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Outdoor school proposed for Burton Elementary

by Jan McMurray

Since the April 20 School District No. 10 school board decision to consider closing Burton Elementary School (BES) and start the 60-day public consultation process, the board has heard quite a bit of opposition to the idea. It has also heard about some creative ways to keep the school open.

At the May 30 regular board meeting, there were three presentations on the subject, and a petition with 85 signatures of Burton residents opposing the closure was submitted.

The first presenter was JoAnne Alaric from the Burton School Committee, who read out a letter asking for more time.

"We think it's too early to make the decision to close the school," she read.

The letter outlined the advantages of a small school and pointed out that without the school, the community would no longer attract young families and would lose its library. In the letter, the committee asked the board to seriously look at allocating funds to keep the school open, making the school a K-7 again to attract children back, making the school a 'focus school,' i.e. outdoor education, and to consider families who don't want their children to be separated or to ride buses.

Alaric also said that the community had put together a list of all preschool aged children from Fauquier to Arrow Park and that at least 75% of the parents had hopes their children would attend BES. This list was passed on to the board.

Next up were Katrina Sumrall and Leslie Leitch, teachers in the district, who proposed an outdoor school for grades 5/6 students at two campuses — Burton and Lucerne.

Sumrall was inspired by her visit to an outdoor school in Denver, Colorado over the March break. She said they started with 25 students and now have a waiting list of 100.

The vision is to keep the K-4 class at BES and to have 22-25 grades 5/6 students in each outdoor education class. All grades 5/6 kids at Lucerne would be in the program, and all other grades 5/6 students in the district would be invited to apply for the program at BES.

"We see this as an investment in the district," said Leitch. "It is obvious that declining enrollment is a problem and this is a relevant, proactive and exciting answer to the problem."

Sumrall explained that the outdoor school would have a sound academic program that followed the curriculum, with an emphasis on the environment and the outdoors. Leitch said that Burton was the perfect location for the program, with its nearby forest and creek, and its soccer field. She said that the program would be much richer with the two locations, and with two teachers sharing the planning, resources and problem solving.

Ben Sopow was the third presenter. At the May 16 public meeting about the possible school closure, he proposed the idea of BES and Edgewood Elementary being twin schools. After hearing the outdoor school proposal, however, he was very supportive of it, and urged the board to take a stand based on what the community believes in.

"It's time to get rid of the victim attitude that we have no money. We're masters of a $6 million budget and we should make choices based on what we believe in and what the community believes in," he said.

Henning von Krogh, Arrow Lakes Teachers' Association president, said he had been in the district for 29 years and there had always been declining enrollment but never any planning for it. He suggested that a plan be developed before any school closure or reconfiguration took place. He also indicated that he would like to review the school closure policy and amend it so that there was a one-year consultation period instead of 60 days.

Lee-Anne Marshall, District Parent Advisory Council president, said the PACs would poll parents about the outdoor school idea, and try to have some information for the June 7 public meeting in Burton.

The district's school closure policy mandates a minimum of two public meetings. The first was on May 16.

A financial analysis of BES handed out at the May 16 public meeting estimates that the school would lose about $38,525 in 2006/07 and about $83,525 in 2007/08.

School District No. 10 May 30 board meeting highlights

by Jan McMurray

•The 2006/07 school calendar was adopted, with a two-week spring break.

•There will be a strike vote for teachers on June 7. The government has offered teachers an 8% salary increase over four years; the teachers had proposed 24% over three years.

•A band teacher has been hired to serve the district.

•The NSS boys golf team and girls soccer team were both off to the Provincials.

•A Memorandum of Agreement between CUPE Local 2450 and the district was ratified.

•Superintendent Walter Posnikoff explained that the government had implemented funding protection so that the district's operating grant will be reduced by no more than 1% in 2006/07. Without this, the district would be receiving $179,964 less next year because of declining enrollment. The funding protection is only guaranteed for the one year. Posnikoff suggested that the board ask the minister to continue the funding protection. Board chair Pattie Adam agreed to take this to her BC School Trustees' Association meeting in Vancouver May 31.

•Posnikoff summarized class size issues addressed in the new legislation (Bill 33). The new class size limit for grades 4-7 is 28; for grades 8-12, it is 30. However, class size can be increased if there is consultation/consent between the teacher and principal, and if the rationale for the increase is provided to the ministry.

The bill also puts a maximum of three special needs students in a class. This too can be exceeded if there is consultation, and if the rationale is provided.

•A budget circular dated May 4 proposes that the district hire a full-time school administrator (principal/vice-principal) for the upcoming year, and reduce teaching staff by 1.822.

The Lucerne grads are lookin' good! Graduation ceremonies were held Saturday, June 3 at noon, with a dinner on Friday evening and a dance Saturday night. More Lucerne grad coverage, pp. 7 and 8.

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RDCK, May 27: Non-resident ownership statistics provided

by Jan McMurray

•Ramona Mattix, Manager of Development Services, provided the board with information on non-resident property ownership in the district. The numbers of parcels owned by people from Alberta, other parts of BC, other Canadian provinces, the US and the rest of the world were given.

Mattix's observations were that Nelson has more non-resident ownership than any other municipality in the RDCK. However, the numbers of parcels owned by Albertans in Kaslo and Creston were much higher even than Nelson's. Kaslo has 330; Creston has 114; Nelson has 93. New Denver has 47 parcels owned by Albertans; Silverton has 38; Slocan has 27; Nakusp has 52.

The three areas of the RDCK in The Valley Voice coverage area — D, H and K — are the three highest in ownership by people residing in other parts of BC. Area D, outside of Kaslo, has 3,090 non-resident owners from other parts of BC; Area H, the Slocan Valley, has 4,390; Area K, outside of Nakusp, has 3,751.

These three areas also have the highest number of US and international non-resident property owners. Area D has 152 American and 27 international non-resident owners; Area H has 94 from the US and 6 from other parts of the world; Area K has 158 Americans and 9 international.

Mattix observes in her report to the board, "...the numbers indicate that Area H is experiencing the highest pressure in out-of-area purchasers ... and that urban development pressure appears highest in Nelson."

She lists two possible indirect financial implications to the numbers: the lower demand for services because of absentee owners, and an inference that tax rates are increasing.

•The board received a request from the Silver Ridge Community Club in Sandon for help in obtaining formal, legal tenure over the replica railway station property in Sandon through a free crown grant.

•Colleen McCrory, Executive Director of the Valhalla Wilderness Society, will address the board at its June 24 meeting in Silverton about the Jumbo Glacier Resort development.

•The Surveyor General and representatives from Fisheries and Oceans and the Ministry of Environment will be invited to the September Land Use, Inspection and Resources Committee to discuss riparian/accretion issues. In the meantime, the Surveyor General will be asked to place a moratorium on accretion approvals.

•To help in the RDCK's planning process for water system acquisitions, staff will write to the Ministry of Community Services, asking for clarification on the Province's position on Improvement and Irrigation Districts.

Nakusp and Mt. Sentinel girls compete in soccer provincials

by Jan McMurray

Two of our local teams made it to the girls soccer provincial championships held at Duncan Christian School June 1-2. Nakusp came in 5th and Mt. Sentinel 9th. There were 12 teams at the tournament.

Britney Currie of Nakusp and Jenny Olynyk of Mt. Sentinel won the Commissioner's Award. Team Champion Award went to Brenna Leitch of Nakusp and Brittney Shaligan of Mt. Sentinel.

Last year, the Nakusp team finished in sixth place in the provincial tournament. This year, heading into the zone playoffs, the NSS team had a 13 win - 2 loss record. Nakusp Secondary hosted the very first single A soccer championship, and the school's teams have qualifed for every boys and girls championship since the inception of the tournament.

This year was just the second in the life of the Mt. Sentinel girls soccer team. The girls were thrilled to be at the provincials.

Back row, left to right: Coach Ed Nielsen, Jessie Scanlon, Nicole Kerfoot, Lyndall Nazaroff, Andrea Soukeroff, Jenn Olynyk, Carmen Petrick, Justine Thielker, Brittany Shalagan, Elaine Fraser, Catherine Courson, Coach Kathi Knapik. Front row, L to R: Melissa Halliday, Terra Perepolkin, Kayli Manner, Katie Trace, Kathryn Mazzocchi, Camelia Wong, Tianna Wong, Elysia Lecerf, Melissa Nelson.

Back row, L to R: Kristy Homis, Casey Waldron, Crystal McKinnon. Middle row, L to R: Kristin Sokoloski, Sara Varga, Carly Thorp, Natasha Klein, Dawn Driscoll, Alli Spavor, Desirae Sinclair. Front row, L to R: Stacy Posnikoff, Britney Currie, Soidao Sivilay, Brenna Leitch, Hannah Holden, Katherine Drobot. Lying down: Chelsea Groffen.

SD# 8 makes cuts to Jewett School

by Jan McMurray

School District No. 8's budget bylaw for 2006/07 is expected to receive three readings and adoption at the June 20 meeting. Meanwhile, at the May 30 board meeting, two cost-savings measures were approved.

Jewett School in Meadow Creek, currently offering K-7, will become a K-5 school next year, saving the district about $30,900.

The board also approved next year's calendar, which will be reduced by a further five days than this year's calendar was. This should save the district about $285,000.

Spring break will be two weeks again, and the additional five days will come off the calendar around statutory holidays and at the beginning of the summer holiday. The cut days are October 6, November 10, December 22, and June 27 and 28. A few extra minutes will be added to each school day to make up the time.

RDCK, April 22: Board moves on protecting fish habitat

by Jan McMurray

•Staff will explore the possibility of an intergovernmental agreement with the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans and the Ministry of Environment. The goal would be to protect fish habitat in the RDCK by having all three government bodies use a single set of regulations for the granting of accretions and use of foreshore land within the district.

•A letter will be sent out to all agencies that apply pesticides on public land asking for management plans and spraying schedules.

•A letter supporting the reinstatement of field staff for the Office of the Fire Commissioner will be sent to the Province.

•It was decided that once the district's moratorium on acquisition of water systems is lifted, new water system acquisitions will be on a metred and full cost recovery basis. Area D Director Shadrack was opposed.

The issue of water system acquisitions was referred to the rural caucus.

•The CEO of BC Hydro will be invited to meet with the board to discuss the issue of fair taxation, and the company's request for more time to submit a plan for providing access to the Arrow Reservoir than the Water Comptroller ordered.

Area D/Kaslo

•The RDCK will hire Morrow BioScience Ltd. to provide mosquito control in the Duncan Dam-Cooper Creek area for about $60,135 and in the Pineridge area for about $10,000. Staff was asked to request proposals for the service for 2007-2011.

