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Jumbo regional recreation area proposed to RDCK board

by Jan McMurray

The RDCK has promised to look at a proposal for a Jumbo regional recreation area, presented at the June 24 board meeting. The board also decided, in the interests of open government and democracy, to invite the proponents of Jumbo Glacier Resort to a regular board meeting to provide information on their proposed resort.

Three representatives from the West Kootenay Coalition for Jumbo Wild attended the June 24 meeting as a delegation: Colleen McCrory, Valhalla Wilderness Society; Rowena Eloise, involved in the campaign to stop the Jumbo development for 19 years; and Grant Trower, Friends of the Lardeau River and a member of the Advisory Planning Committee for Area D.

The delegation asked the RDCK to create a regional recreation area covering approximately 25,000 hectares in the part of Jumbo wilderness that falls within RDCK boundaries. This area lies just west of the proposed Jumbo Resort area and includes popular hiking, mountaineering, heli-skiing, ATV and snowmobiling areas in the Glacier Creek drainage: Monica Meadows, the Macbeth Icefield, Jumbo Pass, Truce Glacier, Bastille Mountain, Starbird Pass and Crystal Ridge.

The proposal was referred to the Land Use, Inspection and Resource Committee (LUIRC) of the RDCK, which will report back to the full board.

The written proposal states: "The purpose of the recreation area is to preserve the natural ecosystems for the conservation of wildlife, the maintenance of biological diversity and to provide ongoing recreation based upon the enjoyment of the natural environment."

"This area has provided recreation enjoyment for many people for many years," said McCrory. "If we keep Jumbo wild, we will leave a legacy for our children."

Government has indicated that if Jumbo Resort goes ahead, the surrounding backcountry areas may have to be closed down to mitigate negative impacts of the resort on grizzly bears. Among the areas under threat of closure are the Glacier and Howser Creek drainages in Area D of the RDCK.

Area D director Andy Shadrack said he welcomed the proposal. "I have received 89 letters in the last month about this. Many people in Area D are upset because drainages might be closed off."

In the coalition's proposal for a regional recreation area, all existing permits and tenure holders are grandfathered, McCrory said, but no new commercial or industrial developments would be permitted. "The ski resort would not be in," she said.

Eloise said the resort area would cover about 6,200 hectares and would impact Area D considerably. McCrory said the 7,000-bed resort with its estimated 700,000 visitors per year would have far reaching implications for the entire region.

"If the resort goes ahead, regional districts will be bearing upkeep costs for the resort's infrastructure," she warned.

Eloise added, "We will all be impacted financially as taxpayers."

McCrory also pointed out that there are excellent ski areas already in the area that are not operating at capacity.

Trower said the Lardeau Valley had already lost a lot of land to the Duncan Dam and he does not want to see Glacier Creek Road closed. "We want to protect our lifestyles," he said. "Our community is moving away from agriculture and logging and going toward recreation and wilderness opportunities. There is a noticeable increase in people coming here for recreation."

Area H director Don Munro said he found the proposal to be timely. "Unless we look at the value we have here, we will lose it. We should take a very close look at this proposal."

Director Carol Bell from Silverton agreed. "We need to plan," she said.

McCrory said that East Kootenay recreation and environmental groups were working on a similar proposal for the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) for a linked 'Hands across the mountain' initiative.

Morton's Beach closed to vehicles and camping

by Jan McMurray

BC Parks has decided to get tough on people camping and using motorized vehicles on Morton's Beach.

"My only option is to shut down vehicle access," said Gary Glinz from BC Parks. "We are not shutting down the park. We just want people to stop driving all over the beach."

Although people have been using the beach for camping and ATVing for many, many years, Glinz explained that Morton's Beach has been closed to vehicles and overnight use since McDonald Creek Provincial Park was established in 1980. "It is meant to be a walking area — a day use area — of the park," he said, "and people can still use it that way."

He read Section 24-1 of the Park Act, which states that in parks and recreation areas, vehicles are allowed only on park roads, where permitted by signage and as authorized by a park officer.

"These laws are designed to protect the natural resources in parks. We know that any riparian areas anywhere are an ecological asset and we want to manage them when they are inside parks."

He explained that the beach is not at all suitable for camping because it floods during high water. "People want to be able to camp on the beach, but that area is not intended for camping. It floods — it's under water right now. It's not practical to build washroom facilities there," he said.

With the illegal camping comes unregulated activities like illegal garbage disposal, illegal fires, and ecological damage, he said. "Last year on the August long weekend, there were 107 camping parties — about 400 people — on Morton's Beach. There were trailers, ATVs, vehicles all over the beach. There were feces everywhere. Our responsibility is to provide safe, clean facilities, and that is not what we have there. They want to camp for free on the beach and we can't accommodate them."

When reminded of the difficulty trying to keep campers and vehicles out in the past, he responded, "I hope people will obey the law. We expect some resistance, but we'll keep trying to keep it closed. Parks and the Conservation Officer Service will work together to enforce the law there. We have to do it to mitigate the negative impacts of vehicle and ATV damage to the grass along the riparian area. We'll monitor that and if things look good down the road, I'll get some money to invest in that area."

He said signs were put up two weeks ago, and the access road to the beach from Hwy 6 has been dug up.

Glinz also pointed out the negative economic impacts on the community. He says there are quite a few campgrounds nearby and "we're encouraging people to use those."

Parks officials had an *in camera* meeting with some Nakusp village councillors on June 21. At the June 22 Nakusp council meeting, part of that discussion was brought forward from *in camera*.

Councillor Roberts said it was very important the public knows that "they intend to close Morton's Beach totally from camping. We seem to be closing more and more things down for local people." He complained that Parks representatives were more worried about "a few blades of Quack grass and a Dickie bird sighting" than they were about the community.

Councillor Heppner disagreed with Roberts, and said he would not support damage being done on Morton's Beach.

Councillor Dahlen said she believed the issue should be taken to a public meeting, but acknowledged that the park is not in council's jurisdiction.

Mayor Hamling said it was up to Area K director Paul Peterson to make sure there was a public process.

Peterson approached council in May, asking for support in establishing Morton's Beach as a regional park. Council voted to support the idea in principle.

Vicki Hilger welcomed people to her garden during the Slocan Valley Garden Tour, June 25.

Joe Trozzo participated in the Silverton Children's Parade on Canada Day.

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Local elected officials host community forum in New Denver

by Jan McMurray

The issues of the day were aired at the community forum at Knox Hall in New Denver June 26. From urbanization to ambulance service, subsurface rights to green energy, a variety of topics was covered.

MP Alex Atamanenko, MLA Corky Evans, New Denver Mayor Gary Wright, Silverton Mayor John Everett, and Area H Director Don Munro were all there to answer questions.

Barb Yeomans asked how to request a moratorium on all foreshore permits until a foreshore management plan was in place. Munro said that with a plan, the government is more apt to look favourably upon the request.

A show of hands gave a count of 31 in favour and 0 against such a moratorium. Munro said that a questionnaire distributed four years ago showed very high ratings for public access to lakes and rivers.

Evans said that the Ministry of Lands office in Cranbrook had wanted to know how this room felt about leasing or selling foreshore land, "so we'll communicate that tomorrow," said Evans.

