment. Meals and care are not provided.

The Slocan Valley Seniors' Housing Society, the group that oversees Passmore Lodge, is made up of dedicated, dynamic people from the community, some having worked on the project from the time when it was only an idea, others coming on board soon after it opened. Some of these folks will be retiring at this year's AGM.

This is your opportunity to join the board of a project that we can all identify with. Who isn't growing older and perhaps one day will need a facility like Passmore Lodge for himself or a family member? This is a board that gets things done. Just drop by the lodge and we will be happy to give you a tour and show you some of the projects we have completed in the past six years.

If you would like more information about SVSHS or the lodge, please call our manager at 226-7136. Leave your name and a board member will get back to you about joining this vibrant organization.

Everyone is invited to attend our AGM which will be held in Passmore Lodge on September 28 at 7 pm. We will be pleased to answer questions, listen to suggestions, show you around. There is no obligation, but we would be pleased to welcome you to the board, or as a volunteer.

Brent Bush to represent NDP in Kootenay-Columbia again

submitted

Brent Bush, the federal NDP candidate in 2004, has been acclaimed as the candidate who will lead NDP members of Kootenay-Columbia into the next federal election. The nomination meeting was held September 10 in Invermere.

"I'm really looking forward to the federal election, even if it is held during the winter. It's going to be challenging for all the candidates," said Bush.

Bush placed a surprisingly strong second to the Conservative incumbent in 2004, handing the NDP their best showing in the riding for a decade.

"I believe the constituents of Kootenay Columbia want a Member of Parliament who not only understands the issues but who can also energetically represent them in Ottawa for the next four years. Given the enormous size of the riding, it's an extremely demanding job," said Bush.

Leading up to the federal election, Bush will be traveling throughout the riding in preparation for his campaign platform.

Three candidates seek Tory nomination

submitted

As nominations close in the race to succeed Jim Gouk as MP for British Columbia Southern Interior, three Conservative candidates have emerged: Stephen Hill, 43, of Rossland, Rob Zandee, 33, of Oliver and Derek Zeissman, 33, of Trail.

The general public will be able to hear the candidates in a debate in Castlegar at the Sandman Inn at 7 pm on Wednesday, September 14. The candidates will answer questions submitted by the audience and by a media panel. MP Jim Gouk will be the moderator. The first debate was held in Osoyoos at the Elks Hall at 7 pm on Wednesday, September 7.

Voting by Conservative Party members will be by preferential ballot. It will occur in eight communities, starting in Princeton September 17 and concluding in Castlegar September 25.

Bellydance offered this fall

Bellydancing is being offered this fall in Crescent Valley through Slocan Valley Recreation.

Instructor Shauna Robertson says bellydancing is a a fun way to exercise, explore the movements of your body, prepare for childbirth, and improve self-esteem and body confidence.

"The core of bellydance movement is the centre of the body, just below the naval, also known as the second chakra," she says. "As a woman focuses on the centre and the breath she builds core abdominal strength, revitalizes internal organs, improves body posture and balance, and frees herself in physical and emotional ways."

She says that bellydance has been practised for thousands of years for childbirth. "The rolling movements help relax the pelvis to prepare for birth as they simultaneously tone and strengthen the pelvic floor muscles for labour and post-natal recovery," she explains.

To register for the eight-week session, contact Slocan Valley Recreation at 226-0008 by September 26. For information on bellydance and pre-natal bellydance, phone Shauna at 359-6805.

Government asks Silversmith to fix pipeline

by Jan McMurray

SANDON—A washout on the road from Sandon to Cody in June, caused by a leak in the woodstave pipeline delivering water to the Silversmith Power Plant, prompted some local residents to bring the situation to the attention of Land and Water BC.

Ian Johnston of Land and Water BC reported that he had recently visited the site with two engineers and had given Silversmith Power and Light Co. instructions on what they need to do.

By September 30, the company is to have fixed a trestle that supports the pipeline across a steep gully. This trestle is currently in a state of decay. By the same deadline date, the company must also have addressed drainage issues on one of the draws. The ministry has also asked Silversmith to start documenting their inspections of the system.

Although the ministry has asked to be provided with plans for the replacement of the woodstave pipeline, Johnston said that issues about ownership of land tenure need to be resolved before a new pipeline can be installed.

Hidden Garden Gallery announces autumn events

submitted

"Three's Company," a show of work by friends Elly Scheepens, Linda Mennie and Teri Freeman, happens from Sept. 14 - 22 at the gallery. Elly and Linda will exhibit their latest ceramic art pieces and Teri will show us some recent paintings and drawings. Elly, who celebrates her 50th birthday on Thursday, September 15, has invited Muzz Gibson from Vancouver to sing and play at the opening gala from 7 - 9 that evening. Liz O'Neil and John White will make more music in the garden so bring a sweater and enjoy the autumn evening. All are welcome so come on out and celebrate with Elly and her friends.

The gallery is looking forward to presenting the paintings of Ann Mott from October 5 - 10. Ann is a prolific painter and we are eager to see her work and to celebrate our community's artistic spirit during that Thanksgiving period. What a wonderful way to end another successful summer at the Hidden Garden Gallery.

Ian Zack's show of large format digital artwork was at the Hidden Garden Gallery, August 31- September 5.

RDCK undergoes structural reorganization

The Regional District of Central Kootenay is undergoing an organizational restructure, based on recommendations made by independent consultants in the recent operations and governance review.

The organizational shift will see the amalagamation of the Building and Planning Departments into a new Development Services Department. Also, a new Community Services Department is being created. This department will oversee recreation facilities, fire departments, commissions, parks, museums and community-based grant services.

"The range of regional services has grown and changed significantly over the years," says board chair Gary Wright. "Our organizational structure needs to be reconfigured to reflect these changes in order that we can continue to provide services to the public in an efficient and cost-effective manner."

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VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

NOTICE OF DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

The public is requested to take notice that pursuant to Section 26(3) of the Community Charter, the Village of New Denver is disposing of the following property, which is not available to the public for acquisition:

(a) That portion of Lot 12, Block 13, District Lot 432, Kootenay District, Plan 9501, known as the "Apple Tree Garden", measuring approximately 15 ft. x 50 ft.
(b) The person who is to acquire the property under the proposed disposition is Mr. Robert Ochsendorf.
(c) The term of the disposition is a sale.
(d) The consideration to be received by the Village of New Denver for the disposition is $9,000.00.

Given under my hand this 8th day of September 2005
Carol Gordon, CMC
Administrator

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The following property will be offered for sale at a TAX SALE to be held in the Village Office in the Village of Slocan on Monday, September 26, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., subject to prior payment of delinquent taxes.

ROLL NO.	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	STREET ADDRESS
94000	Lots 11-12 Block 12 D.L.292, Plan 496	517 Arthur Street
107000	Lots 15-17 Block 13 D.L. 292 Plan 496	609 Arthur Street
129010	Lot 20 Block 16 D.L. 292 Plan 496	Ward Avenue
165000	Lots 19-20 Block 23 D.L. 292 Plan 496	701 Harold Street
232110	Lot 11 Block 51 D.L. 292 Plan 496	910 Arlington Road

Conditions of Sale – by cash or certified cheque only on the day and time of Tax Sale. Purchasers will also be subject to B.C. Property Purchase Tax based on fair market value. For further information, please contact the Collector, Village of Slocan. 355-2277

FLIKS brings the Traveling World Community Film Festival to Nelson's Capitol Theatre

With a theme of "Be Aware, Be Informed, Be Entertained, Be There," FLIKS brings the Traveling World Community Film Festival to the West Kootenays this year. This is BC's largest and longest running social issues film festival. It originated in Courtney, BC in the early 90s, and now it is on the road in the Kootenays.

Destined to be an annual event, the first annual FLIKS WCFF takes place Friday September 23 and Saturday September 24 at the Capitol Theatre in Nelson. In one and a half days there are nine time slots including nine features, eight shorts and a workshop by special guest filmmaker Velcrow Ripper, a former Nelsonite. Velcrow's film Scared Sacred was screened with FLIKS this past year, and it was an audience favourite. His other award-winning feature film Bones of the Forest will headline the festival on Saturday night.

Entertaining and informative, these films tackle issues like PVC plastic (Blue Vinyl); genetically modified organisms (The Genetic Matrix); threatened cultures (Wild Horses, Unconquered People and The Anti-Fat Pill & the Bushmen), forestry issues (Bones of the Forest), documenting war (War Photographer), balancing ones life under adversity (Stand Because You Can) and vibrant local food economies (Sweet Soil).

With a firm belief that documentary films have a role in making the world a better place, organiser Tamara Smith of FLIKS says, "The first step toward social change is awareness and information. We designed the festival to foster awareness of community development issues and the connection between local and global concerns. We hope to provide points of view that are not easily available through conventional media. Right or wrong, they are probably different perspectives than you'd normally be exposed to. And then armed with all points of view, you can make up your own mind about an issue and then choose your best course of action."

The best admission deal is the $30 Full Fest Pass, which lets you into everything. A row of choice seats is reserved for Full Fest Pass holders until 10 minutes before show time. Three-Film Passes are $20. Single admission is $7.50, $10 for Bones of the Forest and $5 for the Spiritual Activism workshop with Velcrow Ripper.