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Slocan valley community forest initiative examined at public meeting

by Jan McMurray

At a public meeting May 23 at the Slocan Legion Hall, it became clear that the Slocan mill has been hugely impacted by the provincial Forestry Revitalization Plan (FRP). Because Canfor gave up so much of its tenure in this area, the mill has lost 48% of its guaranteed volume of wood. The meeting's main message was the importance of making up that volume, from BCTS and the community forest.

It was the Slocan mill workers' union (United Steelworkers Local 1-405) that called the meeting, to provide information on the FRP, the re-allocation of timber, and on the Slocan Valley Community Forest initiative.

Larry Peitzsche, District Manager, Arrow Boundary Forest District, explained that under the FRP, 20% of the annual allowable cut in the province was taken from companies with tenures larger than 200,000 cubic metres. Half of this wood is being reallocated to BC Timber Sales (BCTS) to support a market pricing system, which is part of the softwood agreement with the USA. The other half is going to small tenures, including community forests, woodlots and First Nations.

In the Arrow Boundary district, a total of 350,548 cubic metres are being re-allocated, like this: BCTS -292,548; First Nations - 12,000; woodlots plus the two community forest initiatives (Nakusp and Slocan Valley) - 46,000.

Before the FRP, Canfor had 337,596 cubic metres of timber under licence in the Arrow and Kootenay Lake districts. All of this wood went directly to the mill in Slocan. After the FRP, when the company gave up all of its tenure in Kootenay Lake (65,000 cubic metres) and about half of its tenure in the Arrow (almost 100,000 cubic metres), there were 174,600 left for Springer Creek Forest Products when it bought the mill and attached tenure. So, there is 48% less wood flowing directly to the mill.

Canfor was also given a compensation package, as were companies throughout the province, for the loss of their rights to log, and for their reforestation, and road and bridge construction work. There was $250 million available province-wide for these compensation packages.

MLA Corky Evans spoke, and as is his way, put it all into plain language. "Canfor took its business in this area and cashed it in in order to protect its wood supply in the north. This village is paying for the return on investment to Canfor stockholders. Because Canfor didn't want to lose its wood in Quesnel, it gave up 100% of its tenure in the Kootenay Lake district and about half from the Arrow. Then they got paid compensation and sold the mill. It's perfectly legal and hugely immoral."

He also said he thought it was wrong that BCTS controls so much of the re-allocated wood in Arrow Boundary.

Evans said he was supportive of community forests, and would like to help this happen in the Slocan Valley "because I'm so sick of battles over our land base." However, he said he thought the community forest would lose money if only given 10,000 cubic metres.

Bob Matters, President of the local Steelworkers, emphasized that the workers are interested in getting as much volume as possible back to the mill. "We're supportive of the community forest initiative, but we have to ensure the volume gets delivered to the mill, and make it grow from 10,000 cubic metres."

Marc Septav, Slocan Village council representative in the community forest group, said the Village also wanted to get volume back to the mill. "We have to get vocal and get more from BCTS to ensure we have a viable operation in town." He said the intent of the community forest was to direct 70-80% of its volume back to the mill and to make the rest available to people who want to make specialty wood products "because that is limited right now." He said that keeping the mill viable was the intention of the community forest group.

Lisa Farr summarized the group's progress over the past two years. She said that she went to a Slocan council meeting in the spring of 2004 when she heard that the Village had sent in a letter of intent for a community forest. Four groups came together to work on the initiative: the Village, Elliot Anderson Christian Trozzo Watershed group, Red Mountain Residents' Association and the Winlaw Watershed Committee. In March 2005, the group submitted a pre-invitation proposal with more than 70 letters of support. In December 2005, the Ministry invited the group to apply for 10,000 cubic metres, to come from Springer Creek's tenure. She said there was a vague reference to an additional 10,000 cubic metres, which the group assumed would come from BCTS. The next step is to finalize the group's working area.

Peitzsche explained after the meeting that rather than him "adjudicating" the area, he had asked that the community forest group, Springer Creek and BCTS all sit down together to negotiate this.

Once the area is finalized, Farr explained, there is a community involvement process. Also, a legal organizational structure will be established. She said the group hoped to submit the final application in September, with the community forest to be operational by 2007.

Some concerns were raised about the group's organizational structure. The group favours a co-op model, with membership coming from the neighbourhoods associated with the land base being logged. Some people felt that this membership would be too limited. Both Evans and Peitzsche said that rather than a co-op, they would prefer the Village to be the legal structure.

The group's vision is that the co-op would have a board of directors, an advisory board and a planning committee. If the community forest realized profits, 50% would go to restoration, fire prevention, etc. and 50% would go to community groups from Hills to Crescent Valley.

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Edgewood Royal Canadian Legion
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Voices from the Valleys

Caution requested if crossing private property

After a recent visit from the RCMP on behalf of the RDCK, it has come to my attention that there are people in our area unwilling to talk to me and as such are unaware of my position regarding my property at Summit Lake.

First it is not my intention to block access to my property so much as to protect myself from liability.

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I have not blocked access, but only ask people to use caution, good judgement and exercise respect, if and when you may cross my property.

Tim Fox
Summit Lake

Moral certitude

Although I share many of Joel Harris's concerns about our military's mission in Afghanistan, I suffer from an affliction about which Mr Harris will never have to worry. I have an unfortunate ability to comprehend and appreciate multiple points of view on complex and controversial issues. This usually makes it difficult for me to make up my mind about such matters and my eventual position almost always ends up being some sort of compromise — a dirty word for someone like Mr Harris.

On one level, I envy him the moral certitude with which he can divide life into clear categories of good and evil, but on another level I find it disturbing. Somewhat ironically, perhaps, I also find this moral certitude to be one of the major faults of the current American president.

John Banta
Fauquier

Encourage young Kaslo entrepreneurs

This letter concerns the threatened revocation of the liquor licence for the Crooked Cafe.

May I suggest to council that the above establishment be allowed to function as-is, and that instead of uttering warnings and threats to the young entrepreneurs who run the place, plaudits and words of encouragement be directed towards them.

Those of us who have started and maintained businesses have a difficult enough time becoming established and solvent to have to put up with carping criticism as well.

The cafe is located, as it should be, in a commercially zoned area and is surrounded by other business establishments. It seems to be a well-run business which caters to the younger set and has become a rendezvous for them and a place to play their various musical instruments, dance and often sing comic songs and probably recite poetry.

All this is quite in keeping with the character of our village and should be heartily encouraged.

There are quite enough old folk blundering about the village as it is. We should do more to encourage the younger ones to stay here and brighten things up.

Long live the Crooked Cafe and all who sail in her.

A fervent supporter (and certified old-timer)

Dick Smith
Kaslo

Living with wildlife

There should be a couple of facts added to the article that appeared in the Voice last time about the bears killed at Summit.

I would like to add that this was our second bear incident in 25 years here at Flying Hands Farm.

Talking with long time residents, it seems that we have more wildlife to share our forested spaces with than 20 years ago. Methods that worked for many years here, such as using dogs to keep the bears safely in the woods, are restricted by peoples' perceptions and are now obviously not working.

Some of the ingrained concepts are: that bears are to be best dealt with with guns; dogs bark because they are bored and need attention; dogs must be strictly confined to their owner's property, even when trying to ward off bears; only specialized breeds trained by papered specialists can effectively discourage bears; any methods devised through direct experience or intuition and not proven through scientific method don't work.

We live in an area with few government services and some of the services that we do have available are crude and illogical.

It takes an entire community of people that actually care deeply about the wildlife that they share their area with, to live in some sort of balance. Those kinds of human communities are as rare as any endangered species.

Maggie Bajer
Summit Lake

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Kaslo golf course logging

After much discussion, the Village of Kaslo council decided to keep the profits the Kaslo Golf Club took from logging the golf course and give them back to the people of Kaslo.

The golf club asked for three loads of logs to make course improvements and generate revenue for the new clubhouse. The directors asked for the logs because the trees belong to the Village.

The three loads of logs turned into more than a dozen. While I am supportive of the golf club improvements, it should be noted that this is not the first time this has happened.

This time, like the last time, the golf club is trying to shift the blame. The directors have repeated: "We're not loggers" and say that it is hard to estimate the volumes of logs while the trees are standing.

Rob Lang, a director and present during the first episode when the golf club took too many logs, recently told council the golf club stopped logging the moment they became aware they had taken too many logs.

The trees were felled in January and February, and council wasn't told the golf club had taken too many logs. They had to find out for themselves in March.

It is relatively easy to estimate the volumes. The first way is to ask a professional. The other is for the directors to count the trees while standing. A rough guide is ten big ones, 30 good size ones, or 100 pecker poles make a load.

That is, unless the directors count them the same way they keep score on their golf cards. In that case we can honestly believe they don't know how to count.

One remaining queston. What happened to the several loads of firewood?

Patrick Mackle
Kaslo

New policy needed for grant monies

This letter is in response to the May 5 meeting at the Lardeau Valley Community Centre held by Director Shadrack. The meeting was held at 7 pm on a Friday night on a payday weekend after Director Shadrack's potluck supper. It was about funding, including the CBT Impacted Area grant.

In 2000, as the director, I held two well advertised meetings at the Lardeau Valley Community Centre. There were over 35 attending each meeting. Votes were held to put the impacted area funding into our mosquito control program annually or until BC Hydro started paying their fair share. There were only three no votes on the issue. This mandate emphasized the great importance placed on mosquito control.

Without notifying the committee that had the mosquito program implemented, Director Shadrack decided to withdraw the CBT Impacted Area funding. The method he chose was divide and conquer.

Because the mosquito program is so vital to the economy of the Lardeau Valley, I believe there must be a change to the method used to allocate these grants to ensure they are used for the greater good of the majority of the residents. Small, special interest groups should not be eligible for this grant because as we all know, the east takes from the west, the lower mainland from the interior and so on and so on.

The Area D portion of the BC Hydro grant in lieu of taxes is a direct result of the Duncan Dam being at the community of Meadow Creek, 40 km north of Kaslo.

To ensure fairness to the area generating the grant money, I believe it is necessary for the board to come up with a policy that governs how the funds are allocated. If the present method being used in Area D continues, I recommend the BC Hydro grant in lieu money be put into general revenue.

Larry Greenlaw
Meadow Creek

Community vs. resort town

My husband and I recently lost a bid to buy a house in Kaslo. We know we are not the first to suffer this disappointment, and as first-time home buyers, we realize it's all part of the learning experience.

In our case, though, we lost out to a 'rich American,' whose only advantage over us was his ability to pay cash up front — no mortgage, no conditions, no waiting. Dazzled by this display of wealth, the private sellers didn't give us a chance to respond to his offer, nor do us the courtesy of informing us of their decision. But the real tragedy is that a nice little house which might have been home (and studio) to permanent members of the community will now sit empty, except whenever our newest 'resident' comes to ski on his own personal glacier. And we all know this is not an isolated case.