Catharine Allaway pointed to the push toward urbanization. "How can you help us to make our rural values and views heard?" she asked. Atamanenko says sustaining our way of life is what he does in Ottawa. Evans called this "the issue of our times." He suggested tacking up posters around town, listing cultural traditions like walking on the beach.

Steve Lones raised the issue of affordable housing. "There are bidding wars now, and people from away can outbid local people. What can government do to slow this down?"

Evans said the province has abandoned the idea of being responsible for shelter — there is no Ministry of Housing. He underlined the urgency of having government, not the private sector, responsible for housing. "You have to make us do it," he said.

Mayor Wright said that one way to keep housing prices down is not to sell them for more than you paid. He says no one he had suggested this to yet was willing to do it, but it also keeps your property tax down. He says the village can encourage secondary suites, and if developers ever come in and want a zoning change, the village can ask them to build affordable housing as compensation.

Hal Wright wanted to see a cohesive green energy plan, calling current policy "chaos." Atamanenko said his NDP party had a five-point plan to provide incentives for alternative energy sources, but it is not the government's priority. Evans agreed that there was chaos, from government, to environmental groups (some promote nuclear energy), to consumers (we are one of the highest electricity consumers in the world). "And we don't have a plan," he said. "We need a plan. We need it at the front of the agenda."

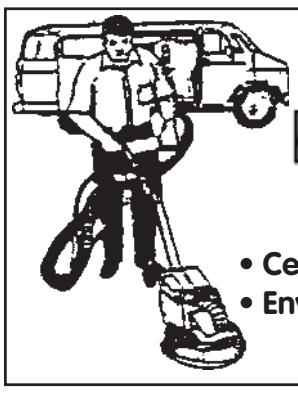
An ambulance attendant thanked elected officials for their work to date trying to improve the service, and asked them to treat the issue with the same urgency that ambulance workers do when they get a call.

To a question about the new meat inspection regulation, Evans said, "Everybody should know the law is coming down and if we don't have a system in place, we will be outlaws."

The struggle of licensed child care facilities prompted an interesting response from Evans. "I think they are wiping out childcare across Canada because my generation wants them to spend state wealth on making sure we live forever. We have decided to demand care for ourselves, not our children."

Atamanenko urged people to keep the pressure on around the child care issue. "Keep the letters coming," he said.

The issue of people with mining claims camping out on the beach in their trailers came up. Evans said the government changed the rules because it wanted to attract capital for mineral exploration. The change in rules gave the people with subsurface rights lots of leeway. "We need to review this," he said.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Nakusp Music Fest tickets going fast

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Get your tickets now for the Nakusp Music Festival, July 14-16, and check out headliners Blue Rodeo, Roger Hodgson, April Wine and the Road Hammers.

Ticket sales are brisk and organizers expect that they will match last year's total by July 1. Locals are encouraged to get their tickets now to avoid disappointment. The box office is located in the True North Building right across from the Home Hardware 110 Broadway Street, Nakusp, on the second floor.

A number of tentsites are still available in the downtown area, but most RV sites are already booked. Additional RV sites are now being created away from the downtown area to be serviced by a shuttle bus service. The shuttle bus schedule will be posted on the website shortly. Two buses from SD#10 as well as two Community Services buses have been secured for this.

Western Pacific Marine one of the festival sponsors, will add additional sailings on all Arrow Lakes terminals during all days of Music Fest.

A big selection of official festival merchandise, produced by Stephen Marks of "On The Marks," will be available during the event.

Fifty additional car-flags were ordered on request and are now available at the Music Fest office at a cost of $ 10.

VIP guests and headliners will once again be treated to meals prepared by Debbie Guest.

Festival organizer Willi Jahnke has announced that next year the Nakusp Music Fest will sponsor a Queen's candidate.

Additional volunteers are required, especially with the tear-down on Monday morning. Contact the festival headquarters at 250-265-2141 if you can lend a hand. Visit www.nakuspmusicfest.ca for up-to-date information.

70s supergroup April Wine will rock the crowd at Nakusp's 3rd annual Music Festival, July 14-16. Get your tickets today!

Plan to attend Our Way Home

Single event tickets available at the door

by Jan McMurray

The long-awaited Our Way Home reunion and peace event is finally upon us. July 6-9 at the Brilliant Culture Centre, there will be an impressive array of workshops, panel discussions, theatre performances, films, speakers and music in honour of US war resisters and those who assisted them. Single event tickets will be available at the door throughout the entire weekend.

This event, which has captured international attention, should not be missed by our area's residents. Event organizer Isaac Romanow has made single event tickets available for the convenience of local people.

The impressive line-up includes well known people from near and far, such as George McGovern, Arun Ghandi, Kim Phuc, Svend Robinson, Alex Atamanenko, Eloise Charet, Dr. Stephen Zunes, Bill Blaikie, Rabbi Michael Lerner and the Venerable Acharya Zasep Tulka Rinpoche. Musicians include Buffy Sainte-Marie, Holly Near, Nancy Argenta, and Pied Pumkin.

Friday evening's entertainment will be hosted by Mark Nykanen, featuring Rabbi Michael Lerner as speaker and with performers "Country" Joe McDonald, Bill King, Pied Pumkin, Ronnie Gilbert, Theatre Energy's "Three Fingered Frank" and a special performance by the Doukhobor Men's Choir. This is when *The Homecoming* US War Resister bronze sculpture will be unveiled. Tickets are $35.

The peace concert takes place Saturday evening, with Buffy Sainte-Marie, Holly Near, Ronnie Gilbert, Khac Chi Vietnamese Ensemble and D.O.A. Tickets are $40.

Morning workshop sessions held from 9 am to noon on Friday, Saturday and Sunday cost $15 each day. A panel presentation on Friday (2-5 pm) and George McGovern's keynote address on Saturday (2-4:30 pm) each cost $20. A plenary session with speaker Rabbi Michael Lerner on Saturday (4:30-5:30 pm) is free. The final program and closing ceremony on Sunday (2-4 pm) with keynote speaker Arun Gandhi and John J. Verigen Jr., Kim Phuc, Zasep Tulku Rinpoche, and special performance by the Doukhobor Choir and Holly Near, will be $20.

For more information visit www.ourwayhomereunion.com.

The Welcoming US War Resister bronze sculpture will be unveiled at Friday night's evening program of the Our Way Home Reunion event. Tickets for this and all other individual events of the weekend will be available at the door.

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Apology

We're very sorry that we forgot to acknowledge the photographers for the group photos of the graduates in our last edition. Nakusp Senior Secondary's photo was taken by Monashee Colour/jbaimages.com of Nakusp. Mt. Sentinel's group photo was taken by Vogue Portraits and Cameras out of Nelson and Castlegar, BC.

Outdoor education at Burton and Lucerne Schools approved

by Jan McMurray

School District No. 10 has approved the outdoor education program for grades 5/6 at Burton Elementary and Lucerne Schools as a pilot project for next year.

As of June 22, there were 24 students registered for the program at Burton — 10 from Burton, 10 from Nakusp and 4 from Fauquier.

The program will be offered in a four-day week format at BES, with bussing provided.

Superintendent Walter Posnikoff and principal George Harding wrote up a report for the board of trustees, recommending that the program go ahead. At a special meeting on June 22, the board voted it through. Quinn DeCourcy was the only trustee to vote against it.