Sponsored by the Kootenay Co-op and supported by the Kootenay Express Newspaper, the festival also wants to fill up the Nelson Food Cupboard's larder. Filmgoers are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to the theatre and enter a draw for free FLIKS tickets and other prizes.

Tickets and passes are available at Otter Books and the Capitol Theatre in Nelson, and at other FLIKS screenings. For festival information and a full film schedule, go to www.FLIKS.ca or call 1-866-FLIKSca.

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Local dog agility teams take ribbons at national championships

submitted

Linda Murray of Simply Pawsitive Obedience and Agility and three of her students had a successful weekend in Saskatoon at the prestigious National Championships of the Agility Association of Canada.

These teams were competing against more than 470 of the best dog/handler teams from across Canada and the US. Spencer Stranks and Border Collie, Lizzie, have been competing for less than a year. Marcella MacDougall and Standard Poodle, Tanu, are also a new team. Despite being novice teams, they finished well up in the standings against many far more experienced teams. Jeanne Shaw and Andrei have been competing for several years and took 2nd place in both Jumpers events. Linda Murray, with her English Springer Spaniel, Flair, took 3rd place in the Gamblers event.

Local Telus technician Bob Varaleau sets up at the New Denver Friday Market to inform the public about the lock-out. Members of the Telecommunication Workers Union have not had a contract since December 31, 2000 and have not been working since July, when Telus tried to impose a contract that allows for contracting out, thus putting the jobs of many TWU members in jeopardy. Varaleau is asking consumers to help by cancelling extra Telus phone features, complaining to CRTC, writing a letter to the editor, paying your bill by cheque, writing to Telus, visiting www.twu-canada.ca and www.anotherwrongnumber.com.

Flair, an English Springer Spaniel handled by local trainer Linda Murray, took 3rd place in the Gamblers event at the National Championships of the Agility Association of Canada in Saskatoon earlier this month.

What's New at the Slocan Community Health Centre?

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Dr. B. Skrenes, MBBCh
Home and Community Care - Lynda Rolfe RN 358-7804
Mental Health - Randy Thiessen MSW 265-3777
Public Health - Linda Nero, PHN 358-7911
Physiotherapy 358-7911
Dietitian - Hayley Ehnes, RD 358-7911
Occupational Therapist - Scott Rookes OT 354-2313
Respiratory Therapist - Keith Houghton RT 358-7911
Hospice Coordinator - Sue Davies 358-7911
Red Cross equipment loan 358-2376

For information on these and other services, please drop in to the Centre at 401 Galena in New Denver weekdays 09:00 to 15:00, or call 358-7911.

Emergency Services 24/7 358-7911

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People with a chronic condition such as hypertension, arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, asthma, bronchitis, emphysema, fibromyalgia or others could benefit from participating in the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program.

A free workshop is being offered at the Silvery Slocan Community Hall on six Monday mornings, from 10 am - 12:30 pm from September 27 to November 1. The workshop, led by a pair of trained volunteers, will teach how to manage symptoms, how to get started with healthy eating and exercise, how to communicate effectively with your doctor and health care team, how to make daily tasks easier, and more.

The program is sponsored by the University of Victoria's Centre on Aging and the BC Ministry of Health Services.

For more information, contact Am at 1-866-902-3767 or visit www.coag.uvic.ca/cdsmp.

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Building an 8" Dobsonian telescope

submitted

Want to get a closer look at the stars around you? Care to count the moons of Saturn but can't quite see them with the naked eye? Don't have the spare change for an 8" telescope? What if you were given a chance to answer all these questions and build your very own telescope along the way?

That's right, Slocan Valley Recreation, with support from the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) is hosting this unique telescope building weekend October 1st and 2nd at the Slocan Park Hall.

The plans for the telescope were created by John Dobson, the Sidewalk Astronomer, whose life work is to make astronomy affordable and accessible to the common folk. With a piece of sono tube, a sheet of plywood, some shingles, an old LP album (disco works fine) and a handful of other odds and ends, participants will be making a telescope that costs a fraction of the price of commercial telescopes of a similiar size and is of better construction! A complete set of the building plans can be found at http://members.aol.com/sfsidewalk/cdobplans.htm (we have a much simpler needs list), so check them out if you're considering attending the class.

Bill Burnyeat will be leading the weekend. He's been an astronomer at the HR MacMillan Space for the past 20 years and is the resident astronomer at BCIT. He's been conducting these workshops for many years in the Vancouver area and is now bringing the program to the Slocan Valley. He'll take participants through every step from beginning to end in a straightforward concise manner during the two-day class. Participants can work together on a telescope or just make their own.

There is limited enrollment allowed in the program and part of the material needs includes pre-cutting a sheet of plywood to specfic dimensions.

For more details on this program contact Slocan Valley Recreation at 226-0008 or at slocanvalleyrec@netidea.com.

Many wonderful structures were created by participants in the "Willow Garden Structure" class taught at the Threads Guild in June by Ankaret Dean from Ontario. The Slocan Valley Arts Council made generous donations for class supplies.

Raven's Nest holds grand opening September 24

by Jan McMurray

Raven's Nest Gallery invites one and all to the grand opening of its new location in downtown New Denver on Saturday, September 24.

After a very successful summer in the old Hemp & Co. storefront, Raven's Nest is in the mood to celebrate with friends. On grand opening day, there will be up to 40% off selected items and Koko's art will be on display.

The store will be open all winter, and will stock a larger variety of hemp clothing and an expanded gift line.

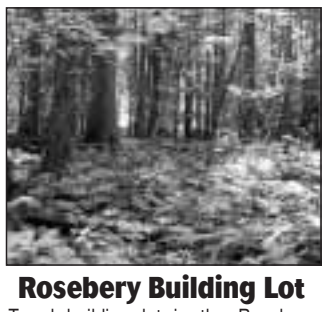
"We're bringing in hemp clothing from lots of different manufacturers and more giftware and pottery with prices that will be attractive to the local market," said co-owner Lee Hammond. "The store will be a place you can pick up a gift for a reasonable price."

Hammond says they will also at least double their stock of art supplies.

Taeko Miwa is managing the store and has an obvious talent for it. She has an excellent sense of what merchandise to bring in, and displays it beautifully.

The store carries also carries hemp cosmetics and hammocks from Brazil, and offers picture framing.

For Sale



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VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

TAX SALE

The following described properties and improvements thereon shall be offered for "Sale by Public Auction" at the Village of New Denver Municipal Office on Monday, September 26, 2005 at 10:00 am unless Delinquent Taxes are sooner paid:

Parcel A, Block 60, Plan 557, District Lot 549, Kootenay Land District - 703 10th Avenue

New Denver, Silverton, Rosebery and Sandon
(Enterprise Creek to Bonanza Creek including the rural area)
SCHOOL DISTRICT #10 (ARROW LAKES), EASTERN ATTENDANCE ZONE

2005 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public Notice is given to the electors of the School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) Eastern Attendance Zone that nominations for the offices of:

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for a 3-year term December 2005, to December 2008, will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

Village of New Denver Municipal Office 115 Slocan Avenue New Denver, BC **OR** School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) Board Office 98 6th Avenue NW Nakusp, BC	9:00 am Tuesday, October 4, 2005 to 4:00 pm Friday, October 14, 2005 Excluding Statutory holidays and weekends

Nomination documents are available at the Village of New Denver Municipal office Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm OR School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) Board Office Monday-Friday 8:30 am - Noon and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
- not disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to, or holding office

FURTHER INFORMATION on the foregoing may be obtained by contacting:

Rhonda Bouillet, Chief Election Officer 265-3638
Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Election Officer 358-2316

Given under my hand this 2nd day of September, 2005
Rhonda Bouillet
Chief Election Officer

SCHOOL DISTRICT 10 ARROW LAKES

Raven's Nest

Grand Opening

September 24 9:30—5:00

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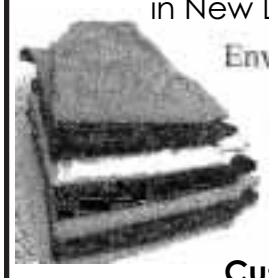

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VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

2005 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS

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PUBLIC NOTICE is given to the electors of the Village of New Denver that nominations for the offices of:

Mayor - one
Councillors - four

for a 3-year term, December 2005 to December 2008, will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

Village of New Denver Municipal Office 115 Slocan Avenue New Denver, BC	Nomination Period is from 8:00 am, Tuesday, October 4, 2005 to 4 pm October 14, 2005 Excluding statutory holidays and weekends

Nomination documents are available at the Village of New Denver Municipal Office, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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FURTHER INFORMATION on the foregoing may be obtained by contacting:

Carol Gordon,Chief Elections Officer - 358-2316
Carol Weiss, Deputy Chief Elections Officer - 358-2316

Given under my hand 6th day of September, 2005.
Carol Gordon
Chief Elections Officer

Hills Garlic Festival draws thousands of visitors to New Denver

Bree Faulks, of Hills, entertains at the Festival.