I believe tourism is important for the Kootenays: it diversifies our resource-based economy, and gives artists and craftspeople (like myself) a real opportunity to make a living. However, whenever a wealthy visitor decides to add a local house to their souvenir collection, they (unintentionally) erode the community. Empty houses artificially inflate the real estate market, barring the way for young working people who would stay and contribute to the community, and driving up property taxes for long-term residents. Occasional residents might make occasional contributions to the local monetary economy, but have no real commitment to the general welfare of the people who live and work here.

Of course, it's not easy for any of us to resist the seduction of people flaunting cash. But if we are to avoid becoming yet another mountain resort town, the very least we can do is to think long and hard about the kind of community we want for ourselves and our children; and whenever we decide to sell a home, consider how that sale might contribute to our vision of community, not just to our bank accounts. We are, after all, only wealthy through each other.

Sarah Lawless
Kaslo

Let's not rush to close Burton School

Because I moved to Burton to enjoy a beautiful rural setting and friendly community life, I am amazed that a move to close the school is underway. I am a retired teacher, parent, and grandparent with concern for our youth, our community, and our society. Our school is vital part of the neighborhood and valley. Can we afford to close it because this year there is an apparent shortage of students?

Burton Elementary School, nestled in panoramic mountains and enthusiastically utilized by our community, is an asset to the Arrow Lakes Valley. Because it is the newest, most economical building in SD #10, residents, taxpayers, and trustees must consider creative ways to develop its full potential. With a pristine, community built gym, a community library, a new soccer pitch, and an impressive alumnus, Burton Elementary School's potential is enormous. Burton is perfect for a focus school to develop athletic, outdoor education, or co-operative learning. Various outdoor opportunities abound: running, hiking, kayaking, horseback riding, soccer. Opportunities for outdoor education include diverse farming, forestry, silviculture, fishing, birding, stream study, reservoir observation, photography, and woodworking.

Our area is growing as people move from crowded, expensive towns in search of a quiet, caring, community setting. Do we want our valley to become a retirement community? I hope not. Retired people pay lower taxes and provide fewer opportunities for growth. As more property is released from the Agricultural Land Reserve, our district has the opportunity to attract young people in search of a relaxed rural home. We need a variety of schools to attract such people.

If we cram all our elementary students from Fauquier to Nakusp into one school fewer emotional and educational needs can be addressed. Family groupings possible in a smaller school give way to full classes with no flex for enrichment or remedial teaching. Students who might develop full potential in a smaller, quieter setting develop learning and behaviour difficulties.

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Rather than dwelling on possible errors and perceived wrongs of the past, let's act positively and co-operatively with an eye to the future. Our district can make a thoughtful well researched decision if we do not rush to close a school which is a valuable resource both to Burton and the whole valley.

Rosalie Cranna
Burton

Burton School

School Closure Consideration - Burton Elementary School . With that agenda item at the April 20, 2006 school board meeting, the clock started to tick. Board policy states they must "consult with the community for a minimum of a sixty (60) day period." Why is this closure contemplated? Presumably, from board documents, it is for a very small financial savings. It is difficult to know the exact figure as board estimates are still being reviewed.

Again the school board has demonstrated a lack of leadership, with the board reacting to a stress rather than planning for the future. Yes, they hold the power to go through a closure policy, but what is their planning for the future? Is it fair to the residents and communities anywhere in the district to be put through this — be it school reconfiguration or school closure — with only a 60-day notice? Residents are entitled to depend on their elected school board to plan for the future of the children of our community.

With lower enrolment projections, enrolment numbers at any school should not be a surprise. The board needs to actively plan with the parents and the community and discuss the future of its schools. In the case of Burton, a plan could include a year-long look at options for Burton School. It should involve public meetings to discuss and explore options. Such explorations will take time, but they could develop into something very positive for the district. With a district motto of 'Global Learning in a Rural Setting,' I would strongly argue the board has a very important responsibility to take these steps, work on a plan and revise the plan as necessary to do all it can to keep its smaller rural schools open.

School financial projections can be very tenuous. A closed school will not attract more parents to the community and the Board cannot be assured all of the students from a closed school will all necessarily ride a bus to another community. It is a downward spiral for district enrolment.

If Burton School is being considered for closure, how does that fit into the board's three-year plan? Is there a five-year plan? Or is their plan to merely survive until the end of the next fiscal year?

Henning von Krogh,
President
Arrow Lakes Teachers' Association

Who's really crooked in Kaslo?

By now, for most people living in Kaslo, the news about complaints against the Crooked Café is fairly common knowledge. But what's really going on here?

Has anyone besides me noticed that the primary source of complaints against the Crooked Café is a direct business competitor who stands to gain financial benefit should he be successful in what appears to be simply a crusade to shut down the Crooked Café?

Has anyone noticed that the Kaslo village council is taking action against the Crooked Café based on complaints of noise originating in a commercial district from an individual who happens to live in that same commercial district?

Has anyone else clued into the fact that any noise bylaw is subjective, and what may be too loud for one person may not even be that loud at all? Or the fact that noise bylaws created for use in residential areas are inappropriate for enforcement in commercial areas?

Has anyone considered the positive contribution the Crooked Café offers to the community and to tourists visiting our town as a venue that offers both fun and cultural diversity through live music performances?

Has anyone considered that the Crooked Café offers an alternative for Kaslo's youth that is more wholesome than hanging out at the government building or across from the bar (or any of the other less desirable places for teens to hang out)?

Has anyone thought about the positive financial contribution the Crooked Café offers to the local economy as a result of its ongoing operations (including live music performances), the people it employs, and the tourists that decide to return to Kaslo because of the positive experience they've had at the Crooked Café?

I admit that it is truly unfortunate that anyone living in any commercial area would be bothered by the sound of live music entertainment. However, does that mean that offering live entertainment within the bounds of the license granted to the Crooked Café (which was approved by the village council) is grounds to shut them down?

I truly hope that supporters and patrons of the Crooked Café speak up because, this time, if they do not, then we stand to lose what is considered by many to be a cultural icon in this beautiful village. If you want to continue to enjoy what the Crooked Café offers this town, then NOW is the time for action: write to the village council and express your views AND desired outcome before it's too late!

Randy Bencke
Kaslo

Flooding not an act of God

I extend my sympathies to my old neighbours affected by the flooding in the Slocan Valley. This disaster has disrupted lives, caused property damage and will require a long cleanup.

Twenty five years ago, I had a very vivid and disturbing dream about this flood. In my dream, forest industry and government officials were standing on the steps of the old Vallican school house. One said, "It's an act of God. We can't control the weather."

The flooding in the Slocan Valley is not "an act of God." It is the direct and inevitable result of extensive deforestation of the surrounding mountains.

Will the forest industry provide compensation for damages?

The Slocan Valley Watershed Alliance tried to teach us that water quantity, quality, and timing of flow is adversely affected by clearcuts. They also presented us with a generous gift — the Silva Plan — for saner forestry in the Slocan drainage.

Although the plan had the support of a large majority of valley residents, it was summarily rejected and never reached any government public involvement table.

Anyone who objected to road building and clearcutting in Slocan Valley watersheds was vilified, or hit with a SLAPP suit, or literally dragged away and imprisoned. The Perry Ridge Five were never arrested or charged with any offense, yet they were persecuted with an expensive government lawsuit that dragged on for years.

Meanwhile, throughout the forests of British Columbia the greatest collective act of civil disobedience in Canadian history was ongoing. Paramilitary style units of the RCMP squashed all blockades. The largest and longest police occupation of the Slocan Valley since the seizure of the Freedomite children ensured that road building and clearcutting continued unabated.

I am a refugee from the war in the woods of the Slocan. I fled for my life because I could not live with the earth and community destroying bigotry that developed there among the very people I once loved. I struggled lifelong with you against injustice, but then you turned and embraced corporate control, militarism, and logging under the gun.

Some defined freedom of speech as the freedom to call me a bully and a war monger. They did not define freedom of speech as an opportunity to discuss the Silva Plan, nor the freedom to speak to the press without being hit by a government lawsuit, nor the freedom to protest on the government lawn in Nelson without having your tent slashed while you sleep. For some, decades of friendship and volunteer service in the community were not enough to entitle me to a hearing.

Despite the continuing efforts of some to scapegoat "preservationists," it is the obliterationists who are responsible for the loss of forestry jobs. The hundreds of clearcuts in the Slocan drainage cannot be harvested again for generations.

Some held up the forest corporation as our benevolent benefactor and maintained that the neighbours were the enemy. The cut and run corporation has left the valley resource poor, horribly degraded, and now, flooded.

Further deforestation in the Slocan would cause future disasters. The LRUP plan to cover virtually all of Perry Ridge with logging roads and cutblocks, which was developed in the face of the fervent and sustained opposition of over 80% of residents, must never be implemented.

Now is the time for a renewed call to stop clearcutting and to implement ecosystem based forestry throughout the Slocan drainage.

Philip Pedini
Kaslo

Kaslo & District Community

Forest Society News

Ministry of Forests Offer to Kaslo and Area D Now on the Map

After four months of anticipation, the question of the actual area for the Community Forest Agreement offered by the Ministry of Forests and Range is now "95% determined."

Bruce Fraser and Dale Anderson of the MOFR met with the directors of the Kaslo and District Community Forest Society in Kaslo on May 31 to show them what the Agreement actually means on the ground. They also came to explain the lengthy process that resulted in the newly defined landbase, an area that, if the Society's application is successful, could well be the Community Forest chart area for generations to come.

Smiling after the May 31 meeting in Kaslo
From left to right: KDCFS directors Robert Mitchell, Kelly Abey, Erika Bird; Bruce Fraser, Operations Manager and Dale Anderson, Stewardship Officer, MOFR.; Irene Strucel, KDCFS Woodlands Manager; KDCFS directors Steve Anderson, Randy Simpson, Gary Cockrell and Ken Wapple.

Fraser stated at the outset that the Forest District Office "strongly supported" the aspirations of KDCFS for a long-term, area-based tenure. He stated that the MOFR had "pushed the agenda pretty hard" to find a landbase for the Society that was logical operationally, close by our communities and yet be a tenure that would cause the least amount of disruption to other licensees.

Since the shuffle in tenure rights initiated by Bill 28 in early 2003, many large and medium sized licensees across the province have lost area in favour of small woodlots, small businesses, First Nations and community forests. Some newly unassigned areas have become available within Area D. The two largest additions to Kaslo's area are the Keen Creek drainage and the Lost Ledge/Davis Creek area, both the result of "take-backs" from Canfor-Slocan Division. But as these additions were not enough to support the promised 25,000 m^3 annual allowable cut, three other areas - two parcels currently held by BC Timber Sales, and Bjerkness Creek, currently held by Goose Creek Lumber - were added after much consultation with the affected stakeholders.