DeCourcy explained that he was supportive of the program, but thought the board should take more time to plan. "I think it's an excellent idea but I don't like to think that two years from now there will be a budget crunch and it gets cut. I would have liked more time to work out the details and look at the population in Nakusp and New Denver and see where it's heading."

Trustee Judy Struck, although she voted in favour, said she also preferred to wait for another year. Her concern was the budget — about $50,000 of the district's approximately $170,000 surplus is being allocated to the program for its first year to cover transportation, equipment and supplies, and staffing costs.

"That's a lot of money out of our surplus, and that money could have been divided up to benefit the whole district. We're not always guaranteed to have a surplus and it might not be possible to continue the program because of the costs," she said.

Chair Pattie Adam was very positive about the initiative. "I am supporting this. This is the most exciting time for me in the four years I've been on the board. We're doing something that could be positive and a move forward," she said, concluding by thanking champions Leslie Leitch and Katrina Sumrall, who will be teaching the program.

Sumrall, who attended the June 22 meeting along with Leitch, said, "You won't be sorry — it will work."

Interest sparked in regional park for Rosebery Parklands

by Jan McMurray

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) board has agreed to investigate the possibility of making the Rosebery Parklands a regional park. All it needs is a letter of request from the Rosebery Parklands Development Society. The RDCK will also ask the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands to withhold a decision on a permit for a dock adjacent to the Rosebery Parklands until the board has been able to do its investigation.

The board was acting on a request from Andrea Wright, on behalf of concerned Rosebery residents, who attended the June 24 RDCK meeting held in Silverton.

She explained that a private dock which has recently appeared in Rosebery Bay, near the parklands, is a "red flag" for Rosebery citizens.

"We're very concerned about the privatization of the foreshore of Slocan Lake," she said. "This area has a long-standing traditional use by the public for swimming and our annual Rosebery Regatta. We are very concerned about privatization of public spaces."

The Rosebery Parklands Development Society created the Rosebery Parklands in 1990 on about 15 acres of abandoned CPR property. In order to finance the land purchase, the society subdivided the property and sold six parcels. The dock in question is in front of one of these properties.

Gary Wright, RDCK chair, explained that the owners of these properties are allowed access to the water by an easement. He said that one property owner has applied to the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands for a permit for a dock and "we're coming up to the end of the ministry's 140-day policy."

Area H Director Don Munro spoke to his constituent's request. "Access to, and a say in, what happens on the lake is critical issue for our residents. When you drive up here, you see this is a major resource for the valley. With all the people moving in and all the building permits being issued, we want to take a close look at what we have got and how to protect it. The possibility of this area as a regional park was initiated 16 years ago."

Back in February 1990, the RDCK passed resolutions to send the Rosebery Parklands Development Society a letter of support for the society's purchase of the property, and an agreement in principle to receive the property for the purpose of developing at some future, unspecified date, a regional park.

Regulating meat sales

by Jan McMurray

Several government representatives met with local farmers at the Mills' farm in Slocan June 26 to discuss the new meat regulation scheduled to come into effect September 30 of next year.

The new meat regulation, part of the Food Safety Act, will require all meat animals to be slaughtered in a licensed facility if the meat is to be sold for human consumption.

To help farmers comply, the government has made matching grants available of up to $50,000 for upgrading or building a slaughterhouse to licensing standards. The deadline for applying for these grants is September 30 of this year.

Officials explained that they wanted to encourage proposals for plants first and then they would look at regional gaps and target some funding to under served areas. Local farmers were quite resistant to the new regulation at first, but the meeting ended with a general consensus that the community should pursue establishing a licensed slaughterhouse to serve the area.

Reasons given for the new regulation were to improve public health protection, maintain public confidence in the food safety system, to increase livestock slaughter capacity in the province and to make the system consistent province-wide.

Some of the local farmers did not buy the public health protection argument. One pointed out that there has never been a health problem from farm meat in the valley. Another said that health issues come from government inspected facilities, not from small farms.

Other concerns included the extra cost of transporting animals to a slaughterhouse, as well as the stress caused to the animal during transport, which affects the quality of the meat. Taking away people's freedom to choose was another concern, as purchasing meat from neighbours is a choice that many Slocan Valley residents consciously make. Another worry was the viability of a slaughterhouse business in the area.

"Nobody here has lots of money to build a plant as a favour," said one farmer. "Lots of big slaughterhouses can't make it, so why would one here?"

MP Alex Atamanenko asked if there was any way to exempt farmers in our area or exempt farmers who raise a small number of animals.

MLA Corky Evans said he already asked the minister that question, and the minister turned it down. "My read is it's going to happen," he said. "So if somebody wants to apply for a grant, they can do so by September 30. If not, we'll need a community-based solution."

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Voices from the Valleys

When public beaches become private property...

We've seen a lot of controversy over public access to the waterfront in recent weeks. BC Parks is closing Morton's beach to camping. BC Hydro is building a number of boat ramps on the Arrow Lakes. Both of these are good news stories.

Yes, it could be argued that BC Hydro took too long and had to be forced to do their duty. It could also be argued that there has been a traditional use of Morton's beach as a camping area. Unfortunately, too many people were using it and the facilities were inadequete. Some form of regulation was needed. If the camping ban sounds draconian, at least everyone will be able to use it as a day park. Both decisions will ultimately enhance public access to the water.

The story on Slocan Lake isn't so good. Here we've seen a number of 'land grabs' on our public beaches. Whether it's private landowners that have property overlooking the water and erecting private docks on public beaches, or 'prospectors' staking spurious mineral claims on public beaches and camping there all summer long, it has to stop. It's bad policy to allow it to continue.

The private dock in the Rosebery Parklands should be dismantled, and the owner should really talk to the community about what would be a more appropriate development on our public beach, if anything. The beach has been the site of the Rosebery Regatta for many years. My daughter and son learned to swim by jumping off the tree that overlooks the water.

As for the 'prospectors' - give it up boys. We all know that you can do this, but you shouldn't. The new mining regulations weren't created so that you could park on our best beaches all summer. Doing so will only create such a hue and cry and foster so much resentment among your fellow citizens that when it comes time to review the regulations, you'll probably lose much of what you've gained. You'll certainly have to deal with a lot more red tape.

It seems strange that in British Columbia today we have to fight to keep our public beaches.

The rights of citizens to access the waterfront has come down to us from the Romans in what is known as the Public Trust Doctrine. The doctrine was created in Roman times to support people's livelihoods and commerce. The emperor Justininian's Code even made provision for people to trespass on private property in order to do so. The idea was to secure such basic fundamental rights as navigation and fishing for all. The right to moor a boat and load or unload cargo on any shoreline remains a part of British and North American common law. The doctrine protects recreational as well as commercial interests.

It's time to vigorously uphold the Public Trust Doctrine. It's not just good politics, it's good policy.

Dan Nicholson, publisher

Canadian values gone awry?

We are not able to fully save our healthcare system, our Canada Pension plan will not cover the baby boom generation, many of our old and young live well below the poverty line, children go to school hungry every day, our cities cannot house the homeless, we cannot afford social programs to aid the addicted, nor can we afford to keep our commitment to the Kyoto agreement, but we have 15 billion to spend on trucks, tanks and guns!