The line-ups at the Borscht Booth extended for an entire city block. The wait was worth it however, as everyone left with a smile on their face.

Members of the Lucerne Graduating Class of 2006 manned the ticket booth at the Hills Garlic Festival. Attendance at the annual event continues to grow.

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Safety Around BC Hydro Facilities

Kootenay Canal and Generating Station
An important safety message for visitors

BC Hydro's many generating facilities in the region offer educational opportunities and the chance to enjoy the outdoors. However, it's important to remember that all hydroelectric facilities can be dangerous to the unwary or the adventurous. BC Hydro is committed to operating our facilities safely and in a manner that respects the environment. We want you to remain safe during your visit and ask that you observe certain safety precautions.

Our Kootenay Canal facility offers a unique opportunity for the public to walk, or jog, the 5 km service road that runs beside the canal. From the headworks gates beside Corra Linn Dam to the forebay above the Generating Station, the route offers scenic vistas and a chance to see indigenous birds and wildlife all year round.

Visitors should stay well clear of all BC Hydro structures and electrical equipment. Areas of water immediately upstream and downstream of generating stations are particularly hazardous. Some hazards, such as swift, turbulent water flows, are readily apparent, while others, like the slippery, sloping concrete walls of the canal, are not. Hazards such as water flows may change quickly and without warning.

Always obey posted warning signs and please respect fenced and gated areas. Stay on designated trails and within marked observation areas, and be sure to supervise children and pets closely. Unauthorized use of ATVs, motorcycles and other motorized vehicles is not permitted on the canal road.

For further information about our operations, please visit our website at **www.bchydro.com**.

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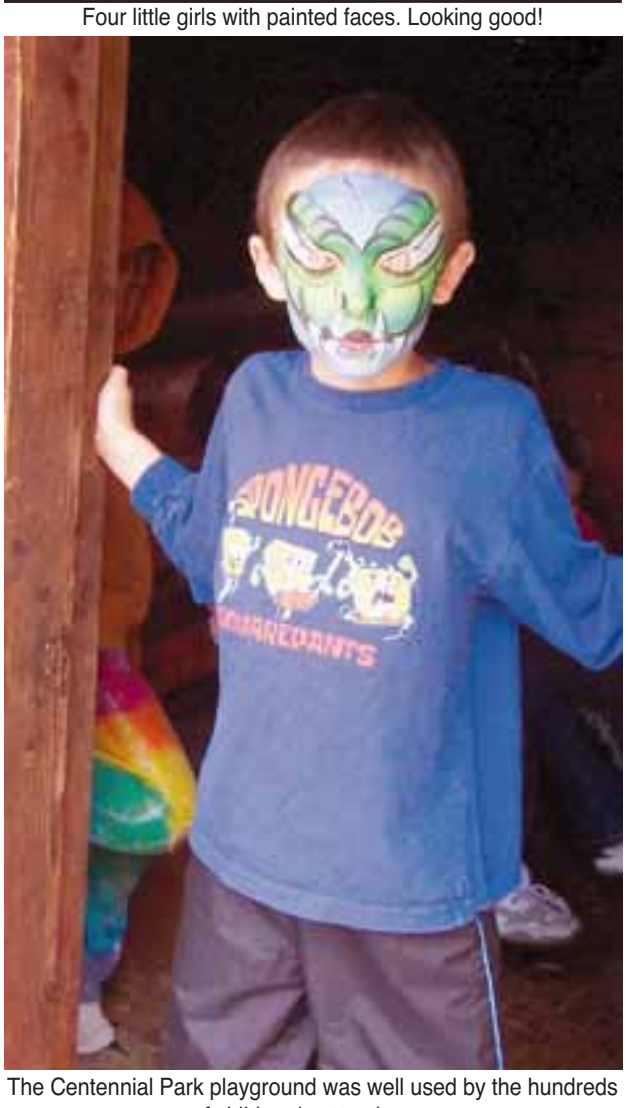
Dianne Carver demonstrates the arts of spinning and weaving at her booth at the Hills Garlic Festival. Dianne was one of many traditional craftsmen at the Festival.

Hills Garlic Festival draws thousands to New Denver, Sept. 11

The Valhalla Wilderness Society was one of many non-profit organizations to have a booth at the Hills Garlic Festival.

Four little girls with painted faces. Looking good!



The Centennial Park playground was well used by the hundreds of children in attendance.

Gary Badke, of Windflower Flutes in Procter, made the journey to the Hills Garlic Festival.

The Hills Recreation Society hosted the largest Garlic Festival in the history of the event last Sunday, September 11.

Central Kootenay Regional District

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

ADVANCE ELECTOR REGISTRATION

2005 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS / OTHER VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2005 FOR PURPOSE OF ELECTING DIRECTORS FOR ELECTORAL AREAS A – K, INCLUSIVE, OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY.

IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS AND/OR AT OTHER VOTING OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAY BE SCHEDULED, MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE REGIONAL DISTRICT'S VOTERS LIST.

To make sure your name is on the list, please be in contact with the following:

Regional District of Central Kootenay Office
202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson, B.C.
Phone: (250) 352-6665
Toll Free: 1-800-268-7325

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
Monday to Friday (excluding holidays)
Ask for Randy or Lana.

ADVANCE ELECTOR REGISTRATIONS will only be accepted until close of business on **Tuesday, September 27, 2005**. For those electors not on the voters list who register to vote on voting day, two pieces of identification will be required (at least one with a signature) to prove both residency and identity of the elector.

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- age 18 or older; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately preceding the day of registration; and
- a resident of the Electoral Area of the Regional District of Central Kootenay for which the vote is taking place for at least 30 days immediately preceding 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 preceding the day of registration; and
- a registered owner of real property either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust; in the Electoral Area of the Regional District of Central Kootenay for which the vote is taking place for at least 30 days immediately preceding 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.**

LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

Beginning October 4, 2005 until the close of general voting on November 19, 2005, a copy of the list of registered electors will, upon signature, be available for public inspection, at the Regional District of Central Kootenay office, 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson. B.C. during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.
NOTE: *An elector may request that personal information respecting the elector be omitted from or obscured on the list for protection of privacy.*

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 pm on October 14, 2005. An objection must be in writing and may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the Regional District of Central Kootenay 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 for the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on these matters, contact the following persons:

Randy Matheson, Chief Election Officer
Lana Donaldson, Deputy Chief Election Officer
Phone (250) 352-6665 or 1-800-268-7325

R. Matheson, Chief Election Officer

Friends of Old Arrow Park get ready for 10th reunion in 2006

by Penelope Dewar

In 1996, for the first social get-together of the Friends of Old Arrow Park (FOAP), Herb Hampton came all the way from the Queen Charlotte Islands to attend. That year more than 225 people met for a weekend reunion at the site of the former Arrow Park ranger station, overlooking the Columbia River Narrows. Like Herb, most attendees cherished a former association with Arrow Park and the 10-mile stretch of west-side shore that was once home to 100 families. It had been almost 30 years since the Keenleyside Dam brought an end to community life along that stretch of the river.

This year the annual event once again attracted former residents from afar. During the nine years since the first reunion several Friends, including Herb Hampton, have sadly passed away, but Herb's sister was among the more than 40 who reminisced and visited at the now remote west-side spot.

Marianne Routley came from Vancouver Island. "I have a real sense of belonging here," she says, describing why the weekend event is worth the long drive.

"This will always be home," adds Tom Morton, another former resident who, with his wife Michele, also travelled from their island home to catch up with old friends, make new friends, and participate in the Saturday potluck supper and musical evening.

Tom and Michele Morton instigated that first reunion in '96. "We wanted it to happen before we lost too many past residents," Tom says. Michele did much of the organizing, as well as locating and contacting far flung former residents. She also helped establish the society, and she initiated the lease of several acres of crown land above the old Arrow Park town site. In following years the work was taken over by others, notably Ernie and Ollie Roberts, Jack and Marlene Allard, and Stan and Pat Cameron, who created an impressive monument to the past. On the site of the old ranger station they poured a new floor and constructed a sturdy roof from timbers milled by former west-side resident, the late Bill Brown. In addition, several times each year, they and other volunteers take the Arrow Park ferry and drive almost 20 km of gravel roads to mow grass and prune trees, including fruit trees planted more than 40 years ago.

Plans are already underway for next year's reunion. It will be the 10th anniversary of Friends, as well as the 40th anniversary of Arrow Park's last school year. For 20 years, after BC amalgamated schools in 1947, most Narrows communities sent their children to school on the west side in Arrow Park.

"A lot of memories are wrapped up in that short span of time," says former FOAP president Pat Cameron, who is overseeing preparations for the 2006 event. "The word is getting out," Pat reports about progress so far, adding that they won't be sending invitations "in case someone is forgotten and feelings are hurt." Pat has been busy, already contacting known past Arrow Park residents and students, asking them to help spread the word. One former student, who now lives in Elkford, has placed blanket ads in newspapers across the province. Merle Dyck (nee Collier) hopes to attract the attention of others who might wish to attend before they make plans for next year's summer.