At the May 31 meeting Dale Anderson stated that he was "confident that the identified area is capable of supporting an allowable annual cut of 25,000 m^3." Both Fraser and Anderson appeared to anticipate that the KDCFS Board would be dismayed that the offered area, now finally defined, was only an approximation of the directors' third choice. They carefully explained their "minimum impact" goal, and the extent of negotiations with all those who had a vested interest in timber rights in our area. Any dismay on the part of the Board was not, however, apparent. After decades of community planning for this goal, years of asking, and lately months of trying to plan with an unknown chart area, the directors all seemed to welcome this chance to shift gears and look ahead.

Current and Planned Operations

Road Construction – Branch 8 Extension (Shutty Bench-Kemball Creek) road construction contract has been tendered, and will be awarded in mid-June. Construction is scheduled to begin July 2006.

Harvesting – Logging on Buchanan CP 14 Block 1 has recommenced, and is scheduled to be completed by late June. Anticipate intermittent road closures on the 7-Mile Forest Service Road until harvest completion. Harvesting activities on CP 11 Block 1 (Shutty Bench - Athol Creek) are now complete. Harvesting on CP 11 Block 2 (Athol Creek) is substantially complete; remaining volume will be harvested in the coming months.

Prescribed Burning – Buchanan, CP 10 Blocks 2 and 88 were successfully broadcast burned in early May. CP 13 Bk 42 (Milford) is scheduled for broadcast burning this fall.

Mechanical Site Preparation – in-block piling of logging debris on 11-1 (Shutty Bench), 13-43 (Milford), and possibly 14-1 (Buchanan) is scheduled for this summer.

Planting –Spring planting program (56,000 trees) has just been completed.

The Public and the Board Discuss the Proposed Agreement

In person at the May 3rd Public Meeting in Kaslo, by mail and by email, people in Kaslo and area have been telling the Community Forest Society their hopes for the application and their view of the potential of a long term Forest Agreement for their communities. Many of these comments are now on the Society website www.kaslocommunityforest.org along with a response from the Board. Your comments, concerns and ideas are important. Public awareness and support of the Agreement opportunity and the application (now in its planning stages) are critical to its formation and success. If you would like to make your voice heard please write to the contacts listed below.

For those without internet access, Pennywise has graciously allowed for public input forms, maps and copies of the public comment/Board responses to be picked up at the front desk (A Ave, across from Mohawk, Kaslo.)

The Board wishes to thank Dave Collier of Upwest Geomatics, Kaslo, for creating informative maps on short notice both for Board use and for publication on the website and in the press. His ability to provide "live" GIS support has proved invaluable both at the May 3rd meeting and for the KDCFS Operations Committee. He has done all of this as a volunteer.

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New Denver, May 23: Discussion on temporary permits continues

by Leah Main

•Although Bylaw No. 602, which allows the Village to issue temporary commercial or industrial permits, was adopted on May 11, council decided to bring the bylaw back for reconsideration at its next meeting.

The bylaw now states that temporary commercial or industrial permits may be issued for a six-month term and are non-renewable.

Council received a letter from Tracy and Francie Oldham, who have applied for a temporary commercial permit to operate their vacation rental business in a residential zone. The original intent of the temporary permit was to allow their business to operate this season, while giving council and the community time to do an OCP review. This review could result in a rezoning of their properties to commercial, allowing them to permanently operate their business.

The Oldham's letter explains that they need a permit to cover at least two seasons, as bookings for 2007 will start coming in at the end of the summer. They will not be able to take these bookings if issued a six-month permit, because the OCP review and rezoning process will not be completed and they will not know if they will be allowed to operate past the 2006 season. Their request for an extension to the temporary permit was deferred to the next council meeting.

They also asked that council look at options other than rezoning their properties to commercial, stating that other communities have residential zoning that allows for vacation rentals. Attached to their letter was information about residential zoning in Estes Park, Colorado that they feel would be well suited to New Denver.

Council also adopted a policy on refunding the application fee for temporary permits. The amended bylaw sets the application fee at $500 per property. The newly adopted policy states that 40% of this fee is refundable if the application is withdrawn or refused prior to advertising the application.

•Emergency Services Co-ordinator Councillor Bunka reported that she had participated in twice-daily conference calls throughout the recent flooding. She offered thanks to Chris Fox, Ken Gordon Jr, Leonard Casley and the Search & Rescue team for their assistance monitoring water levels.

Mayor Wright commented that this was the first local state of emergency called in the lower valley, for which regional district staff acted as the Emergency Operations Centre staff. He said they, Regional Emergency Services Co-ordinator Terry Warren and the Passmore fire crew did a phenomenal job.

•Wright reported that the RDCK agreed to the New Denver Emergency Services Co-ordinator attending and participating in RDCK joint emergency services planning exercises. Council passed a resolution authorizing such participation.

•Wright also spoke about a June 26 open house at Knox Hall, to be attended by representatives from all levels of government. Both MLA Corky Evans and MP Alex Atamanenko have been invited. This open house follows soon after the RDCK board meeting scheduled at Silverton Memorial Hall June 24.

•Council authorized the administrator to notify the City of Nelson that New Denver will be withdrawing from that 911 service as of December 31, 2006. A further resolution was passed to initiate joining the RDCK 911 service, in order to facilitate the newly expanded fire service with Silverton.

The Village has received $160,000 of its annual Small Communities Grant from the Province, and will receive further monies at a later date.

•A request from Selkirk College to mount banners celebrating its 40th anniversary on poles within the Village was referred to the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce.

Local youth wins national TD scholarship

submitted

High marks and an active concern for the environment have earned a former Lucerne Secondary School student a substantial scholarship from the TD Bank Financial Group.

Kesh Smith, who grew up in the New Denver area, graduated from Jarvis Collegiate in Toronto.

Kesh Smith of Silverton received one of only 20 scholarships given to graduating high school students from across Canada for community leadership.

The scholarship includes full post-secondary tuition, $5000 per year, for living expenses and a summer job option that could raise the value of the scholarship to $60,000.

Kesh Smith grew up in the Slocan Lake community and attended the parent-run Goat Mountain School in Silverton from grades one through seven. He entered high school at Lucerne Secondary for grades eight and nine and completed his last three years of high school at Jarvis Collegiate in Toronto, while living with his father, David Smith.

During his time at Jarvis, he co-founded Jarvis' Environmental Club, raising awareness about recycling and the unhealthy state of our environment. As president, he developed and implemented an effective recycling program, conducted waste audits, and facilitated litter cleanups.

Kick up your heels with dear old Dad

submitted

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, bring the family to Winlaw Hall for a community musical event guaranteed to bring back memories and create new ones. From 11 am to 6:30 pm, the hall will host a traditional Outdoor Jam featuring the old-time country music we all know and love.

Word is spreading far and wide about this celebration. A couple dozen motor homes from Arizona will be on site, as well as visitors from Alberta, Kelowna and throughout the Kootenays.

"We'll be doing this rain or shine," says event organizer, Lorna Burns. "Bad weather can't stop us. We'll just move it all indoors if we have to."

The Jam will feature a concession stand and liquid refreshments. Numerous prizes and draws will be part of the festivities, so bring lots of change so you'll have lots of chances to win. Admission is a toonie (or more) per person — your generosity is appreciated — and all proceeds go to Winlaw Hall.

"Bring your guitar, banjo, mandolin, voice and good old hoe-down energy!" says Lorna. "As long as you love country, we'll find a place for you." Party-goers should bring their own lawn chairs. For more information, call Lorna at 226-6779 or Carey at 226-7702.

WE Graham students ride over seven bridges

submitted

The Grades 3 to 7 classes at WE Graham Community School have been setting out every Friday to ride their bikes a little further along the rails to trails line. Their last bike trip will go all the way to the junction.

On the students' first ride, the weather tradition that was established last year, continued. They encountered a thunderstorm, hail, and lots of rain, but the troops pedaled to Lemon Creek anyway. Ride number two took them to Appledale and back. They were able to stop for lunch at Lemon Creek and see, first hand, the swollen waters. Their third ride will take them to Winlaw Elementary School.

Planned for the weeks to come are a ride to Passmore Lodge and finally to the junction. Parents are welcome to ride along.

Youth CAP AIDS, this group of 10 African Canadians, entertained about 50 people at Mt. Sentinel on May 28. Through storytelling, the group educates their peers, communities and other AIDS service organizations about HIV/AIDS and helps to change policies, practices and negative attitudes.

Silverton council, May 23: Village applies for grant for water system

by Judy Maltz

•The Village has applied for a Water Infrastructure Grant for needed upgrades to the old lines and pipes remaining in the ground, and the possible drilling of a second well as back-up for the Village water supply. A meeting took place with WSA Engineering on May 15 regarding the application.

•Public Works Foreman Casley reported that creek and lake levels were dropping. The Village bench project is ongoing, with all benches now sponsored. Sponsors have paid $250 for a bench and plaque.

•The 2006 tax notices were to be mailed out May 31, with a due date of July 15.

•Dog waste disposal dispensers and bags are on order.

•Councillor Laktin thanked all Memorial Hall volunteers, including Councillor Provan for looking after the garden.

•A member of the public asked whether a dead seagull found on the north bank of Silverton Creek should be sent for testing. Public Health is concerned about crows carrying the West Nile virus and about birds in contact with humans and feeders only. Foreman Casley agreed to dispose of the bird.

•Selkirk College asked to hang 40th anniversary banners on poles in the Village. Councillor Bell will follow up with the college to find out what equipment would be needed for the banner displays.

The Valhalla School of Theatre Arts

is hosting its first annual summer youth drama program from July 17-22 at the Silverton Gallery!
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Lucerne Secondary graduation - Valedictorians' speech

Kezia Deacur and Zoel Thibault

Good afternoon everyone. We would like to thank you for joining us on this momentous occasion. Year after year students stand on this stage and state that they can't believe how fast this time has come. And year after year we scoff at them. Yet here we are and guess what — we can't believe we're graduating.

When looking back on the past, there have been good times and bad times for all of us. Yet, we got through them, carried on and are, today, stronger and better for our times together. When considering these situations, we realize how crucial a role our friends and loved ones played in helping us along the way and we are forever indebted to them all.

Our class is a compilation of unique characters. It's strange that no matter what tragedies or triumphs we encountered over the years, we were always able to face them together. The bonds that have been created between us may gather dust, but will never disintegrate. They are strong and everlasting, and this time together will never be forgotten.

But what we must also not forget, is that even though we are leaving our friends here behind, new friendships will be forged in the future. And that is good. After all, to a great extent our success as a class has been because we've worked together. On into the future, we'll continue to work with others and be just as successful as we are now.