Would you please explain to me again what "Canadian values" are?

Will Webster
Kaslo

We need designated quiet times

One of my favourite pieces of trivia is that the invention of the tin can to store food predated the invention of the can opener by many years. Picture, if you dare, the horrific injuries in between.

Later in the march of progress power tools have taken over gardening. What used to be a quiet relaxing healthy activity has become another industrial process, spewing noise and fossil fuel exhaust.

Isn't it time for our can opener? Designated noisy hours would allow all of us to enjoy ourselves in our own way. Peace and quiet are two of our most fragile treasures. It only takes one weedeater at 8 am on a Sunday to disturb everyone's peace.

I've suggested designated quiet and noisy times to our village council. Now, they need to hear support from the silent majority.

I'm sure Stan Rowe and I are not the only villagers to long for a quiet Sunday.

Eleanor Quirk
New Denver

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Moral certitude clarified

It appears that Joel Harris misunderstood my letter about moral certitude, and that's probably my fault. It was certainly not my intention to offend or insult him and, if I did, I sincerely and publicly apologize.

In fact, my letter was meant as a compliment. I genuinely envy him his ability to decide what's right and wrong, what's good and evil. I don't have that ability and I wish I did. It represents a strength of character on his part and a weakness on mine of which I am acutely aware. The difficulty I have forming firm opinions on complex issues is something that has frustrated me all my life and I don't expect that situation will change anytime soon.

If my letter sounded a bit peevish, it's probably because I'm a bit jealous. Once again, Joel, I'm sorry.

John Banta
Fauquier

Why spend so much protecting ourselves from terrorists?

In a recently published book *Foods that Fight Cancer* published by the respectable firm of McLelland & Stewart, I came across a statistics table titled: Fears and Reality, a comparison of perceived threats and actual risks in our daily lives. I quote:

"Perceived Threat vs. Actual Statistical Risk

Death as a result of smoking (in smokers 1 in 2

Death from cancer 1 in 3

Premature death related to obesity 1 in 4

Cardiovascular illness 1 in 4

Death from food poisoning 1 in 7

Death in a motor vehicle accident 1 in 7,000

Death from lightning 1 in 350,000

Death in an airplane crash 1 in 3,000,000

Death in a shark attack 1 in 280,000,000

Death in a terrorist attack infinitesimal (too small to be calculated)

And where do our governments spend our money? And what's in the media? No wonder when you know that our defense Minister in the Harper government, Gordon O'Connor, is a former lobbyist for the arms manufacturers. The same in USA or most other countries, despite arms embargoes or the use of machetes in some. Wars are needed to keep the very profitable arms business going. Do we really want to base our livelihood on the business of death? To answer Kevin Newberry's question of two weeks ago: NO, we don't want these people to govern Canada

Richard Eichenauer,
Fauquier

Canada is at war

Canada is at war. I never thought I would write these words in my lifetime. Never. War is not just "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" anymore: old, uniformed men and women, weeping for their lost mates, lost youth, decades of pain and mental anguish. As abhorrent today as then, the horrific reality of war is seared into a soldier's brain until they are almost crazy; fighting blindly, killing to survive, to go home; praying to God for the bloody chaos to end!

Canada, under a more compassionate government, sheltered Americans of conscience resisting their brutally cruel and utterly contrived war in Southeast Asia. Continuous, perpetual warfare was concocted by the same war-mongers and their multinational, military-industrial complex cronies who are currently misguiding the USA and now Canada in committing heinous crimes against humanity in Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran in order to grab our share of the loot: personal gains for the wealthy war profiteers. I always follow the money....

Thousands of America's best and brightest, terrified and terrorized victims of an unrelenting military draft in an illegal, immoral series of wars, emigrated whole families across the "longest unprotected border in the world" to a welcoming, peaceful nation. War resisters left behind their broken homeland not knowing if they would ever be allowed to return; tearing themselves from their families and lifelong friends to protect themselves and the innocent Asian families they were slated to kill. They were threatened with mob justice, public humiliation, criminal pursuit, arrest, military jail, torture, death ....

The world is aghast that Canada and the Canadian People are now actively engaged in or complicit with killing large numbers of men, women and children for the USA. At the current rate another 7,500 people will be dead, 150,000 maimed for life by the end of Canada's extended tour of offensive warfare in the opium fields of rugged Kandahar Province. This is what Stephen Harper's American Government advisors have decided will make Canadians safer in this world driven mad while we uncover how unquestioningly Stephen loves all things American.

So local community councillors and leaders, in these leader-less times: act out against this obscene slaughter; take a moment to say something meaningful to your constituents instead of your worn out clichés of false patriotism, fantasies of war or denigrating the courage of those who rightly, bravely chose and still choose to defy the most powerful killing machine assembled in history. The inspiration of America's war resisters can be a living reminder, warning peace-loving Canadians of the human consequences of Stephen Harper's doomed, neo-conservative war follies.

After running under the campaign slogan: "Stand Up For Canada!" chicken hawk Stephen Harper, the American Prime Minister of Canada, told all Canadians we will be a US military "partner" until 2009, "because he can make it happen." He smirked matter-of-factly on TV, "Embrace the change. There is nothing we (Canadians) can do about it."

Joel Harris
Passmore

Open letter to Kaslo & District Community Forest Society

I would like to share my views with you concerning your present operations and your application for an area-based long-term tenure of approximately 25,000 cubic meters of harvested wood each year.

I believe a community forest society should concern itself with stewardship over its license area, as well as generating income for the community. Profitable logging should be just one facet of the overall operation. The protection of water sources and monitoring of streams prior to road-building and logging has been identified by the community as a high priority, as well as developing a plan for the chart area identifying areas to be clear-cut, areas to be selectively logged, and areas to be left undeveloped.

A community forest board needs to be receptive to the wishes and desires of the whole community, not just the folks who agree with the direction the current board has taken. And I perceive that direction as seeing the community forest as a cash cow, with little more than lip service being paid to the environmental concerns many residents have, such as preferring selection logging to clearcutting, setting aside drainages for wildlife corridors and water protection, doing fire interface planning around the village, having forest-related educational programs in conjunction with the schools, encouraging non logging-related uses of the forest, and monitoring water sources, to mention a few.

My overwhelming impression is that some members of the current board have done everything in their power to shape and control the conversation to their own ends, to the exclusion of many voices in the area. In connection with

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Voices from the Valleys

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that, the grant program the current KDCFS board has established has no objective third party to decide who gets the money; the board itself does it.

I don't believe that the KDCFS can be run by volunteers with industry backgrounds alone; there are potential conflicts of interest between getting wood for the mills on one hand, and supporting community environmental concerns on the other. I feel there needs to be a substantial shift in the way things are presently run.

•The board should be setting policy, not micro-managing operations, and should have a professional full time staff to implement decisions made.

•There needs to be a broader range of views present on the board, along with a way for concerned citizens to have their voices heard in a meaningful way.

• If the KDCFS continues making grant money available, it should be administered through a hands-off third party - perhaps the village, perhaps a foundation, perhaps an independent citizens committee.

•Water monitoring programs should be in place to establish baseline data on water flows which will be potentially affected by KDCFS operations.