For the 2006 reunion some members of FOAP anticipate at least as many attendees as in '96; some think more, maybe 300. "It's a nice place for visitors," says current FOAP president Marlene Allard about the well-tended site. This year a memorial plaque was installed as were several benches, family testimonials set where views invite thoughtful contemplation. "Everyone is welcome," Marlene adds. "They don't have to be old friends, just people who want to be friends."

If you are interested in attending a sociable musical party and feast in a beautiful spot, mark the weekend of August 11-13, 2006 on your calendar and contact Ollie Roberts (265-4459) about becoming a member of the Friends of Old Arrow Park.

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VILLAGE OF NAKUSP

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE NOVEMBER 19, 2005 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE VILLAGE OF NAKUSP?

If you are not sure, you can find out by calling or visiting the Village of Nakusp, 91 1st Street NW., telephone 265-3689, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding holidays).

Advance elector registrations will be accepted at the Village of Nakusp office until September 27, 2005. With the exception of registrations on voting days, elector registrations will not be accepted during the period of 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 Nakusp 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 Nakusp 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.**

IF YOU QUALIFY AS A NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR AND DO NOT REGISTER IN ADVANCE, YOU MUST APPLY FOR A "CERTIFICATE TO REGISTER", UP TO AND INCLUDING VOTING DAY. YOU MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AT TIME OF APPLICATION:
- proof satisfactory to the official that the person applying will be entitled to register in relation to that real property at the time the person votes, and
- if applicable, the written consent from the other registered owners of the real property required, and
- a copy of the registered certificate of title, AND
- **TWO PIECES OF IDENTIFICATION (at least one with a signature) ARE NOW REQUIRED FROM ELECTORS REGISTERING ON VOTING DAY TO PROVE BOTH RESIDENCY AND IDENTITY OF THE ELECTOR.**

LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

Beginning October 4, 2005, until the close of general voting for the General Election on November 19, 2005, a copy of the list of registered electors will, upon signature, be available for public inspection, at the Village Office in Nakusp, 91 1st Street NW, during regular office house, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

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 pm on October 14, 2005. An objection must be in writing and may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the Village of Nakusp 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 Nakusp.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on these matters, the following person may be contacted:

Richard Mahoney, Chief Election Officer, 265-3689

VILLAGE OF NAKUSP

2005 GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

PUBLIC NOTICE is given to the electors of the Village of Nakusp that nominations for the offices of:

1 Mayor
4 Councillors

for a 3 year term, December 2005 to December 2008, will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

Village Office – 91 1st Street NW from 9 am 04 October, 2005 to 4 pm 14 October, 2005
Excluding statutory holidays and weekends

Nomination documents are available at the Village Office during regular office hours.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen,
- 18 years of age or older
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed, and
- not disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to, or holding office.

FURTHER INFORMATION on the foregoing may be obtained by contacting:

Richard Mahoney
Chief Election Officer
265-3689

Nakusp council, September 8: People will decide on name change in referendum

by Jan McMurray

•There will be a referendum on changing the name of the Village from Village of Nakusp to Village of Nakusp Hot Springs in conjunction with the municipal election in November. The wording of the referendum question will be worked out at the next council meeting.

CAO Richard Mahoney reported that the costs of changing the name would amount to approximately $1500 and would involve changing the official seal, official stationery, add-ons to Village signs and official advertising.

Mayor Cowan added that once the Province accepts a name change, the Ministry of Transportation is responsible for changing the name on road signs and maps.

Council discussed the need for the public to receive accurate information on the name change, describing it is a "rooted issue" for many residents and acknowledging that many are also concerned about the financial implications of the change. Mahoney commented that it would become an election issue, so people would become informed during the campaigning.

•A letter will be sent to Jim Mattison, Comptroller of Water Rights, asking that the Nakusp boat launch be included in the recommended investments in the Columbia River Water Use Plan (WUP). The letter informs Mattison that the Village of Nakusp supports the motion recently passed by the RDCK asking the Water Comptroller and BC Hydro to re-evaluate the decision that the Nakusp boat ramp is not an eligible project within the WUP.

•To address the ongoing problems with the water levels in the reservoir, council directed Mahoney to write a letter to BC Hydro. The letter will ask that the level not fall below 1430' for the tourist season, from spring to mid September. After some discussion, council determined that at 1430', which is about 10' below full pond, there would be beaches all along the lake. The letter will also outline problems with erosion, spawning and the rotting of the wharf that are associated with the varying water levels.

•Council received a letter from Melody Smith of the Nakusp Mixed Slo-Pitch Society asking for council's support in the society's request that the date of the Music Fest be changed. Smith says that the Music Fest's use of the ball field just a couple of weeks before the annual slo-pitch tournament makes it impossible to ensure that the fields will be playable for the tournament.

Superintendent Chernoff reported that a turf specialist from Vancouver had come and had drawn up a detailed maintenance program for the field. "We can have both events if we follow the plan," said Chernoff. Following the plan would involve new equipment, topsoil, seed and fertilizer. Council directed staff to determine the costs associated with the maintenance program, to be brought forward to another meeting.

•Councillor Curran reported on a meeting held August 11 with members of council and MLA Corky Evans to discuss what issues Evans could bring up in the legislature. The list of issues includes Needles Bridge, Nakusp's community forest proposal, Halcyon Home and airport expansion.

•Councillor Dahlen reported that at the West Waste Management committee meeting on September 6, the paving of the recycling area in Nakusp was discussed. The quote has not yet come in from the paving company, but "they hope to do it for us," said Dahlen. She said that many communities were experiencing problems with their recycling areas and that the contractor was asked to attend the next West Waste meeting to discuss solutions with the committee.

•Councillor Hamling reported that the community forest group was concerned because "with the $100,000 clawback, Pope & Talbot is downsizing a lot and we're seeing the effects."

She also reported that the hospital site administrator and doctors were pushing for more renovations to the facility so that more residents from Halcyon Home could move up to the hospital. "It's not healthy to be waiting for people to pass away before we can move ahead at Halcyon," she said.

•Staff presented information on providing better access to the Nakusp Sports Complex for disabled users. Options looked at in the staff report were installing a lift to transport patrons from the mezzanine to the ice surface (approximately $25,840) and fixing up the area at the back of the building and build ramps (about $2500). The ramps option would involve quite a bit of ongoing maintenance. Council asked that staff keep this project in mind when looking at grants. The issue will be put forward to budget discussions.

•The Village will donate its old computers to the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, with a request for them to contact Warren Sheele of the Berkeley Open Infrastructure for Network Computing (BOINIC) to come up with a sharing arrangement for the equipment. Sheele had asked the Village to donate its old computers to BOINIC in January of this year.

•To get ready for a public meeting regarding the Nakusp Hot Springs charette process, staff will arrange a time for the co-ordinators of the project, Bob Toews and Corinne Tessier of Kootenay International Associates, to meet with council.

•Council had asked Bylaw Enforcement Officer Terry Warren and Superintendent Jason Chernoff to visit the property on 5th Ave. SW with caretakers Susan and Bruce Mackie to clarify what was expected under the Unsightly Premises bylaw. Chernoff reported that the meeting would take place the week of September 26.

•The resolution to grant the interest free loan of up to $20,000 to the golf course for a new irrigation pump was passed. The term of the loan is seven years, with a grace period of two years.

•John Perkins and Frances Swan were appointed to the Board of Variance for a three-year term and Susan Harris was re-appointed for another three-year term. Council accepted the resignation of Lloyd Mair from the Board.

•Richard Mahoney was appointed Chief Election Officer and Cindy Sokoloski was appointed Deputy Election Officer.

•Tom Wright's request for a business licence for a home based bicycle repair shop was not granted as the zoning for the property does not allow for this type of use.

•Council moved to support an amendment to an RDCK bylaw which changes the minimum lot sizes in the Agricuture zone in Area K from 8 ha (20 acres) to 2 ha (5 acres).

•A public hearing was held before the council meeting regarding Bylaw 436-49, which re-zones a property near the old police station from multiple family residential to core commercial mixed. Property owner Daniel Gagnon attended, but there was no one else from the public present. Councillor Wally Curran asked Gagnon about a timeline. He said he plans to start soon and be finished by May so that his cafe can be up and running for next summer. During the council meeting, the bylaw was given third and fourth readings.

Some of the winners of the Nakusp Open, from left to right: Gay Hanson, Paul Barker (golf course manager), Linda Henke, Logan Marchischuk. Missing: Garrett Brinker.

Nakusp Open Golf Tournament results

Results from the Nakusp Open Golf Tournament are in and the winners were:

Women's low gross - Linda Henke; low net - Gay Hanson; 2nd low gross - Debbie Robers; 2nd low net - Judy Gran; 3rd low net Debbie Curle.

Men's low gross - Logan Marchischuk; low net - Garrett Brinker; 2nd low gross - Bryce Roberts; 2nd low net - Butch Warantz; 3rd low gross - Havill Leitch; 3rd low net - Brian Roberts; 4th low gross - Brock Waldron; 4th low net - Lawrence Grenier; 5th low net - Bob White.

The longest drive for the women was made by Susan Hicks and closest to the pin was Gay Hanson. For the men, Logan Marchischuk had the longest drive and Lawrence Grenier was closest to the pin.