Samuel Johnson once said, "If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone." Alone, little can be accomplished well. Together, with others to rely on and to provide support when it's needed, success, opportunity and hope are all very real outcomes. This is something we as students, workers and people in general, must always remember.

Truly our years at Lucerne, as classmates and friends, have prepared us to embark upon our separate paths, no matter where they may take us. We look to the future with confidence, not cowering at the unknown. We know that on the road of life, the path is littered with many obstacles. Sometimes there are unexpected turns and roadblocks we cannot seem to get around. Life may seem impossible. But the truth of the matter is: nothing is impossible. Because for each heartache faced, there is always a success found. And that we believe in wholeheartedly.

We are truly honoured to stand here today, and before we conclude, we would just like to wish all of you grads the best in your future endeavours. We know you'll do fine.

Lucerne valedictorians Kezia Deacur and Zoel Thibault deliver their address at the ceremonies June 3.

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Lucerne graduation: Awards and Scholarships

by Jan McMurray

Take it from those in the know — Lucerne's class of 2006 is a fun loving bunch. At the graduation ceremony June 3, principal Trish Hawkins and teacher Terry Taylor both referred to this quality as the defining one for this year's group of eight graduating students.

The video presentation by Chad Hicks and Mark McLeod, class history by Geordie Rice and Jonathan White and class prophecies by Mike Hicks and Mark McLeod were testament to the class's playful spirit.

Other overall class qualities mentioned were intelligence, skill, work ethic, consideration for one another, commitment to community and commitment to achieving excellence.

Superintendent Walter Posnikoff advised the class members to set a clear course to their goals, while school board chair Pattie Adam reminded them of three important things they learned from the small school setting: co-operation, self-reliance and tolerance.

Kezia Deacur and Zoel Thibault read the Valedictory address; Marianne Vanish was guest speaker; and Chad Hicks and Owain Peach-Nicholson gave acknowledgement and thanks to the important people in the lives of the class members. The class presented flowers to three people who really made a difference to them — Trish Hawkins, Terry Taylor and Elsie Reder.

Scholarships were awarded, as follows:

Arrow Lakes Teacher's Association Scholarship - Zoel Thibault and Kezia Deacur

Burger King Scholarship - Zoel Thibault

Columbia Basin Trust Youth Community Service Award - Zoel Thibault

Columbia Power Corporation Bursary - Chad Hicks and Jonathan White

Facilitated Learning - Student of the Year - Chad Hicks

John Greenan Memorial Bursary - Mike Hicks

Harris and Company - Law 12 Scholarship - Chad Hicks

Eugene Huss Memorial Bursary - Mike Hicks

New Denver Women's Institute Scholarship - Kezia Deacur

Selkirk College and BC Lions Society Advanced Education Award - Jonathan White

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #101 - New Denver/Silverton - Owain Peach-Nicholson and Geordie Rice

Cinta Batik Arts Scholarship - Jonathan White

(CUPE Local 2450) Joe Lee Scholarship - Jonathan White

Grad Bursary - Chad Hicks

Kootenay Savings Credit Union Scholarship - Geordie Rice

Lucerne Teachers' and Principal's Attitude and Achievement Award - Jonathan White

Lucerne Scholarship Society General Scholarships - Jonathan White, Owain Peach-Nicholson and Mike Hicks

Edith J. Greer - Zoel Thibault and Owain Peach-Nicholson

Chie Kamegaya Memorial - Kezia Deacur, Zoel Thibault and Geordie Rice

Fujiko Matsushita - Zoel Thibault

Sandy Harris - Zoel Thibault

Lucerne Scholarship Society Special Awards - Mark McLeod, Zoel Thibault, Kezia Deacur, Geordie Rice

Andrea Mengler Memorial Scholarship - Jonathan White

Millennium Excellence Award - Zoel Thibault

J. Stan Rowe Award for Creative Writing - Geordie Rice

School District #10 Scholarship - Mike Hicks

Slocan Community Health Care Auxilary Society Scholarship - Kezia Deacur

West Kootenay Toy Run Bursary - Zoel Thibault

Yellowhead Road and Bridge Scholarship - Zoel Thibault

The Lucerne Graduating Class of 2006: Geordie Rice, Zoel Thibault, Kezia Deacur, Jonathan White, Owain Peach Nicholson, Mike Hicks, Chad Hicks and Mark McLeod.

Lucerne teacher Marianne Vanish, also the guest speaker for this grad class, presents Jonathan White with a Columbia Power Corporation bursary.

Owain Peach-Nicholson was the recipient of one of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #101 scholarships, presented by Branch President Agnes Emary.

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Nakusp Music Fest kicks off for third year

submitted

On May 15, the Nakusp Music Fest kicked off its PR campaign for the third annual Nakusp Music Fest, Saddle Mountain High, which will once again be held on the recreational grounds in downtown Nakusp, July 14-16.

After the first two very successful festivals, the Nakusp Music Fest has already become the largest classic rock festival in interior BC. This year's show will be even bigger and better, showcasing 19 bands on two mega-stages.

Headliners for this year's festival include: Blue Rodeo, one of Canada's top bands since the mid-80s, Roger Hodgson, former lead-singer of Supertramp, The Road Hammers, our newest country-rock export to the world, Canada's legends, April Wine, and Tal Bachman, whose hit *She's So High* made him world-famous. Recent inductee to Canada's Country Hall of Fame, Gary Fjellgaard, will also perform as a duo with Canada's folk-legend of the '60s, Valdy.

Besides the many up-and-coming new rock talents, Tony Springer, who played lead guitar for David Bowie for many years, will also appear. Springer's band, Wild T & The Spirit, will be performing Sunday afternoon. Crowd-pleasers Skavenjah of Saskatchewan will also be back, along with the world's best known Queen tribute act, MerQury from Dresden, Germany.

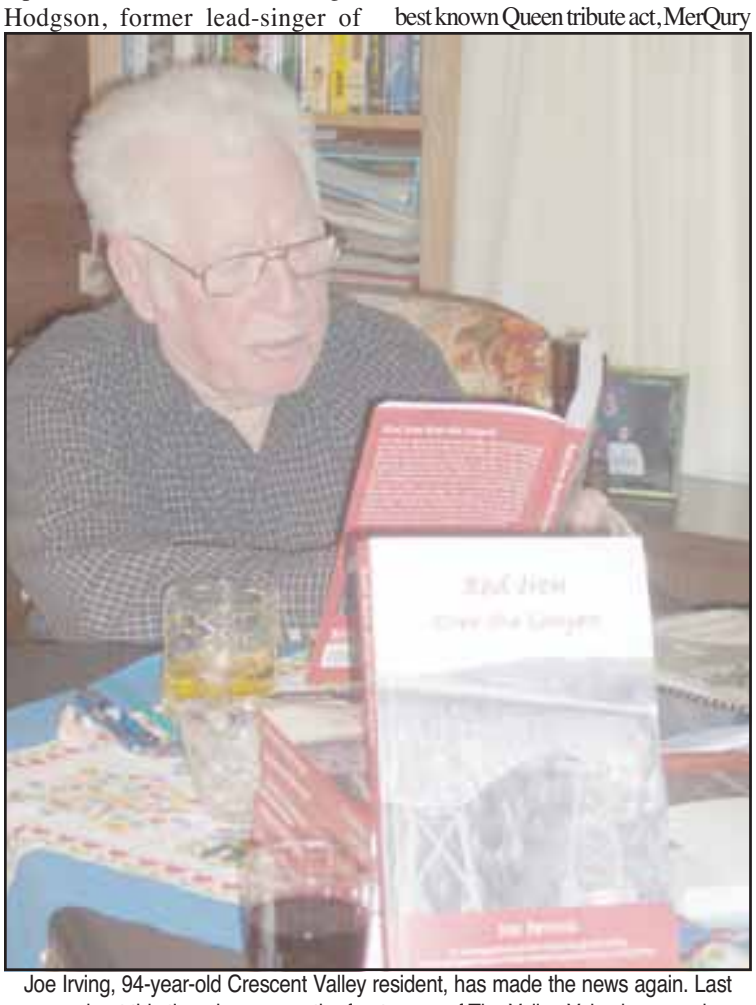
What's new for 2006? For the first time, the Nakusp Music Fest has become a three-day event. It starts on Friday, July 14 at 4 pm and will end on Sunday, July 16, around midnight. The main beer garden will be extended with a bigger tent. Additional tents will also be added to the festival site, including the "Kidszone," a shade tent for concert-goers, as well as tents with tables and chairs in the larger vendor area. There will be twice as many chairs and almost three times as many tables at this year's festival site. In spite of increased costs, ticket prices to Saddle Mountain High have remained comparable to last year.

Organizers are expecting a daily attendance of 5,000.

The promotional campaign for this year is the biggest the valley has ever seen and will be province-wide. Organizers believe it will further benefit the area's tourism industry and boost the economic development of the region. "Although we are a non-profit society, our show has a very significant impact on the valley's economy. Such impact will only increase this year," says Willi Jahnke, festival producer.

He goes on to show his gratitude to the people who have supported the festival. "Without the generous support of our corporate sponsors, government grants and loans and, of course, the approximately 200 volunteers who have come forward, this non-profit society would not been able to finance and produce the 2006 show."

For more details about the Nakusp Music Festival, call 250-265-2141 or visit www.nakuspmusicfest.ca.



Joe Irving, 94-year-old Crescent Valley resident, has made the news again. Last year about this time, he was on the front cover of The Valley Voice because he received an honourary high school diploma at Mt. Sentinel's graduation ceremonies. This year, he has published a book about his life growing up in the Kootenays.

ALYS drama planning underway

submitted

The Arrow Lakes Youth Society (ALYS) has jumped headfirst into planning for its annual summer drama program, with significant changes this year.

The program will be for 13-18 year olds, where it was geared towards students aged 8-18 in the past. The program will run in the evenings, from 6-10 pm, from Monday to Friday during the two weeks from July 17-28.

The biggest change is a new director, Chelsea Dion. ALYS President Joe McDonald is very happy about this. "I'm very excited to have a younger director for this year's play. I think that with the right support, Chelsea can really drive this program in interesting directions."

Allison Alder, another ALYS member, mentioned that people can expect to see advertising and registration forms appearing in town over the next few weeks.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program can call Joe McDonald at 265-4222.

Kaslo Saturday market opens for business

submitted

Every Saturday from 10 am - 2 pm throughout the season, Kaslo's Saturday market happens at the Front Street bowling green.

The market features locally produced fruit, vegetables, organic foods, plants, herbs, baked goods, flowers, hand made fashion, jewellery, housewares, art, soap, toys, tarot, face painting and massage. There are also live performers.

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Reflecting the beauty of the Arrow Lakes Valley the new "Kingfisher Restaurant and Lounge" will be opening on June 16 with an exciting new menu.