•The finances of this organization are not transparent. It should be easy for community members to see where the money came from and where it went. We're talking about a big cash flow here, millions of dollars each year, which is essentially community money.

Before the KDCFS becomes 2.5 times bigger, I believe it needs to write a business plan and set policy objectives. I believe that input from those with industrial logging experience needs to be balanced with those concerned about the impacts of such logging, and this calls for a dialogue. I have faith that if this organization can draw upon its past, it will be viable for the future; what I mean by that is that the KDCFS was born because of environmental concerns and these concerns are still around. In spades.

Harvey Armstrong
Kaslo

Insurgents or Underground or Minutemen

We have to quit talking about that guy who's name starts with Z (Bush probably got Al Zarqawi mixed up with Al Zawahiri, a real bad guy), who supposedly led the Iraqi chapter of the Al Quaida. Forget about him. He was used as a red herring by Rove. The Iraqis don't need an outside agitator to incite violence against US Forces.

It's reminiscent of an old Bill Cosby routine about the American Revolution. The captains of the British team and the American team meet at centre field for the coin toss. The Americans win home field advantage and choose to wear whatever the hell they want and to run around and attack the British whenever they can. The British chose to wear bright red uniforms and to march around conspicuously and to announce when and where they were going to engage the enemy.

In the Second World War the Germans raced across Europe wearing their scary uniforms and driving their scary tanks and flying their scary planes and overran the continent. The opposing team in this case had to fight with whatever weapons they could come up with and hide in the night attacking the Germans when and wherever they could.

Today in Iraq the Americans rumble down the streets in their desert camos just like the panzer driving Germans (we're not supposed to say nazis) and the musket-toting redcoats. Who needs foreign agitators when you have occupation troops marching down the streets of your home turf?

In the revolutionary war the guys wearing mufti (civilian clothes) were patriots or minutemen. In the Second World War they were again called patriots or the underground. Today in Iraq locals fighting occupation forces are called terrorists. I'm betting King George and Hitler called their mufti-clad foes terrorists as well.

This whole deal started when a group of criminal zealots hijacked some planes and blew up the trade centre in New York. This was a crime committed by criminals and was clearly a police matter. No nation attacked the United States. No Iraqis or Afghanis attacked the United States. In the days following the attack local cops raided and broke up Al Quaida cells all across Europe. Police track criminals. Soldiers should stay home and defend their own countries.

Hey Bush, you've turned America into the bad guys. Get out of town. Bring the troops home.

Tom Coombs
Kaslo

Mosquito drone buzzes on

Thanks Winlaw for not recognizing a good thing if it bit you in the nose. We could have had summers free of swarming, blood-sucking, disease-carrying parasites, but I guess we'll be trapped indoors yet again.

Meadow Creek and Lardeau have the mosquito program and it works. An average of $60-80 in increased taxes seems like money very well spent. $80 a year to me seems like a golden opportunity compared to the thousands I've spent on repellants, carbon dioxide traps, propane, screen houses, extra gas money to drive away from them. What other effective way is there to bring them to acceptable levels?

2.5 million people die a year from mosquitoes. No other creature can bite us repeatedly and it be considered tolerable and acceptable. Mosquitos also make life unbearably miserable for pets and other animals.

As it stands now with the last vote being no, the government has the permit necessary to spray when West Nile Virus shows up. Would we rather the government spray the cheapest toxic chemical pesticides available such as malathion that will affect everything in the food chain from butterflies, bees, birds (and us!), or use an environmentally friendly larvicide that we as a community control, that targets only mosquitos in the larval stage in stagnant water.

The swallow and bat argument is baloney. If you think putting up bat and swallow houses or having them roost around your house helps make a difference, you don't have a mosquito problem in the first place. When bat stomach contents were identified locally there were no mosquitos there. Moths are their preference. I have bats and swallows and I have swarms of mosquitos with no predators feasting on them.

Outdoor pot growers, would you rather have the government flying over or walking your property or a private company that we'd have hired and have no interest in reporting work that falls to the police. No busts or reports have been filed in Meadow Creek/Lardeau area as a result of the program.

As it is now, we have no choice; it will fall to the government. Will the birds and bugs fare so well after they are all sprayed with toxic chemical pesticides? BTI (not BT or BTK) is a biological larvicide. It is a bacteria that has an alkaline pH balance and when eaten by mosquito larvae after it's been applied to the water, it causes them and only them to die. It is harmful to nothing else and it is only put in breeding pools where they live, not the river! People use BTI in fish and duck ponds. It can be sold without a pesticide license. I have put BTI on several acres of floodwater and although expensive ($65 plus tax a bag) I didn't notice much of a difference despite killing thousands. It needs to be put on all floodwater in a short time frame and I couldn't do all of it. To be effective it needs to be a community effort.

To those of you who have had enough of mosquito hell, contact Don Munro or sign the petition at the Winlaw Mini Mart or Slocan Valley Co-op in Slocan Park and request another vote.

Anne Dobson
Winlaw

Mountain Valley Station

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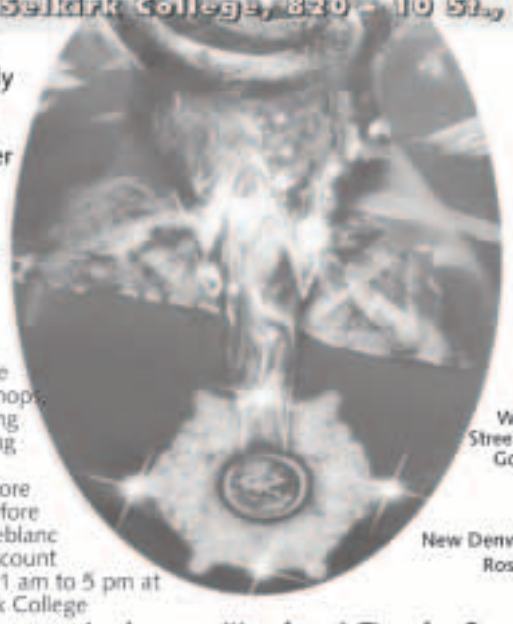

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We require:
The identification of 50,000 m³ metres of harvestable timber in the proposed chart area, a determination of access and the method of harvest, and volume/species breakdown.

The organization and preparation, for approval, of a Forest Stewardship Plan.

The time frame for the completion of the above work is the 2006 field season.

If you have any of the following skills and experience, we need to hear from you.

- **Access planning and site plan development**
- **Analysis and interpretation of data**
- **Related field work**
- **Project management and monitoring**
- **Knowledge of relevant forestry legislation**
- **An aptitude for research in forest planning**
- **Good technical writing and communication skills**

Please submit your resume, outlining all pertinent experience, equipment, qualifications, references and any certification. Knowledge of the Kootenay Lake Forest District is definitely an asset. Please send your information and/or proposals before July 21 by mail or by email to the addresses below. All qualified candidates will be contacted by phone.

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Riverwatch up — and running the river

submitted

This year when you set out to float, paddle or swim in the Slocan River, know what you're doing before you get into the water. At five locations in the lower river valley, watch for detailed maps with lots of good, friendly advice. Riverwatch, with the generous assistance of Columbia Power Corporation (CPC) and Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) director Don Munro, has placed this signage at Perry's Siding, Winlaw, Passmore, Slocan Park and Crescent Valley. The signs at Perry's and Winlaw also have detailed descriptions of CPC's fish habitat structures in the river.