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TRUSTEE-ONE

for a 3-year term December 2005, to December 2008, will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) Board Office
98 6th Avenue NW
Nakusp, BC

9:00 am Tuesday, October 4, 2005 to 4:00 pm Friday, October 14, 2005
Excluding Statutory holidays and weekends

Nomination documents are available at the School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) Board Office Monday-Friday 8:30 am - Noon and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

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FURTHER INFORMATION on the foregoing may be obtained by contacting:

Rhonda Bouillet, Chief Election Officer 265-3638
Colleen Guidon, Deputy Chief Election Officer 265-3638

Given under my hand this 2nd day of September, 2005
Rhonda Bouillet
Chief Election Officer

SCHOOL DISTRICT 10 ARROW LAKES

Burton, Fauquier, Edgewood
(Arrow Park Cenotaph to Wauchope Creek including the rural area)

SCHOOL DISTRICT #10 (ARROW LAKES), SOUTHERN ATTENDANCE ZONE

2005 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public Notice is given to the electors of the School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) Southern Attendance Zone that nominations for the offices of:

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Bernice Rutski, Deputy Chief Election Officer 265-3638

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Rhonda Bouillet
Chief Election Officer

SCHOOL DISTRICT 10 ARROW LAKES

Nakusp Elementary's new principal has a familiar face

by Jan McMurray

Nakusp Elementary's new principal this year is not new to the district.

George Harding has been with School District No. 10 since 1988, when he was principal of NES and Glenbank School. When Tom Paterson became principal of NES, Harding continued as principal of Glenbank for nine years, then became principal of all three southern zone schools (Burton, Edgewood and Fauquier). This year, he is principal of NES and the two remaining southern zone schools, Burton and Edgewood. He is also District Co-ordinator of Special Education.

Harding says his main objective for NES this year is "to create a more positive school culture." He says he wants to see students taking responsibility for their own actions and would like to foster leadership skills. "I want to see the students using their energy in positive ways to make this school a really nice place to be," he said.

For the first week of school, Harding spent most of his time at NES, the biggest school of the three where he is principal. "I want to make sure everyone knows who I am and what we want to achieve," he explained. In the second week, he plans to work out his schedule for the three locations.

Head teachers at the three schools are in charge while Harding is absent. Burton's head teacher is Phil McMechan and Edgewood's is Sheila McGinnis. A head teacher will be appointed for NES by the end of the month.

There are four Special Education Assistants (SEAs) at NES, four at NSS, four at LESS and three for both southern zone schools together. Preliminary student numbers show total enrollment for the district at 662, up about 15 from projections. At NSS, there are 216; LESS - 131; NES - 267; EES - 38; BES - 10.

New superintendent at SD #8 will focus on student acheivement

by Jan McMurray

Bill Reid, new superintendent at School District No. 8, says he wants to move away from talking about the budget and towards how to improve student achievement.

"A lot of the focus has been on our financial hard times, but this year, the budget has balanced and is at the auditors right now. Everything is looking positive," he said.

In the district review last spring, the review team rated District No. 8 as approaching expectations, or between approaching and meeting expectations, on its ten points of inquiry. Reid says that when the review team comes back in three years, his goal is for the district to be meeting expectations in all ten areas of inquiry.

He says that the one-time government grant of $150,000 this year saved the district from major staffing cuts. "It really helped us to maintain our pupil-teacher ratio, especially in the rural schools," he said.

Reid has been with the district for 18 years. For the last three, he held the position of Director of Instruction in charge of teacher personnel. He has been in charge of the Distance Education School of the Kootenays, district technology and the international program.

Become a Friendly Visitor

submitted

Interior Health is recruiting volunteers for its Friendly Visitor Program.

The program is intended to relieve loneliness for isolated, homebound seniors, physically disabled adults or people with dementia and their caregivers. Some of the services offered by Friendly Visitors are going for a walk, playing cards, reading, chatting over a cup of tea or coffee, attending a cultural event.

Friendly Visitors are volunteers that have a vast range of interests, ages, experiences, and cultural backgrounds yet all share a desire to assist the elderly and their caregivers in their community to regain or retain an improved quality of life. All volunteers receive training and ongoing support.

Do you enjoy the rewards of making a difference in your community while experiencing the warm feeling of generosity and satisfaction that comes from helping an elderly adult maintain their independence? If so, call Eileen MacLeod at 1-866-304-1299 to find out how you can become involved.

Jann Arden plays in Nelson's new arena

by Jan McMurray

In celebration of the new Nelson and District Community Complex, Jann Arden will perform in the facility's brand new hockey arena on September 15.

Now that Nelson has a venue that can host a major concert, the RDCK wanted to bring in a big show. The Nelson performance is part of Arden's 30-stop tour across Canada this fall to promote her new album.

Not only is there a new arena, but also an expanded fitness centre and a re-vamped swimming pool area. There is now a spiral waterslide and a leisure pool with lazy river. The change rooms are also new, with the addition of family change rooms with private stalls. The pool is now treated with ozone, which means that the amount of chlorine is reduced.

The facility was closed for renovations for 10 months, from September 2004 to July 2005.

McMechan shares Mozambique experiences

Coming up on Saturday, September 17 at the Bonnington is a chance to learn about Mozambique from a local resident.

Bernadette McMechan will be giving a multi-media presentation about her work overseas as a volunteer teacher. For six months, she lived and worked with 95 street children and orphans in Mozambique. She is keen to share her experience with all.

Entrance is free. Donations for the children in Mozambique are gratefully accepted but not mandatory.

Upcoming bands at Little Slocan Lodge

submitted

Little Slocan Lodge has been hosting live bands and coming up is Mamaguroove on September 16 and The Masses with special guests The Digs on September 23. Shows begin at 8 pm.

Mamaguroove is a quintet from the Robson Valley that will get people up dancing with their lively "mountain eclectic funk" and energetic stage antics. Their tribal rhythms, high energy stage show, original material, unusual arrangements and colourful stage presence have won them legions of fans, a.k.a. mamaguroopies, on the BC festival circuit over the years.

The Masses experiments with everything from house, drum 'n bass and funk to reggae and rock. Their music has no formulas or rules, keeping the music energetic and unpredictable. Often in the band's live performances, the crowd becomes the show and the dance floor becomes the stage.

For more information, call 355-2900.

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Slocan Oktoberfest

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We often take the time to rejoice in the coming of spring, the beauty of summer, or the drama of winter. What of autumn?

On October 22, the Slocan Valley Royal Canadian Legion, along with the Village of Slocan, is hosting Oktoberfest. For most of the day, the north end of Harold Street in the Village of Slocan will be blocked off for the festivities. The public will be treated to live music, beer gardens, bingo, food booths, craft tables, and more.

So, if you would like to celebrate the changing of nature's colours and the bounty of harvest and would like to spend time with friends, or make new ones, before the snow and ice chase you inside, then mark your October 22 on your calendars and join in on Slocan's first Oktoberfest.

Taegan Bajer Stanley will be commodore of the 2006 Rosebery Regatta.

Slocan Valley Pig Roast

More than 120 folks braved what was probably the coldest and wettest day of the Summer to enjoy the fine foods. More than $1,500.00 was raised through the diner and raffle. The money will be used to aid Slocan Valley.

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Kootenay -Slocan Lions President John MacPherson congratulating the Bayoff Family (Denis and Deb with Children Alec and Mattie), proud winners of the raffle for the cedar picnic table

PHOTO CREDIT: TERRY LARSTONE

A soggy Dave Anderson of Legendary Meats, standing by the pig roaster

Stewart and Staples join volunteer seniors' counselling team

by Jan McMurray

KASLO—Kaslo and area now has two senior citizen counsellors. Marion Stewart and Maggie Staples have joined IH's volunteer team of counsellors that helps seniors fill out application forms and refers them to agencies that offer services they might need.

"Both Marion and Maggie bring a wealth of experience to the position both in their administration experience and community volunteerism," says Eileen MacLeod of Interior Health.

The counsellors will help with application forms for Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, Spouse's Allowance, Provincial Seniors Benefits and SAFER (Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters). They can also put seniors in touch with agencies such as BC Medical Care, Pharmacare and Veteran Affairs and can help with bus passes, housing, long term care, abuse and neglect, etc. The counsellors' services are provided free of charge.

Counsellors must sign and adhere to a Code of Ethics, similar to the criteria set down by the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors.

Seniors and their caregivers requiring assistance can contact Marion and Maggie by calling 353-2397 or 353-2689 to schedule an appointment.

Beloved Kaslo citizen missing

Sadness has fallen over the community of Kaslo since September 7, when a well loved and long-time resident was reported missing by his family.

Mr. Alvin Lake, 78 years old, was still not found by September 12. Police investigation has revealed that Mr. Lake, who was suffering from depression, took a canoe from the Kaslo beach area and paddled out into Kootenay Lake. The canoe was found directly east of Kaslo on the lake by a local citizen later in the day. Mr. Lake is presumed to have drowned.

Kaslo RCMP and the Lake family wish to thank Kaslo Search and Rescue, the Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department, the Kaslo Village office, Kaslo Cable and all the citizens who assisted in the search efforts. The Lake family would also like to thank all the people who provided moral support during this family crisis.