Nakusp Council, May 25: Hot Springs project costs more and takes longer

by Dan Nicholson

•Architect and hot springs project manager Chris Fairbank reported that the project will cost close to an additional $36,000 and take at least two more weeks to complete. "Council should not be preparing for a July 1st opening," he said.

He noted that it would take the tile-setter at least until July 5 to complete his work, and that the tile should then cure for an additional 10-14 days before the pool is filled. Mayor Hamling said that she had been informed that the pool systems should be tested for a couple of weeks after the work was finished. Staff will also need to be trained.

Fairbank acknowledged that while it might be possible to open the hot springs for local use at some point in the last half of July, council might want to look at a BC Day official grand re-opening.

While noting that many of the additional expenses were not absolutely critical to the re-opening, he recommended that council accept the additional work in order to ensure that the hot springs have reduced maintenance costs and increased longevity.

Council authorized the additional expenses up to $36,000, to come from reserves.

Councillor Heppner noted that Fairbank had once said that he wanted to be the first one into the new pool on July 1. Fairbank replied somewhat ruefully, "I suppose that you'll want to take pictures?"

Additional costs include: $3,000 - $5,000 for a "concrete hardener" (the tile-setter feels that the concrete is "soft" and is unwilling to guarantee his work if council wants him to proceed without putting an additive onto the surface of the concrete); $6,930 to install an electrical junction box; $3,127 to replace 13 deck drains; $10,141 to enlarge the de-icing area on the pool deck; $2,660 to replace two stainless steel handrails that were slightly corroded; and $5,738 to replace the brass flanges surrounding the pool lights with stainless steel. While noting that these last two improvements weren't absolutely necessary to re-open the facility, Fairbank did recommend that council adopt them as it will reduce maintenance costs in the future.

•Council debated the merits of the Kootenay International proposal to assist in the revision of the Official Community Plan (OCP). Councillor Mueller felt that it was important to move quickly. "We can't wait two years to revise the plan. The OCP needs amendment now. Our staff don't have time."

Mayor Hamling said that Kootenay International was offering to gather information through public meetings and broadly based consultation in order to develop an OCP that met the aspirations of the community. The consulting group will then format the resulting data to reflect the community's wishes in the OCP.

The entire process will take a year and cost the village $17,000.

Councillor Roberts was concerned that the village has hired consultants in the past that have done less than exemplary work.

Mayor Hamling noted that the contract was subject to quarterly review, and that Kootenay International was a well respected firm that has done work for the village in the past. She also said that they have gone above the call of duty in past contracts, actually delivering more work than was contracted or paid for.

Roberts eventually supported the motion to hire the company, subject to quarterly review of the work performed.

•A number of village residents have complained that chip trucks travelling from the Lower Arrow Lakes are having trouble climbing Government Hill, particularly in the winter. These vehicles frequently block driveways and even street entrances, causing inconvenience for residents. There is a concern about access for emergency vehicles as well. Council referred the matter to staff for recommendations.

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Due to popular demand, the collective has scheduled this year's event to run Friday evening and all day Saturday to more readily accommodate visitors and vendors alike. Displays and items for purchase from the members of the collective will be also be available, including many fascinating pieces from the collective's newest member, Revelstoke Nickelodeon Museum.

In addition, this year the show offers an appraisals by appointment clinic on Friday only. Appraisals maybe booked between 2:30 pm and 6:30 pm and will cost $20 (minimum) per two items appraised. To schedule an appointment please call (250) 837-9337 as soon as possible as time slots will fill up quickly.

There are still a few tables left so if you are a vendor and you would like to reserve your space, call the museum now: 250-837-3067.

Little theatre group wins big awards at Zone Festival

by Jan McMurray

Mirror Theatre won six awards at the Kootenay Zone Festival for Theatre BC, held in Salmo over the May long weekend. They were also chosen to perform the 'workshop play' at Mainstage in Maple Ridge July 3-5.

"This is an unbelievable opportunity for our wee little theatre group," said Susan Gustafson, parent of one of the actors. "Only one play in the whole province gets chosen, and the group gets to work on their play with a professional director for two days."

The Good Doctor by Neil Simon was the play the group performed at the festival. A chance to see the play is coming up June 13 at the Bonnington in Nakusp. Doors open at 6:30 and the show starts at 7 pm. Tickets will be available at the door, and there will also be a concession.

"We're trying to send 16 actors to Maple Ridge, so we're fundraising," explained Gustafson.

Although a Revelstoke theatre group won the Kootenay Zone, Mirror Theatre received the most awards. They were: Best Ensemble, Best Community Spirit, Best Costumes, Best Youth Male Actor (Finlay Charles-Lundaahl), Best Youth Female Actor (Jenny Konkin) and Best Youth Newcomer (Connor Gustafson).

Mirror Theatre actress Allison Lillies shows off her amazing costume. Among the six awards the group recently won at the Kootenay Zone Festival was the Best Costumes award.

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Pottery prevails in the valley

submitted

With summer almost upon us, the Slocan Valley has already begun luring river enthusiasts, hikers and Sunday drivers out to enjoy the winding roads and wilderness. This summer there is another reason to make the trip north on Hwy 6 — pottery.

Resident artisans Kaitlan Murphy and Robin DuPont have both recently set up their studios, fired off their kilns and are ready to showcase their wares in the Slocan Valley this summer. Huckle Mountain Pottery on Lake Avenue in Silverton and The Kiln Craft Gallery in Winlaw both opened their doors to the public the first weekend in June.

Robin and Kaitlan are both alumni of the Kootenay School of the Arts. Following in the tradition of many other KSA graduates, both ceramic artists benefited from KSA's unique emphasis on helping students develop careers as artists and craftspeople. Kaitlan, a recent grad and lifelong resident of the valley, shares Robin's aspiration to promote and support the craft industry in the West Kootenay region. Robin, originally from Alberta, came to the Kootenays in the late 90s, returned to Calgary to complete his BFA at the Alberta College of Art, and always vowed to come back and set up a working studio. Both potters are excited to join the ranks of the many visual representitives of the area's rich artisan culture.

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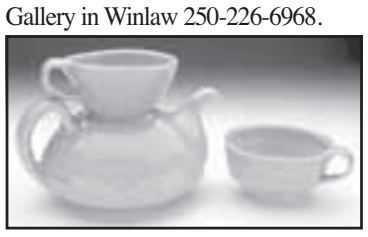

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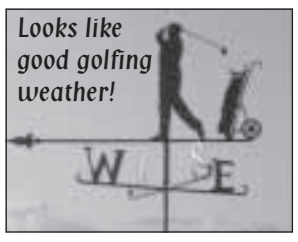

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Kaslo council, May 23: Crooked Cafe and noise bylaws to be discussed further

by Jill Braley

•Council received a letter from Crooked Cafe owner Chris Burk in response to the recent noise complaint filed by the owner of Mountain King Restaurant. The letter states: "In addition to the previously submitted letter of support and study on Problems with Complaints-based Noise Bylaws, I am submitting a petition which supports the Crooked Cafe's right under provincial law to provide entertainment until midnight in a vibrant, progressive democratic community. No canvassing was done for this petition, it represents 140+ Kaslovians who have visited the cafe in the last week and wish us to continue to provide a venue for community entertainment. The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, so let's not let the tail wag the dog."

As recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee (A&F), a letter will be sent to the Crooked Cafe advising that the municipality will suggest revocation of its liquor licence to the Liquor Licensing Branch if Village of Kaslo noise bylaws continue to be ignored. Also, A&F will arrange a meeting between council, the Liquor Licensing Branch and the RCMP to discuss issues related to noise abatement at the Crooked Cafe.

•The Earthworkers will be contacted to dismantle and clean up the present community composting site to the satisfaction of the municipality and to find an alterative location by June 15. The Village of Kaslo will assist in finding an alternative location for the project.

Jamie Whitney wrote to council to express his disappointment that the Community Composting Project was not successful in its application for municipal funds. Council will remind Whitney that the municipality has supported the project with in kind contributions and in principle supports the initiative, but has concerns about the location of the facility as a result of complaints from local residents.

•Council decided to keep the funds currently held by the Village from the golf club's logging revenues (about $10,400) and to disburse them as special municipal grant funding in 2006. The Administration and Finance Committee (A&F) was directed to make a recommendation to council on the disbursement of these funds.

At the May 11 A&F meeting, Barry Hill spoke on behalf of the Kaslo Golf Club and presented a current income and expense statement. Hill said volunteers were resentful of council's decision to take logging funds away from course improvements, and expressed the club's wish to resolve any differences.

•A public meeting on the purchase of the Provincial Building will take place on June 8 at 7 pm at the Kaslo Community Hall (Scout Hall).

•The municipality will submit an application for an infrastructure planning grant, as drafted by Urban Systems, to study the options for Kemp Creek reservoir rehabilitation or replacement. Estimated cost of the project is $9,150.

According to the draft application, the reservoir is an earthen pond with a synthetic liner. After almost 30 years of service, the liner requires frequent patching. However, this type of liner material is no longer made, so patching and repair materials have become extremely difficult to obtain.

The study would look at replacing the old liner with a different liner material vs. replacing the reservoir with a smaller, more permanent concrete tank. The possibility of a small hydro generation system at this site will also be examined in the study.

•Forty hours of Village equipment time was approved for renovations to the arena.

•Council decided not to participate in cost-sharing renovations to the library, due to budget constraints.

•The municipality will pay WesTech the price of the blower at the water treatment plant, subject to written assurance that the unit will be replaced at no cost if it does not function properly.

•Council supported in principle Dawn Lang's proposal to develop a tourism passport. The passport, a take-away memento of Kaslo, would provide tourists with an incentive to visit local attractions and a chance to win a prize. It would also be a promotional tool for the Village and the area's merchants.

•Mardi Grainger wrote to council regarding air quality concerns. Grainger will be advised an outdoor burning bylaw is currently under review.

•The Ministry of Transportation asked the Village for a right of way through Village property as well as a License for Construction Access in order to go ahead with its work in the Allen subdivision to improve storm water drainage. Council approved the requests.

•Accounts payable of $28,770.28 were approved.