Riverwatch is a group of concerned citizens who came together last year determined to do something to help the river survive our annual onslaught of funseekers. While originally the main focus was to do something about all those cans, bottles and other litter hurled into the water, soon it became clear that many people at the meetings were as worried about safety issues.

Out of the original public meetings, several sub-groups went to work to map the river, come up with the wording and design for the signs, and to do the work of getting everything in place. Now, only one year later, Ben Legebokoff is putting up the giant signs, designed and produced on a volunteer basis by Sonia Parfiniuk.

As well, bear-proof garbage cans with a recycling compartment, provided by the RDCK, have been set up at Winlaw, Passmore and Crescent Valley. A wharf at Slocan Park where people can drop off their garbage is also in the works. Furthermore, signs are being set up at every kilometre along the river so people using the river can know how far they have yet to go, and can refer to them in case of emergency.

And there's more. Soon mesh bags will be available in local stores, both to keep your drinks cold and to collect your garbage to be dumped in those new cans. And the map/signs are beautiful, with all kinds of good information and inspirational advice.

Huge thanks are due to Ben Legebokoff who got this idea in his head and just wouldn't let go of it, and to Audrey Repin from the CPC, Don Munro from the RDCK, all kinds of Search and Rescue folks, Endless Adventure, and the Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society, which has overseen the whole project.

To sum up, the last line on the map/sign says it all: "Remember — the Slocan River is a wild river, not a waterslide. Please treat it with the utmost respect for its power and its beauty."

Pictured is "Baby" Stark and her husband, a professional dance team from the Vaudeville era and the grandparents of Nelson resident Louisa Marzicola. The photo is on loan to the Slocan Lake Dance Camp scheduled for July 28 - 31 in New Denver. The dance camp will offer ballroom/social dance workshops for teens and adults. Visit www.dancingbeat.org for a printable schedule and registration form.

Who says lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place. For the third time, a Slocan Valley resident has won $1,000 in the Canadian Institute for the Blind (CNIB) Collectors' Car Raffle 'early bird' draw.

This year the lucky winner is Winlaw resident Bob Jarrett (left) shown receiving his check from Ross Pease, President-Elect of the Kootenay-Slocan Lions. Local Lions Clubs help the CNIB by organizing the sale of tickets. A 2006 Ford Mustang GT Convertible and a 1966 Ford Mustang 2 Door Hardtop are the major prizes. Third prize is $2,000 cash. The final draw will be on September 9. There are three more 'early bird' draws on July 15, 22 and August 12.

New Denver Mayor's Message: Annual report review

The $300,000 infrastructure program that saw the paving of all New Denver streets in 2005 was the largest the village has undertaken in thirty years. The paving program was funded with a combination of reserve funds and an innovative Community Bond issue offered through the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA)- an agency of BC's local governments. The New Denver bond issue was the biggest successful Community Bond issue ever undertaken by the MFA. It was made possible by the overwhelming support of local residents who invested in the program.

The 2006 Financial Plan includes, for the first time in many years, substantial "new" money coming into the municipality from the provincial government's Tourism initiatives and 2010 Legacy funding (if approved by the province), and the first installment of a five-year $200,000 federal transfer of gas tax revenue to the municipality for Community Works projects. These projects are designed to protect or improve water quality or undertake transportation or environmental improvement programs.

These monies are significant to a small village and the Council will be discussing their best use with residents. Major expenditures will not be made until 2007, after public input has been received, considered and incorporated into formal plans.

Municipal taxes are up eight per cent this year. Half that increase is a result of one-time-only cost of expanding our fire services contract area to Silverton and more of Area H. That expense will be offset many times by future cost savings on engines and equipment, which will be paid for on a fair proportional basis by all contract partners. The other half of the increase is primarily to cover cost-of-living staff salary adjustments and an increased budget for rising fuel costs.

Some interesting facts:

In the 15 years since 1991, local municipal taxes have increased only 3% or a total of $4366. Municipal taxes were $127,434 in 1991 and $131,800 in 2006. During this same period, general reserves have risen from $57,000 to $144,000.

Additionally, water reserves have risen from $0 to $259,000. The ongoing commitment of successive councils has been to have sufficient reserves to fund the major part of municipal water system replacements and upgrades expected within 20 years, when the system will be 50 years old.

The Slocan father & daughter musical duo of Holly & Jon performed at the Destination Silverton event, June 25.

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Silverton council, June 28: Property issues dealt with

by Jan McMurray

•Council voted to give Werner Mengler access to his property via Alpha Street for the purpose of testing and engineering studies to determine the feasibility of a subdivision. All costs will be borne by Mengler, and he will be asked to return the trail to a useable condition upon completion of the feasibility study.

•Council voted to give Mr. Gustafson and Mr. Ono access to their property at the end of Leadville street at the property owners' expense, provided they co-ordinate tree removal with Public Works, and indemnify the village for any damage that may occur to the water system or streets during the work.

•First Street, which was recently closed, will be surveyed and added to the village's inventory of property. The former owners of the Silverton Inn asked the village to close the street so they could purchase the property and thus tidy up their property title. The new owners have not indicated that they will follow through with this plan.

•Council voted to fund any shortfalls up to $72,000 for the Memorial Hall renovation project. The total project cost is $175,000. The village has applied for half of that through the 2010 grant program. It has also allocated its Community Tourism grant funding to the project. The 2010 committee continues to search for possible grants for the remaining $72,000 needed. However, the village will make up the shortfall if need be.

•Council voted to send a letter to the RDCK in support of the alternate approval process in Silverton and School District #10 to raise $20,000 in tax money for the Summit Lake Ski Hill.

•Fire battalion chief Ron Provan reported that backyard burning of waste materials is prohibited for the rest of the season. Campfires and cooking fires in designated firepits are still allowed. As of July 6, there will be a ban on fireworks as well.

•Mayor Everett reported that he had been elected director on the Columbia Mountain Open Network (CMON) board at the recent AGM.

•Councillor Bell reported that she had attended a Children First regional planning session and indicated she would like to do further advocacy work in the field of early childhood development through the RDCK.

•The two regular meetings in August were cancelled.

•The statement of Financial Information for 2005 was presented.

New Denver council, June 27: Katimavik crew may come to town

by Leah Main

•Councillor Ann Bunka is inviting not for profit community groups to meet July 10 at the Bosun Hall at 7 pm to discuss the possibility of having a Katimavik group in our area from November 2006 to August 2007. If the community can provide volunteer work for about 11 Katimavik youth for the nine months, Bunka will proceed with the application process. Katimavik would rent a house for participants.

•Mayor Wright reported on the New Denver/Silverton Community Forum held June 26. Shoreline protection has become an emergent issue for many people, and elected officials at all levels of government are now aware of the concerns and will work toward shoreline protection policies.

•A letter was received from LACE (Lucerne Association for Community Education) explaining the change in its mandate to managing the Bosun Hall and the Donation Store, in order to qualify for funding from foundations and to be able to issue tax receipts for donations. They anticipate resuming the previous mandate of contributing to the educational needs of the community once major renovations are completed and Bosun Hall becomes self-sustaining.