New RCMP Corporal in Kaslo

by Jill Braley

Corporal Paul Voisine is Kaslo's newest RCMP member.

Originally from Fredericton, New Brunswick, Voisine comes to us from Grand Forks. There, he did 18 years of service with the RCMP, including highway patrol, which made him very familiar with Kaslo. Prior to that, Voisine completed six years of general duty in Coquitlam.

Corporal Voisine believes very strongly in community policing and plans to take an active role in Kaslo's Community Consultative Group and other community meetings. He has some concerns about the motorcycle accidents occurring on the highways leading to and from Kaslo and mentioned he will be meeting with some of his colleagues and other partners to see if they can come up with a solution to reduce the number of collisions.

Voisine's hobbies include scuba diving (underwater photography), curling, hockey, and travelling. He and his wife have one daughter, 21, who is currently in her fourth year of nursing.

The Kaslo posting is a promotion for Voisine. Welcome to Kaslo's new RCMP Corporal and Mrs. Voisine.

Corporal Paul Voisine

Kaslo Arena Fundraiser

A chance to support the Kaslo arena and to win an awesome prize is coming up on September 17, when the Kaslo and District Arena Society is holding its sixth bi-annual fundraiser at the arena.

With only 250 raffle tickets to be sold and $25,000 worth of prizes to be given out, the odds are very good. Prizes include $13,000 cash, two 2005 M-5 Arctic Cats, a 30-month lease on a 2005 Jeep TJ Sport, a Dodge SX 2.0 car or a 2005 Grizzly 660 plus a Grizzly 125. There are also many other great prizes.

Previous fundraisers have been a great success and have allowed the arena to purchase an ice resurfacer, new boards, new glass, a score clock and a new roof. This year's event "Fix with Six" refers to the new look the rink will have with a much needed new lobby as well as other facility upgrades.

The night out will include a live band, midnight snack and the excitement of being there while the prizes are being drawn. Prizes will be on display during the evening.

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Ribbon Cutting at 1:00 PM.

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)

Notice of Nomination

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of School District No. 8 that nominations for the office of School Trustee:

City of Nelson/Bealby Point	(2)
Town of Creston	(1)
South Rural Zone	(2)
Village of Kaslo & North Rural Zone ñArea D	(1)
Crawford Bay, East Shore & North Shore	(1)
Salmo & Taghum ñ Area G	(1)
Slocan Valley/Bonnington	(1)

for a 3-year term (December 2005 to December 2008), will be received by the Deputy Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

The School Board Office
570 Johnstone Road, Nelson, B.C. V1L 6J2
Telephone: (250) 352-6681

From 9:00 am Tuesday, October 4, 2005 to
4:00 pm Friday, October 14, 2005
Excluding Statutory Holidays and weekends

Nomination documents are available at the School Board office during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and at the Creston Education Centre, 617 11 Avenue South, Creston (428-2217) during public office hours. 12:15 to 4:00 pm Tuesday to Friday.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE:

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:
Canadian citizen;
• 18 years of age or older;
• resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nominations papers are files; and
• not disqualified by Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to, or holder office.

FURTHER INFORMATION on the foregoing may be obtained by contacting:

Bruce Buchannon, Chief Election Officer
Rob Switzer, Deputy Chief Election Officer
Phone (250) 352-6681

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)

Advance Elector Registration

GENERAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2005.

IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS AND/OR AT OTHER VOTING OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAY BE SCHEDULED, MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE REGIONAL DISTRICT'S VOTERS LIST.

To make sure your name is on the list, please be in contact with the following:

School District 8 Office
570 Johnstone Road, Nelson, B.C
Telephone: (250) 352-6681
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding holidays)
Ask for Bruce or Rob

ADVANCE ELECTOR REGISTRATIONS will only be accepted until close of business on Tuesday, September 27, 2005. For those electors not on the voters list who register to vote on voting day, two pieces of identification will be required (at least one with a signature) to prove both residency and identity of the elector.

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS
• age 18 or older; and
• a Canadian citizen; and
• a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately preceding the day of registration; and
• a resident of the Electoral Area of the Regional District of Central Kootenay for which the vote is taking place for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration; and
• not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.
• or meet the qualifications as a non-resident property owner (only one owner per property).

LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

Beginning October 4, 2005 until the close of general voting on November 19, 2005, a copy of the list of registered electors will, upon signature, be available for public inspection, at the School District 8 Office, 570 Johnstone Road, Nelson, during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.
NOTE: An elector may request that personal information respecting the elector be omitted from or obscured on the list for protection of privacy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on these matters, contact:

Bruce Buchannon, Chief Election Officer
Rob Switzer, Deputy Chief Election Officer
Phone (250) 352-6681

A look at bio-diesel

It seems amazing that the price of fuel can go up 20% in just a few weeks. It now costs the best part of $100 to fill up the tank of my pickup. There might be some people that accept the lame excuses about the effect of hurricanes and the like being the main drivers of high fuel prices, but you can bet that it has much more to do with greed and limited supply. The real problem stems from the fact that somehow, we have become dependent on a non-renewable, non-ubiquitous energy source for our transportation needs. This has huge implications for the world, both in terms of pollution, political supremacy and the distribution of wealth.

In my own personal view, I think that the outrageous increase in the price of fuel can be seen as a blessing in disguise. For one thing, it is only through high fuel prices that the impetus for reasonable alternatives to fossil fuels will be sought. For another, we can credit the high price of crude for the recent upturn in the economy of the western provinces. Perhaps the extra money I need to shell out on my transportation is a price worth paying for these two advantages.

If you have been following this column for any length of time, you know my predisposition towards the development of non-fossil fuel for the transportation sector and I think it may be timely to take a quick look at the burgeoning bio-diesel debate.

Bio-diesel is a generic name for methyl and ethyl esters made from triglyceride molecules that is procured from vegetable oils such as canola seed, sunflowers and just about any form of vegetable matter oil, including used cooking oil. It may be used straight, (SVO) or mixed in various proportions with fossil diesel oil, to run diesel engines. In fact, the progenitor of the first diesel engine, Rudolf Diesel, demonstrated the use of his early engine on multiple types of fuel such as peanut and sunflower oil as early as 1900. Since that time, many studies have been undertaken that show the benefits of bio-diesel. The reason you may have never heard about these may have something to do with the powerful influence the $15 trillion fossil fuel infrastructure exerts.

Although studies show that SVO compares favourably with burn rate to fossil diesel, it may be that its true value lies in being used as an additive. Before we get into this debate, it may be useful to point out the real advantages bio-diesel has over its underground cousin. In the first instance, bio-diesel may be seen as carbon neutral. By this I refer to the fact that although it produces carbon pollution when it is burnt, this is at least somewhat negated by the fact that the plants that produce the oil take up much of this self-same carbon in the photosynthetic process of carbon dioxide uptake. More importantly, vegetable oil production is possible in many regions of the world that are not endowed with fossil fuel reserves.

In an effort to decrease the high output of sulfur emissions associated with conventional fossil diesel, petroleum companies have released low sulfur forms of diesel oil for use in the transportation sector. Unfortunately, these fuels have poor lubricity properties and engine life suffers as a consequence.

Studies have shown that when bio-diesel is added to these types of low sulfur fuel in a ratio of 20% bio to 80% fossil, lubricity properties increase substantially, unburned hydrocarbons decrease by 14%, CO by 9%, particulates by 8% and sulfate pollution is decreased by 20%.

It is also interesting to highlight a $25 million US Department of Energy study that examined a strain of algae that takes in carbon dioxide and produces oil suitable for bio-diesel. They found that a 1000-square-metre pond was capable of producing 7,600 litres of oil, compared to canola oil production in the same area that produces only 190 litres.

There is much promise in the alternative fuel field these days and many people, both professional and amateur, are now involved in the search for viable alternatives. These people exist right here in the Valley and it may be that we will see some positive results due to the gas pump gouging that we are all presently experiencing.

Cool Eateries of the West Kootenays

with Andrew Rhodes

Hello out there all you food lovers. Perhaps you'll notice my new designation here at the Valley Voice. No longer am I the "food critic". Now I am the FOOD EDITOR. My my. I like it because it sounds like I actually have a desk somewhere.

This week my perdurable publisher sent me down the Valley to Lemon Creek to have dinner at the Lemon Creek Lodge. How sweet it is!

After a pleasant drive south on #6 I reach Lemon Creek and turn west on Kennedy road. I've never been to the Lemon Creek Lodge before so I follow the signs 'till I get to a big one that tells me I've arrived. I turn into the spacious grounds of the Lemon Creek Lodge, park, and enter the Lobby.