9th annual Kaslo Show 'n Shine results are in

Kaslo held its 9th annual Show 'n Shine over the May long weekend. Here are the results:

Best Engine (sponsored by Mike and Jennifer, Kaslo): Rudy Bowolin, Crazy Creek, BC

Best Paint (DW.Sicotte Trucking Ltd, Kaslo): Lou Buskey, Montrose, BC

Best Stock Motorcycle (Herb's True Blue Service, Kaslo): Rod McNeil, Peachland, BC

Best Custom Motorcycle (Kaslo Truck & Saw, Ltd, Kaslo): Tim Milliken, Kelowna, BC

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Best Antique Truck (Boards by George Lumber, Meadow Creek): Howard Lake, Kaslo

Best Antique Car (Rudolph's Landmark Bakery, Kaslo): Alf Anderson, Slocan

Best Ford (Hartech Automotive, Kaslo): Aaron Settle, Kaslo

Best Chevy (Hammerin Hawes Holdings, Kaslo): John & Bobbie Nesbitt, New Denver

Best Mopar (Megla Trucking, Kaslo): Lora Daughton, Nelson

Best Import (Marketplace IGA, Kaslo): Mark Lafortune, Kelowna

Best 4X4 (Kaslo Building Supply): Randy Gray, Castlegar

Best Orphan (Sunshine Logging Ltd, Kaslo): Yvonne and Gary Weintz, Kaslo

Best Under Construction (Super Dave Boland, Kaslo): Chuck Davis, Creston

Best Street Rod (PW Turner Hauling, Kaslo): John and Bobbie Nesbitt, New Denver

People's Choice (CJ Logging Ltd, Kaslo): Mark Lafortune, Kelowna

Fire Chief's Pick (Kaslo Mohawk): Lou Buskey, Montrose

Chamber President's Pick (Kaslo and District Community Forest): Ron and Darlene Demanuik, Cranbrook

Mayor's Choice (CJ Logging Ltd, Kaslo): John and Bobbie Nesbitt

Wayne's Pick (Kaslo Car Show Committee): Rudy Bowolin, Crazy Creek, BC

Long Distance Award (Pennywise, Kaslo): Pat Blais, Okotoks, AB

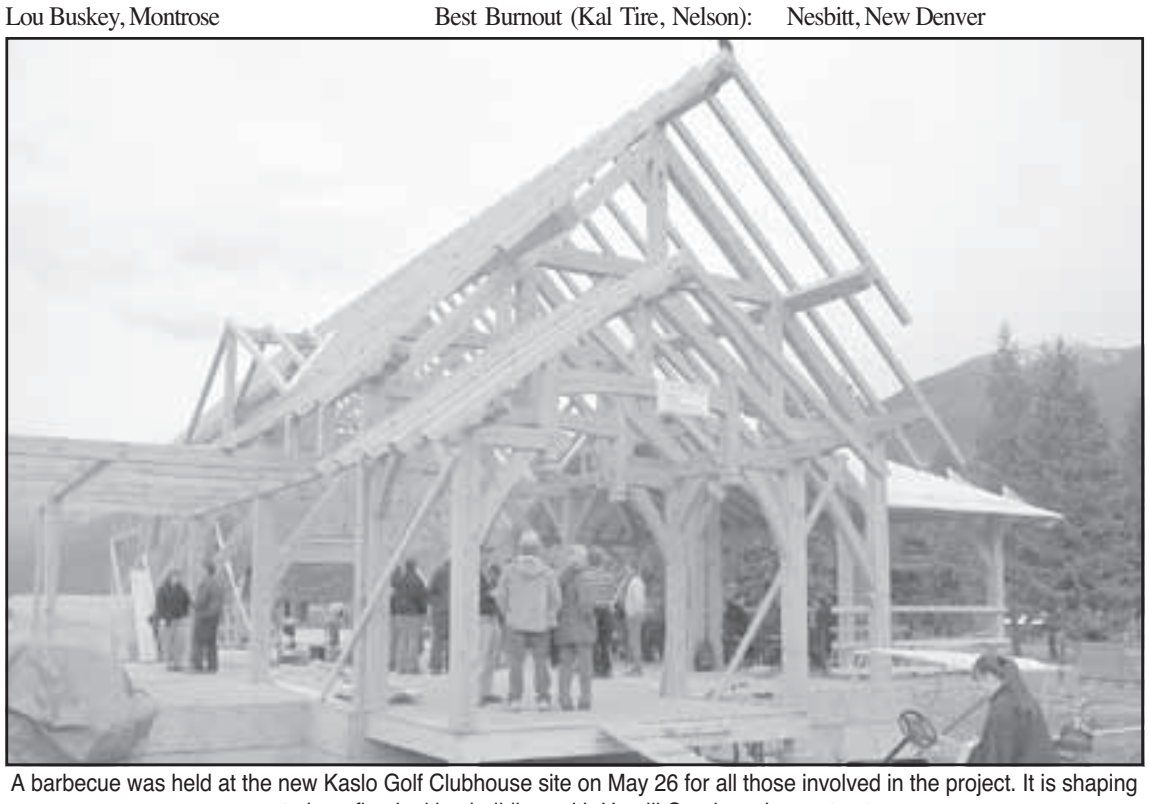
Best Burnout (Kal Tire, Nelson): Tyler Niminiken, South Slocan

Best Burnout, 2nd place (CF Group Ltd, Nelson): Brian Surina, Kaslo

Best Motorcycle Burnout (Toad Rock Campground, Balfour): Chris Orr, Meadow Creek

Hard Luck Award (Settle Holdings, Ltd, Kaslo): Dave Martin, Nelson

Best of the Best (Hartech Automotive, Kaslo): John and Bobbie Nesbitt, New Denver



A barbecue was held at the new Kaslo Golf Clubhouse site on May 26 for all those involved in the project. It is shaping up to be a fine looking building, with Hamill Creek as the contractor.

JVH experiences triumph and tribulation

by Jan McMurray

JV Humphries School has recently had to take the bad with the good.

On Friday, May 12, the Deputy Minister highlighted the school for its grad portfolio. On Monday, May 15, it was announced that the school had tied for first place in the province for its Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) score. Then on Tuesday, May 16, there was a fire in the shop room that caused extensive smoke damage to the entire building. The school was closed for four days.

Principal Andy Leathwood explained that the fire started because sparks from a machine got into the sawdust bin and duct system. The embers turned into flames when the fan was turned on.

"The fire department was there within minutes," reported Leathwood. "They were very professional and did a great job."

He added that the school's fire escape procedure worked very well. Secondary students were dismissed immediately, and elementary children whose parents could not come to collect them were kept outside for the rest of the day.

Because of the extensive smoke damage, the school had to be cleaned over several days "from top to bottom" according to Leathwood. There was fire damage to the one room and to the duct system. The school re-opened May 24.

During the four days the school was closed, teachers worked at the alternate school in town, preparing classes and marking.

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Get Outta Town!

with Peter Roulston

Now's the time to see Wilson Creek Falls

Some hikes are good enough to be done on an annual basis, and each year about this time the waterfalls on Wilson Creek in from Rosebery are a must-see. In fact, until the end of June all falls and cascades are at their glorious best and make good destinations on days too hot for strenuous sunny slopes.

On Sunday, May 28, I joined a couple of local families for the routine weekly hike we've been doing since the snow melted. Our convoy of three cars headed out from New Denver up past the golf course to where the Wison Creek Forest Service road leaves the pavement on the south side of the creek at Rosebery. This is an excellent road and gets considerable use by loggers, campers, and day trippers, going 52 km behind Summit Range to emerge at Brouse, just out of Nakusp.

Following the main road and avoiding the odd uphill branch roads, we turned off around the 11 km point, where a sagging vertical signpost indicates the final stretch up to the trailhead. We all parked in the little meadow off the main road and had a look at the massive timbered bridge that crosses Wilson Creek there. We then hiked the last stretch uphill to the trailhead. Check your map, and you'll see the odd arrangement where cartographers decided that Wilson Lake is drained by Fitzstubbs Creek and only meets the Wilson Creek tributary way down at this part of the valley. Weird.

The last section of road is only 800m up and the trail to the falls is not long, so you can hike more or less as you choose. At the top, there is a somewhat ratty vertical post with "falls" written on one side next to a wide pullout. From here the trail is obvious. After 600m through lush growth in a cutblock, the trail dives into the forest and climbs just a little higher. It's mainly shady in here with only tree trunks and limbs high overhead.

The path begins to descend about the same time you begin to hear the thundering of the falls. The trail was completed by the local Forest Service in the '80s and is nicely laid out in a winding, contour-hugging manner. The moist micro-climate here has allowed huge beds of moss to flourish. Down by the stream, the trees are draped with it too. There are odd wet spots on the trail, but overall it is easy going, and can be done in running shoes or even sturdy sandals.

About 100m from the base of the massive cataract is the best spot to see the whole thing and not get soaked by the spray and blowing mist, so have a look from here. Have your snack and stash your pack before venturing into the base area. Rocks and logs are perpetually wet here, and footing is kinda tricky, but the impression of the water crashing down from above is most dramatic and worthwhile. You can also clamber up the last bit of path to the aboslute edge of the cascade where it roars down beside the grassy hummock. Take a rainjacket, or maybe a towel, and get right in there for the full experience.

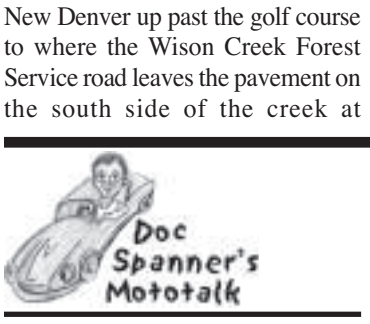
The hike back up and out of the chasm isn't difficult, so if you get back down to Wilson Creek road and don't feel quite fulfilled, then head up to the sandy, rough road at 12 km. Another, more dangerous trail follows the brink of the other side of the waterfalls area, with the torrent well below you. Most locals know this trail, but newcomers and visitors deserve to be shown too.

In other local matters, I thought this might be a good chance to mention a couple of things. During a bike ride up Silverton Creek, I found things pretty good to the Maurier Creek turn-off, but beyond there it seems that Silverton Creek has jumped its bank and blown out the road. I rode up to the Wakefield Trailhead and found just a few poplars down across the road, so take a powersaw if you're going there.

With waters receding, the Galena Trail is open again at the cablecar and Three Forks footbridge, which still seems okay with the creek channel scoured deeper and better beneath. The Sandon wagon road from Three Forks back to New Denver is fine and dry, but the upper basins and roads on Idaho Lookout will be snowbound for some time yet.

Lastly, I'm out on the lake lots these days. With the lake level down a couple feet, it's clear that there'll be excellent driftwood gathering or bonfiring opportunities with all the new logs and debris along the shore. There are still stray logs floating and deadheads peeking up to be aware of, but now the lake is settling down for summer enjoyment. I like paddling up the west shore from Slocan City to Evans Creek and am impressed by the dock that's been added to the new ramp at the public beach. Stop in and have a look sometime soon.

Peter Roulston has operated the Bicycle Hospital for 15 years and now lives in New Denver. 358-2133



Keep your carburetor clean

There are things worse than automated voice messaging systems – dirt in the carburetor for one. I know this isn't a ubiquitous problem, but I assure you that it can be specifically problematic.

Thursday of last week was a typical enough day – up at 6 am, commute to work, head in the chalk trough, and blow out the cobwebs with a relaxing ride back home on the old shovelhead. Yes, it was hot and dry, but I wasn't looking for perfection; typicality was target enough. I hadn't counted on dirt in the carburetor.