•Councillor Bunka reported on a regional district emergency planning meeting where they debriefed from the floodwatch. The group will meet again in the fall and discuss future planning, communications, and integration of the various emergency services in the region.

•The 2005 annual report was received and approved.

•Council voted to cancel the second regular meetings for the months of July and August. The first regular meetings in both months will be held as usual.

The grand opening of the Slocan Health Clinic was celebrated June 24. Slocan Mayor John Van Bynan and MLA Corky Evans cut the ribbon, and then cut and served the cake. Bob Inwood designed the facility, housed in Slocan's old schoolhouse. The village plans to put a library in the building as well, as Fred Fraser's son generously donated his father's collection of books.

Slocan Valley Rec offers eclectic blend of summertime fun

submitted

This summer, Slocan Valley Recreation continues to offer their usual eclectic blend of summer programs for all ages.

For the kids, there'll be gymnastics with Rhonda Saunders and art camps with Karla Pierce in Crescent Valley. Meanwhile, Angela Safire Jones will be offering her circus skills workshops in both Bonnington and at the Vallican Whole.

Swim lessons will be taking place at Slocan Lake in late July and the Olynyk kids will be offering a summer basketball week and a soccer week at Bonnington Park. Pre-schoolers can take advantage of the Kindermusik summer camp with Lea Ferguson in both Slocan Park and Slocan.

A wide range of kayaking programs will be happening based out of Crescent Valley. Week long sessions are planned for youth as well as women. There's also a weekend intensive being offered for couples and families. All kayaking courses are being offered in conjunction with Endless Adventures.

Care to Trebuchet? This summer those with a medieval bent can spend July 22 building a catapult with Andreas and Carl Schlichting. All parts are pre-made and the finished product is big enough to fit in a pickup truck and call your own! Watch for the group launch details.

Other programs for adults include a yoga retreat weekend at the Little Slocan Lodge with Eliza Gooderham, and creating a bull rush hat with Lynnda and Sharon.

For the family there are still spaces available for "Travels in Bear Country" with Erica Mallam. The telescopes from the HR MacMillan Space Centre return to the Appledale Hall on July 24. And no summer in the Slocan Valley would be complete without the 12th Annual Poker Float which takes place on Sunday, August 13.

For program details or to register, contact Slocan Valley Recreation at 226-0008

CORRECTION

In our June 21 issue, there were two inaccuracies in our article about Jordan Kind of WE Graham. The challenge to donate to his fund at the Castlegar Savings Credit Union Slocan Park branch came from Marion Cutler, not Marion Hunter. Also, the phone number for the contact, Carol Fehr, was incorrect. The correct phone number is 226-7924.

Silverton Historical Society launches Archival Project

The Silverton Historical Society, in partnership with Service Canada, Columbia Basin Trust, and the Regional District of Central Kootenay, is pleased to announce the Archival Preservation Project, which will run from June through the end of November 2006. The objective of this project is to organize the Interpretive Centre in order to aid in the preservation of historical archival information, the oral and written history, and the photographs of Silverton and surrounding mines of the area. These activities are crucial to the Interpretive Centre for the preservation of the existing archives and photographs. Without this project, the archives may remain untouched and unseen by the public and residents of the area. This project will provide the Interpretive Centre with an Archivist and Administrative Assistant.

Service Canada supports this program through Job Creation Partnerships (JCP), an employment benefit program designed to support projects developed by sponsors that create jobs that will provide insured participants with opportunities to gain meaningful work experience. At the end of their participation, clients will have recent work experience to add to their resumes and this, together with the networking which participants are able to do while on a project, increases their chances of successfully finding long-term employment.

Please feel free to visit the Silverton Historical Society Interpretive Centre, located in the basement of the Silverton Gallery, and take a walk in history.

2006 Forest Stewardship Plan

Tree Farm License #3 & Forest License A20192
Arrow Boundary Forest District

Springer Creek Forest Products is making available for public viewing their proposed Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) for operations within the Arrow Boundary Forest District. The geographical areas covered by this FSP range from South Slocan to Nakusp.

The FSP shows the location of proposed Forest Development Units in which planned forest activities may occur over the next five years. The FSP also provides strategies and results for conserving and protecting timber & non-timber resources. It will be available for review at the Springer Creek Forest Products office located in Slocan for a period of 60 days from July 4, 2006 to September 1, 2006 at regular office hours (8:00 am to 4:00, Monday to Friday).

To ensure that a representative is available to discuss the proposed FSP and receive comments, we would request that you make an appointment by contacting either Ed Hadikin or Simon Martin at 355-2100. If any interested parties are unable to review the proposed FSP during these times, arrangements can be made for viewings at a mutually convenient time.

Comments and concerns must be provided in writing by September 1, 2006 to:

Springer Creek Forest Products,
705 — Delany Ave, Slocan, BC V0G 2C0
Attention: Ed Hadikin, RPF.

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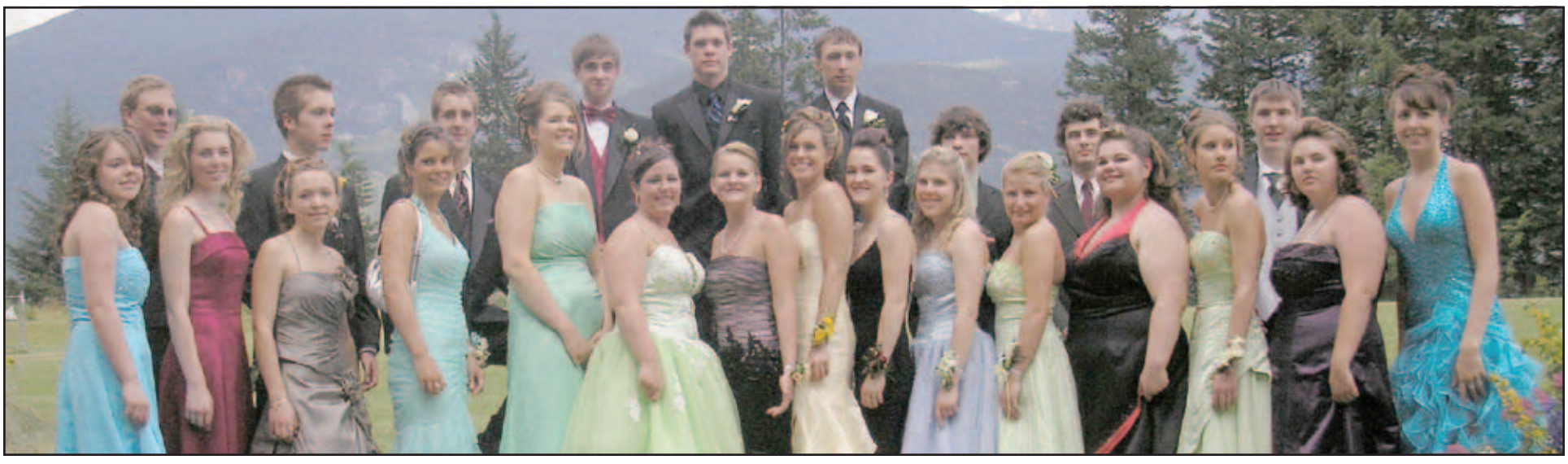