Here I am met by the proprietors: BARRY and JUDY DERCO. Durring the ensuing hour or so I find these people are indeed the King and Queen of open and sincere friendliness. They obviously love what they do and they love to share their kindliness and congenial goodwill. They are happy people. Simple as that. It is a pleasure to chat with them. They have just finished feeding a large group, and I have the dining room almost to myself. The dining room and kitchen take up most of the first floor of this hand-built post and beam european-style building. It is laid out with a finished rustic theme. Real wood panneling, soft carpets, deep red tablecloths, stained glass framing on the picture windows, and subdued unobtrusive music make this place immediatly inviting. There is also a banquet room that can seat eight or more folks at a big beautiful table. The banquet room is complete with china cabinets and a feel of understated luxury. Don't get the wrong idea however. On one of the walls near the diningroom entrance is an aray of fishing gear for sale. Fishing line, weights, bug spray, waterproof matches flashlights.and the like. This little display reminds me that I'm in a "down home" establishment. As I relax and wander around this comfortable place Barry ambles amiably up and asks affably if I'd like to see a menu. He and I go to the window into the kitchen where Judy is smiling away. (I've got to say right now that both Barry and Judy have non-stop twinkly eyes). They hand me a menu and Barry cautions that it's "pretty straightforeward fare". So here we go: Appitizers include chicken wings, ribs, armadillo eggs (know what they are?) and calamari. Entres, which include salad and fresh-baked rolls include spanokopita, pasta pimavera, chicken enchilada, chicken fettuchini, seafood fettuchina, veal cutlets, ribs, steak and Alaska king crab. There is a full bar and beverage service. There are specials each day and deserts also vary daily. Barry and Judy have their own gardens where much of the produce they serve comes from.

After I cruise the menu Judy tells me that the special tonight is "apple-curry prawns"

Barry smiles and adds that this dish of Judy's has been written up in Western Living magazine. I mention that two weeks ago I reviewed some prawns and this week I might like to try their NY strip steak. The King and Queen of Benevolence and Harmony smile at my remark and then Judy says that she also makes "Prawns Pernod". I hear this and begin to whimper. She says she flames the prawns in pernod, tosses them in a rich cream sauce and serves them over fettuchini noodles. I whimper some more, nod, and whisper "yes please". Barry leads me to my table, gives me a beer and says "Caesar Salad to start?" Yes please.

I sip the beer for a minute and the Caesar salad arrives. As soon as Barry sets it down I can smell the pungent garlic aroma mixed in with the cheese and the dressing. The croutons are crisp. My mouth is watering. I'm starting to go to heaven. I finish the salad. Now, what can I say about the prawns pernod? Well, the prawns were done to perfection with a tiny piece of tail left on to hold on to while you nibble or devour them, and there seems to be an unending supply of them nestled in the creamy fettuchini which is done perfectly aldente. It took me a while to get to the last prawn, and when I did I nearly cried, I sat there listening to my stomach sing "Yes, yes, a thousand times yes" Shortly thereafter Barry smiled by and asked if I had any interest at all in fresh peach pie with ice-cream. I nodded through my tears. He came back with a big honking piece of peach pie with a large scoop of vanilla ice-cream.

All I can say is I don't want to leave. I want to stay and live here forever.

Meanwhile, The Lemon Creek Lodge is way more than a restaurant. There are ten bedrooms, five shared bathrooms, a Finnish Sauna, two self-contained cabins and a 26 site camp ground with serviced sites and hot running showers. Barry and Judy can arrange Hiking, Fishing Kayaking and mountain biking trips not to mention horseback riding and golfing plus a full range of winter activities. The Lodge is also available for Seminars, Retreats, Family Reunions and Weddings. One weekend last year Barry and Judy hosted THREE weddings. Barry quips: Yes, yes, it keeps us rather busy. Barry and Judy smile sweetly at me as I leave. The Lemon Creek Lodge has been written up with rave reviews in many magazines and vacation guides, and I can see why.

Lemon Creek Lodge. For info: Toll-free 1-877-970-8090 or e-mail: lemoncrk@telus.net.

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LEMON CREEK LODGE and RESTAURANT

Mr. Andrew Rhodes

Publisher Dan Nicholson wishes to announce the appointment of **Mr. Andrew Rhodes** as Food Editor for the *Valley Voice*.

Mr. Rhodes brings a wealth of experience to his new position. His CV includes stints as liason officer for the Burton Tunnel Consortium, and founding father of the Hills Garlic Festival.

In addition to his regular restaurant review, Mr. Rhodes will now be responsible for editting our vast line of cookbooks and making regular production night beer runs.

BC Hydro completes draft Water Use Plan

by Jan McMurray

BC Hydro was mandated in 1996 to create the Columbia River Water Use Plan (WUP). A draft WUP was recently submitted to the Comptroller of Water Rights, who will likely make a decision on the plan by December.

A consultative committee of 39 people residing from Valemount to Trail, including Area K Director Paul Peterson, past Area K Director Helmut Klughammer, Penny Dewar of Arrow Park, Clayton Brooks of Nakusp and Jim Forbes of Edgewood, came up with recommendations that BCH worked into the WUP.

The plan proposes doing work in the reservoirs to mitigate impacts of the hydroelectric dams. These works include doing inventories of archaeological sites in the reservoirs and protecting these sites; improving fisheries and aquatic resources; improving access to the reservoirs and implementing a debris management program to enhance recreation; studying wildlife and wildlife habitat; and establishing a revegetation project.

Estimated costs for the work are included in the plan. The estimated cost of the revegetation management program in the Arrow Lakes reservoir is $1.5 million over five years. For new or re-vamped boat ramps in Edgewood, Fauquier, Burton and MacDonald Creek Park, the price tag comes to about $2,246,000. The debris management project for the Kinbasket and Arrow Lakes would cost about $2,150,000 over 15 years. Archaeological site mitigation is estimated to cost almost $12 million over 10 years. To develop a self-sustaining population of white sturgeon in the Arrow Lakes is estimated at a cost of about $1 million over 10 years. Feasibility and planning studies on wildlife habitat would cost about $2,325,000 over 10 years.

Get Outta Town!

with Peter Roulston

Eastward to Glacier Creek and Monica Meadows: Part One

There's a lot of the SAVE JUMBO PASS bumper stickers around the Kootenays and I've heard so much about the outstanding scenery in that area that I decided to make a trip over that way, including a little kayak time in Duncan Lake. I recommend reading *Don't Waste your Time in the West Kootenays*, a fairly new book that helps you make the best of your precious time spent in the Kootenays. This book is a delight to read and is by far the fairest and most accurate book of the many out there, and the no-nonsense manner of the authors put hiking into some logical and appealing perspective.

Last week I loaded up the van and set off to Kaslo for breakfast, then up Kootenay Lake to the turnoff for Argenta and Johnson's Landing at Cooper Creek. The blue waters of the Duncan River were high due to massive releases happening at the dam nearby, and Duncan Lake was right full, which is nice because the water level drops an amazing 30 vertical metres in the winter, and can change in level by a metre in one day...The controlled Duncan River drains an area about the size of the entire Slocan Valley, and is joined by the Lardeau River from right below the dam's outflow channel.

Around 10 kms up the Duncan Forest Road is the Glacier Creek Regional Park, right on the large fan of the creek and on the shore of the lake. This is a superb large campground with lots of new improvements including a big shelter and it's extremely well kept. With the lake full (this week, anyhow) you can easily launch from shore, only steps from your campsite, and paddle around, with the dam visible a few kms south. With all the logging, landslides, avalanches and springtime floods up the Duncan Valley, there can be found a stupendous amount of driftwood in the lake and on the shores, and combined with the odd chunks of marble and other pretty rocks, the place is a beachcombers dreamland.

I left the lakeside late in the afternoon to begin the remaining 25-km trip up to the back end of Glacier Creek, planning to camp at the trailhead and get down to the hiking the following morning. The Duncan Forest Road is a gravel logging truck freeway that leads more than 100 kms into some incredible and remote areas of the northern Purcells. Leaving the generally level valley bottom road, the Glacier Creek Road climbs constantly but never too severely to the east up the narrow and awfully steep valley. After a bit you pass by the chasm of the creek's canyon at the 13 km sign and also you can get one last good look at the toe of the Macbeth Icefield farther ahead. Stop and look down into the canyon here, but don't slip or even sneeze, it's that close!

A couple more kms takes you past a charming homestead with horse corrals and signage that claims that these here are Kootenay Mountain horses and that they are for hire, and that they are a special savvy breed suited for these sorta parts...Much farther up the valley I encountered these unique creatures grazing along the roadside, enjoying another day on their summer range. Evidence of these clever horses is apparent for much of the way.

The road crosses Macbeth Creek around 18 kms and there is some insane trail that will take you to that fantastic waterfall you saw from way back below. The route is tough and the terrain pretty extreme, but the Forest Service has done some work on the trail. Read up further on it in that book. Soon the road crosses Glacier Creek and starts a long grade up the south side of the valley, now more in the open through some past logging. Keep a lookout for those shockingly dramatic views up some of the side valleys enroute, and simply drive slow and absorb all you can. Just the drive to the trailhead at 39 kms is plenty of stimulus.