I shouldn't really be talking about dirt as if it filled the carburetor. In fact it didn't. There is a special inline filter that precludes this, but it is surprising how a thin film of impurities can accumulate over time on the lining of the float bowl. In my case, a small piece flaked off. With a bit more luck than happenstance, this small piece of detritus could have just rested in the bottom of the bowl, but it didn't. In fact, it did the improbable. It migrated upward and stuck between the float needle and the seat.

For those of you who may not be proficient in Auto Mech 101, a piece of dirt lodged between the needle and the seat generally has one consequence – raw gasoline flowing uninterrupted through the carburetor onto your engine. Normally this isn't that much of a problem – a sharp hit on the side of the carb with anything solid usually dislodges said dirt, and you are back on the road. It didn't happen in this case.

In fact, I didn't even notice things were awry until I had stopped at the Winlaw store for fuel. After fueling up, paying my bill and starting the Harley, it quit about 3 metres from the pumps. I immediately tried starting it again, only to discover raw gas rushing out! The next thing I knew, my bike was engulfed in flames. And I'm not talking about just a few tendrils of fire here. I'm talking about the, "don't get too close or you will fry your hands", kind of fire.

Nobody likes to watch their vehicle burn to the ground in front of them, and I am no exception to this rule. The day had just become atypical. Of course a knot of curious standers-by formed to watch the old girl melt, but one of them had the foresight to walk into the store and ask the owner if he had a fire extinguisher – Robert to the rescue! In a timely fashion, (although at the time, it felt like an eternity), Robert expertly applied the dousing properties of the extinguisher to my bike and things cooled down quickly. In place of my shiny Harley, there now stood a ghostly caricature of a powder puff.

It took some time to dust things off and assess the damage, but in fact there was very little. A few burned wires and some scorched paint, but otherwise the old girl was still intact. After removing the carb to free up the needle valve and splicing in a few wires, she kicked right up and I was able to resume my way home – a bit of an adventure and some important lessons.

Never take a day for granted - this is just teasing fate to hand you an unexpected adventure. Appreciate Samaritans when they lend the proverbial helping hand, and most importantly, keep your float bowl clean.

Cool Eateries of the West Kootenays

with Andrew Rhodes

Dinners at Home — you be the judge

On May 10, the Dinners at Home program, sponsored by the BC Interior Health Authority, gave out some free meals at the Brouse Lodge. My fearless publisher sent me there to check it out. These meals are put together and flash frozen at the Penticton Hospital and stored at Cisco of Canada before they are shipped around the province.

According to the flyer, these meals are: "Nutritious, well-balanced meals you can reheat in your own home that also meet diabetes, renal, and cardiac dietary needs." The meals arrive frozen in hinged styrofoam trays with a variety to choose from. There are seven beef dinners, three chicken, one ham, one pork, one turkey and two seafood along with three vegetarian selections and five 'puréed entrees.' The cost is six dollars per meal or ninety-six dollars for a case of 16, which works out to the same six dollars per meal. You can fit a case of 16 in the freezer compartment of your fridge as long as there's nothing else in there.

These meals are meant for anyone who needs a respite from cooking including recently discharged patients and busy caregivers.

About a dozen people, mostly Brouse Lodge residents, were on hand for the free sample meals which had been freshly microwaved. Thirty years ago I worked in a hospital kitchen, and it made sense that these meals were put together in a hospital, because their aroma immediately reminded me of hospital food. When the folks sampling these meals were asked their opinions of the food, several said, "It's OK." One man said, "I don't like the vegetables, they're soggy." Several folks said, "It reminds me of school cafeteria food," and several said, "It's good." One fellow asked, "Are the mashed potatoes instant?" They are.

There is a nutritional analysis available. I asked which, if any, preservatives might be in the food, and if there were any spices, artificial flavours or coloring, or if the food contained MSG. No one seemed to know. I made a few phone calls to people who might have answers and was eventually told, "We've been instructed not to release too much information on this, because in the past we have, and it resulted in bad press." For further information call 358-7711.

On the lighter side, here's a Slocan Valley food moment: where else but in New Denver can you walk into the bank and buy a dozen farm fresh eggs?

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Mayor and Council
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SPRINKLING AND OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

Residents are reminded that sprinkling restrictions in the Village of New Denver shall be implemented annually effective June 1st through September 15th of each year, in order to regulate sprinkling, conserve water and lower the high cost of pumping during the summer months. Effective June 1, 2006 there shall be no sprinkling between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Residents are also reminded that open burning is prohibited within the Village of New Denver from May 15th to September 30th , except for cooking fires contained within a barbecue pit or fire pit having a surface area not greater than four (4) square feet; or within a manufactured gas, coal or electric barbecue. Council thanks all residents for their cooperation.

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Marianne Vanish

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Duties may include interpretation and explanation of historical artifacts and displays to visitors; basic maintenance of museum displays (organization, painting as required); cash collection (donation to the Centre, sales, memberships); development of tourism-related activities, such as walking tours of Silverton & area; and others as needed. Applicants must be interested in local history and tourism.

Please send resumés to: Silverton Historical Society, Box 17A, Silverton, V0G 2B0, or by e-mail to judigardiner@look.ca by June 16.

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CBT funding dispersed to local community groups

Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Funding and Affected Areas funding was approved at the May 27 RDCK board meeting.

Area D had $13,073 initiatives funding available, and $13,000 was disbursed as follows: Kaslo Golf Club, Clubhouse project - $8,000; Kaslo Trailblazers Society, bridge - $3,000; Langham Cultural Society, theatre lighting upgrades - $1,000; Options for Sexual Health, Meadow Creek clinic - $1,000. **Area D** had $27,056 in affected areas funding, all disbursed as follows: Lardeau Valley Community Centre, geo-thermal heating system - $10,000; Argenta Community Association, First Responder medical equipment and defibrillator - $7,500; Friends of the Lardeau River, Lardeau River crossing - $4,972; Kaslo InfoNet Society, Howser communications tower - $2,500; Jewett Elementary School, art therapy and friendship groups - $1,234; Lardeau Valley Historical Society, summer museum attendant - $850.

Area H had $19,235 initiatives funding, and $18,450 was disbursed as follows: Slocan Valley Threads Guild, access improvement- $3,000; Winlaw Hall Society, refinishing hardwood floor - $3,000; Parent Advisory Committee (LESS), community outdoor chess project - $900; Second Chance Animal Shelter, storage shed - $180; Second Chance Animal Shelter, pet identification machine - $370; Brent Kennedy School, Sharing Our Secret - $500; Castlegar Society for Search and Rescue, emergency water response - $2,000; Slocan Lake Arena Society, May Days bandstand project - $2,000; Healthy Housing Committee, housing needs assessment - $500; Commission of Winlaw Regional and Nature Park, replacement of boardwalk - $2,000; Options for Sexual Health, health clinics - $1,000; The Slocan River Streamkeepers, Fred Fraser Memorial Garden- $1,500; Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, Parent-Child Mother Goose - $1,500.

Arrow Park had $4,117.83 initiatives and affected areas funding and $3,525 was disbursed as follows: Arrow Park Community Association, Emergency Plan and fire caddy shed - $3,525.

Burton had $11,744.79 in initiatives and affected area funding, all disbursed as follows: Burton Community Hall Association, popcorn machine and cotton candy machine - $2,773; Burton Saddle Club, Burton Equestrian Grounds improvements - $3,943.11; Karissa Stroshein, swim lessons - $550; Burton Community Hall Association, barbecue and three park benches - $2,028.68; Burton Community Hall Association, sound system for Burton Hall - $2,450.

Edgewood had $14,318.28 in initiatives and affected area funding, all disbursed as follows: Edgewood Sports Grounds Trustees, EJ Donsalaar Memorial Park - $1,332.41; Edgewood Sports Grounds Trustees, restoration of heritage building - $3,544.49; Inonoaklin Valley Reading Centre, library services - $921.56; Inonoaklin Valley Reading Centre, 25th anniversary celebration - $500; Lower Arrow Lakes Conservation Association, safety fence at rifle range - $1,022.75; Edgewood Community Parks Board, Edgewood Park playground - $5,000; Edgewood Cemetery Company, replacement of storage shed - $900; and Edgewood Community Parks Board park benches and table pads - $1,097.07.

Fauquier had $8,609.79 in initiatives and affected area funding, all disbursed as follows: Concerned Moms Inc. (Fauquier Community Club), playground - $1,200; Fauquier Volunteer Fire Brigade, safety equipment - $3,964.35; Fauquier Community Club, renovations for the hall - $3,445.44.

Village of Kaslo had $7,083 in initiatives funding, all disbursed as follows: Kaslo Curling Club, chiller replacement - $1,800; North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society, kitchenette - $1,000; Langham Cultural Society, lighting upgrades for the Langham Theatre - $1,.283; North Kootenay Lake Arts & Heritage Council, Saturday Market enhancement - $1,000; Options for Sexual Health, health clinics - $1,000; Kaslo Trailblazers Society, bridge - $1,000.

Village of Nakusp had $77,061.91 in initiatives and affected areas funding and $65,500 was disbursed, as follows: Nakusp Fire Brigade, road rescue vehicle - $20,000; Nakusp Senior Citizen's Association Branch 71, commercial dishwasher - $5,000; Nakusp Ski Club, lighting T-bar and beginning ski area - $5,500; Nakusp Centennial Golf Club, John Deere Gator, jockey pump and clubhouse renovations - $20,000; Nakusp & Area Community Foundation, matching funds endowment - $10,000; Arrow Lakes Historical Society, publishing of Caulkboot River Dance Book - $5,000.

Village of New Denver had $1,926 initiatives funding and disbursed $1,900 as follows: Parent Advisory Committee, outdoor chess project Phase II - $900; Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts, VSSM student scholarships - $300; Heritage Federation for Southeastern BC, Heritage & Culture Guide $250; Silvery Slocan Historical Society, Lancet restoration project - $450.

Village of Silverton had $950 initiatives funding available and disbursed $800 as follows: Healthy Housing Committee, housing needs assessment - $100; Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts, VIPP scholarship fund - $200; Slocan Lake Gallery Society, Christmas by the Lake - $100; Silverton Historical Society archival preservation project - $200; Heritage Federation of Southeastern BC, heritage profile pages, Kootenay Rockies Heritage & Culture Guide - $100; Parent Advisory Committee (LESS), community outdoor chess project Phase II - $100.

Village of Slocan had $2,124 initiatives funding available and disbursed $2,000 as follows: Slocan River Streamkeepers, Fred Fraser Memorial Garden - $500; Slocan Fire Department, Fire Hall meeting room - $1,000; Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy Parent-Child Mother Goose program - $500.

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