At about 35 kms, there's a well signed junction offering either Jumbo or Monica. I bore left, did the final steep and water barred stretch to the parking lot for Monica Meadows! The waterbars are pretty typically deep and wide, but well enough packed and knocked down somewhat from many others so you can poke along through them all with no bottoming out. Several switchbacks get you up to the last of the logging and spruce/balsam forest. there is a really large and level parking lot with the most stunning view imaginable to the west. I counted 14 various icefields and glaciers around the valley ranging form the Macbeth through to the Horseshoe and many smaller unnamed ones with cascades of water tumbling down into the main valley form huge moraines of rock and gravel. Darkness fell as I set up my camp in the back of the van and I planned the hike for daybreak.

Part Two in two weeks.

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

Financial Forum

with Collin Ludwar

Jack, the beanstalk, and the business owner

Whether you are the owner of a massive international company or someone who was tired of working for the man and decided to become self employed, there are many similarities between the fairy tale "Jack and the Beanstalk" and your business.

Like Jack, all business owners at some point gave up their traditional view of making money and traded it all away for magic beans.

These entrepreneurs planted these magic beans (aka: entrepreneurial seeds), and began to try and make their businesses grow. Water worked in the fairy tale but in the real world it took blood, sweat and tears. Finally that beanstalk began to take hold and grow. When the beanstalk grew to the right size it was time to climb up above the clouds and enjoy the bounty of the giant's world.

Jack could have faced many challenges on his journey — the seeds may not have grown, he could have fallen off the beanstalk or he could have been ground to dust. In the real world however, there are ways business owners can protect their family and their business each step of the way.

Planting the Beans

In the beginning usually everything you have goes into your business. You and your partners are in debt up to your eyeballs and there is no guarantee of a paycheck — (oh the joys!)

A question I often ask these entrepreneurs is, "what happens if you or your partners become disabled or suddenly dies?" "Where does this leave your family?"

Owning your own business puts you at risk and you need to ensure you have proper protection. This means making sure you have income protection in the event of a disability and a properly structured life insurance plan. In the event of a sudden death, you could be leaving your spouse with a shell of a company, a high debt load and no income to support the survival of the business or the family.

Growing the Stalk

Congratulations, you own one of the few businesses that have been successful enough to survive the seed stage and you've continued to grow by leaps and bounds. However, with growth, there are likely more people in your company. Some of them are just employees while others are very important to the continued success of the business. Some questions you may ask yourself are: "What happens to my business if something happens to my key people? Are there more tax effective ways to compensate my employees? How can I get more benefits from the company without paying more tax?"

A business owner needs to be able to keep the business afloat if something happens to their key employee. Employee retention is also important. There's no point training someone only to have them lured away by your competition. There are solutions to these problems that could also save you money, making it a win-win for everyone.

Picking the Crop

Your business has evolved and matured and now it is time to enjoy the fruits of your labour. But, what happens if the crop is ripe for the picking but there's no strategy in place to do the harvest? How do you get the business retained earnings into your pocket? Do you know if your partners have the liquid assets to buy out your spouse if you should die? Do you have the liquid assets to buy out your partner's spouse if they should die or become disabled? If you want to pass the business on to your children, do you know what everyone's tax consequences would be?

Business owners tend to be so involved in the day to day operations that they forget to set up strategies to ensure they actually reap the rewards that they've worked so hard for.

The Jack in the Beanstalk story is not unlike the challenges faced by many business owners. Thankfully, there are many qualified business specialists that can help solve your problems to ensure that you and your business are protected against uncontrollable events. It is important that a business owner takes advantage of all the opportunities available as they climb each step up that beanstalk — without worrying about the Fe, Fi, Fo, Fums!

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NOTES FROM THE RCMP

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

Slocan Lake detachment

•Three marihuana grow operations were discovered between September 2 and 4, leading to the seizure of approximately 450 plants in total. One operation was in the Enterprise Creek area and the other two were in the Slocan area. Anyone with information on marihuana grow operations is encouraged to contact the Slocan Lake RCMP at 358-2222 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

•A lost boat was reported on July 27 when the owner went to the lake edge where he had left it to discover it gone. The boat is 14', aluminum, with blue on the sides and a red transom. Anyone with information on the boat is requested to contact Slocan Lake RCMP at 358-2222.

Kaslo detachment

•On September 4, a blue four-wheel-drive 1998 Toyotal Corolla was stolen from a Kaslo resident, taken for a joy ride around the village and then set ablaze at the Kaslo airport. The tarmack at the airport suffered some damage in the fire and had to be shut down for a period of time.

•Kaslo RCMP responded to an attempted break and enter to the provincial building on 4th Street on August 29. No entry was gained. The suspect had attempted to enter the building by forcing open one of the windows.

•Items were stolen from a vehicle that was parked at Kaslo Automotive between August 22 and 24. Stolen items include a survivial kit, a Canon camera and some coins. Kaslo RCMP is investigating.

•More than 1500 marihuana plants were seized and destroyed in a marihuana eradication that was conducted in the Kaslo area between August 31 and September 2. The Nelson detachment and the Nelson Police Service Dog asisted.

Anyone with information on the above events or any other can contact the Kaslo RCMP at 353-2225 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

In the courts

•Kenneth Janzen of Nakusp was found guilty to the production of marihuana and was sentenced on July 21 to one year in jail and a 10-year firearms prohibition. The charge of trafficking was dropped. These charges were laid in 2002.

Janzen was found guilty on one count of trafficking and was sentenced to 18 months in jail on August 30 in Nakusp court. Charges of one count of trafficking and one count of production of marihuana from the same incident, which occurred June 6, 2004, were dropped.

•Oliver Berlow of Slocan was given a conditional discharge of probation for one year to a charge of being in a dwelling house without lawful excuse. For the charge of production of marihuana, Berlow received a conditional sentence order of 12 months and a firearms prohibition order of ten years. The sentence, handed down on August 30 in Nakusp court, was for a March 14 incident when a woman woke up in the middle of the night in her home in Slocan to see Berlow looking over her. During the RCMP investigation, officers found marihuana and firearms in Berlow's home.

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Halcyon Hot Springs Resort development plans presented at open house

by Jan McMurray

NAKUSP—Halcyon Hot Springs Resort held an open house at the Nakusp Legion Hall on September 12 to present its development plans and answer questions from the public.

"We're trying to create an all-season, full service destination resort that will create more longterm employment and bring people in year-round. We are looking to bring people to the valley when they wouldn't normally come and make them stay longer," said Peter Robertson, one of the owners and president of Halcyon Hot Springs Resort Ltd

The development concept, which "is not cast in stone" according to one of the resort's managers, Sabine Burmeister, includes adding 211 accommodation units to the existing 20, for a total of 231. These would include chalets, cottages, cabins and condo-hotel units that would all be available for sale by strata title.

"We're looking at five to seven years down the road," said Burmeister as people examined an illustration showing the proposed development. "It may not happen the way it is shown here — it depends on how the market reacts," she explained.

An important feature of the resort will be the spa. A document describing the development, prepared by Stonefield Development Consultants of Calgary, says: "A health spa facility must be developed which becomes the primary marketing and development focus of the resort."

A spa offering several types of massage, bath treatments and esthetic services was opened this summer at Halcyon in a mobile building near the pools. The development plan puts the spa into an addition onto the existing reception building.

New recreational facilities in the plan include expanded walking trails, canoes and kayaks, tennis courts, cross country skiing, children's activities and an exercise facility with aerobics. Business services include places for groups, meetings and weddings. The resort would also like to provide off-site services in conjunction with other operators, such as heli-skiing, cat-skiing, heli-hiking, ATV tours, guided hikes, bicycle touring, golf, rock climbing, cook classes and food tours.

As a modest start to the project, the company will add onto the restaurant this fall.

To allow for the development, the property must be re-zoned from C-2 Tourist Commercial to a new zoning category, HHSR1 - Halcyon Hot Springs Resort 1 zone, which would allow for a full service resort, and a mix of commercial and residential. First reading was given to the land use amendment bylaw at the August 27 RDCK meeting. Second reading will probably be given at the September 24 meeting. It will then go to a public hearing.

Burmeister reported that the resort has been at 100% occupancy since June, with most customers from BC and Alberta.

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BC to hold second referendum on electoral reform

submitted

British Columbians will choose between a Single Transferable Vote system and the current first-past-the-post system in a second, more informed vote on electoral reform in November 2008, and whichever system prevails will be the one used in the next provincial election on May 12, 2009.

"Nearly 58% of those who voted in the May referendum voted in favour of STV, but the new model did not pass under the rules the legislature unanimously established," said Premier Gordon Campbell. "Suggestions have been made that the outcome might have been different if voters were aware of how the STV would apply to their riding boundaries. Showing voters what their riding would look like under the STV model may provide the critical piece of information that was missing at the time of the referendum."

Premier Campbell outlined the process that will be followed:

•The government will ask the Electoral Boundaries Commission — which has to be appointed this fall to review electoral boundaries in time for the 2009 provincial election — to also consider how ridings would be configured under an STV system.

•The commission will be given an extended deadline to deliver its report by the spring of 2008.

•A referendum question will be crafted by the government and will be debated and voted upon in the legislature.

•Equal funding will be provided to support active information campaigns for supporters and detractors of each model.

•All MLAs, including cabinet ministers, will be free to speak and vote as they wish on the issue. The premier will remain neutral.

•A binding provincewide vote will be held at the same time as the November 2008 municipal elections.

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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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