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JV Humphries graduates receive awards and scholarships

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Sportsmanship Cup: Kaitlin Zilkie
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Citizenship Awards: Gr. 8 Erland Mainland, Gr. 9 Cheryl Remple, Gr. 10 Lila Taylor, Margie Smith, Gr.11 Jessie Funk, Heidi Lettrari, Stephanie Hewat
Lakeside Learning Centre Awards: Mimi deBruyn, Erin Sutherland, Jordan Rothcrop
Excellence in Visual Arts: Myriam Duchesne
Boyd Memorial (Excellence in Music): Myriam Duchesne, Tom van Deursen
Shelagh Leathwood Memorial: Heike Lettrari
Distinction in Math - Junior: Margie Smith; **Senior:** Sam Tyers
Humanities Award: Heike Lettrari
Excellence in Technology Education: Rana van Tuyl
Univ. of Toronto National Book Award: Heike Lettrari
Science Council of BC: Sam Tyers
Biology Awards: Bernelle Thiessen, Heidi Lettrari, Kim Settle
Governor General's Award: Heike Lettrari
Award of Distinction: Heike Lettrari
Principal's Award: Myriam Duschesne

SCHOLARSHIPS

Tyler Chymko: Interchurch Council; Kaslo Bay Resort
Trisha Currier: Trades Scholarship; Hewat/Baker/Mattes
Kim D'Lerma: Dinosaur Hockey; Village of Kaslo; JV Humphries Memorial
Myriam Duchesne: Howard Green Memorial; North Kootenay Lake Arts Council; Hospital Employees Union
Travis Eideck: McKinnon Family Bursary; Trades Scholarship; Columbia Basin Trust; Hosptial Employees Union
Heike Lettrari: Edie Allen Memorial; Howard Green Memorial; Aya Higashi/John McNab; Yellowhead Road and Bridge
Hayley Mattes: Barry Butler Memorial
Tavish McQuaig: Dallas Benwell Memorial; Parent Advisory Council
Jayce McKenzie: Kaslo Jazz Society
Samantha Moeller: Hospital Auxilliary
Kristy Schreiber: Leathwood/ Wynnychuk; St Mark's Church; Alan Hoshizaki Memoral
Bernell Thiessen: Kootenay Lake Principals & Vice-Principals Association; Farmer's Insitute; Howard Green Memorial; CUPE #768
Samantha Tyers: Old Tiimers Hockey; Ernie Gare; Geoffrey Sinclair Memorial; Ted Hargreaves
Rana Van Tuyl: Bruce Jacobs Memorial; Nelson Rotary; Kootenay Savings Credit Union
Renee Webb-Pelchat: Columbia Power Corporation; Kootenay Lake Teachers Association
Kaitlin Zilkie: Jim Jennings Memorial; Jack McDowell Memorial; Hospital Employees Union

Rana Van Tuyl lights a candle for the technology program at JV Humphries graduation ceremonies, June 30, 2006.

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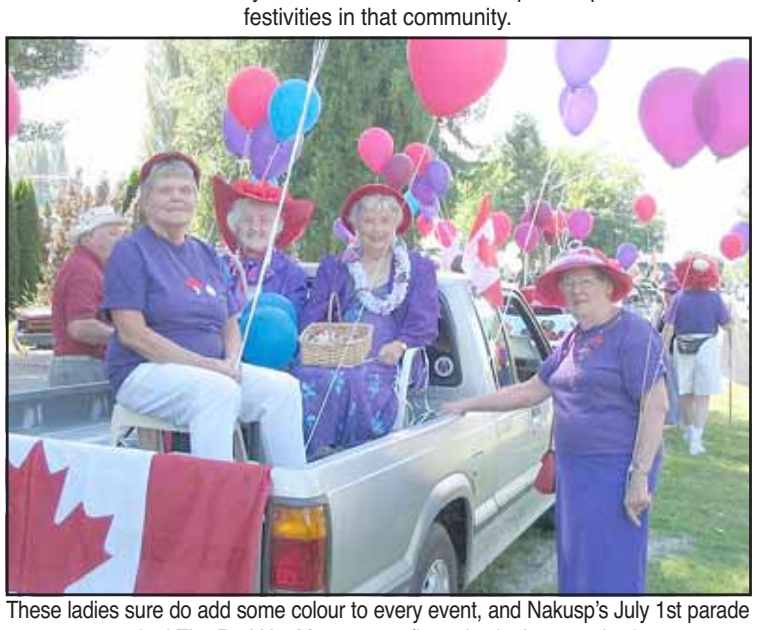

These ladies sure do add some colour to every event, and Nakusp's July 1st parade was no exception! The Red Hat Mamas won first prize in the organization category.

Sylvester came all the way to Nakusp to ride on the Protecting Animal Life Society (PALS) float in the awesome July 1st parade. The PALS float won third prize in its category.

Barry Barker and Donna Hicks brought their Jack Russell terrier to the Silverton Pet Show, July 1.

Queen of the Arrow Lakes Cassidy Wethal and Princess Kaitlyn Reitmeier participated in Nakusp's July 1st celebrations. There were nine candidates in this year's program and all rode in the parade. Outgoing royalty Kara Egli, Kristy Homis and Sara Varga took their last ride in Nakusp's Canada Day parade.

The Arrow Lakes Youth Society's Crossover BMX and Skate Competition was an action-packed part of the July 1st celebrations in Nakusp.

Panina Ironi, New Denver May Princess, was kept busy handing out cotton candy in Silverton, July 1.

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Nakusp council, June 22: Well project goes to tender

by Jan McMurray

•Trevor Shepherd of Delterra Engineering updated council on the water project. The tendering to complete the pumphouse and electrical system for well #1 closes on July 5. He said the second well will be much less expensive to make operational, estimating the cost at roughly $50,000, because all the controls will be set up during this first phase of the work. Although the two wells would provide more water than the village uses now, Shepherd said council might want to consider keeping the gravity surface water system at Brouse going, to supply homes "up top" instead of pumping it up from the wells. The surface system, currently untreated, would probably have to be chlorinated, said Shepherd, explaining that the Ministry likes to see UV, filtration and chlorination for surface systems.

Whether or not to decommission the Brouse system would be part of a ten-year Water Master Plan. The village has applied for a $15,000 grant to do this study, which would look at the infrastructure necessary for a safe and reliable water system for the present and future needs of the community.

Shepherd also offered up a possible solution for the hot springs bridge. He knows of some companies that build welded steel truss bridges which can be simply dropped into place. He estimated the cost of replacing the old one with one of these at about $120-130,000. Superintendent of operations Jason Chernoff reminded that replacing the bridge now, while the facility is shut down, makes sense.

•The annual report for 2006 was submitted, as required by the Community Charter. Part of the report is an open letter to the citizens of Nakusp from Mayor Hamling. She states in the letter that the hot springs should be ready to accept visitors near the end of July. She also says that the hiring of a new Chief Administrative Officer and other management changes has resulted in "a more harmonious, happier and productive work force." Tendering for the well is underway, she says, with connection of a second well planned within the next two years. "It is council's intent to ensure that we have adequate water and sewer before allowing substantial subdivision," she adds. The Official Community Plan process is also mentioned as a significant part of the three-year plan. Mayor Hamling encourages public participation in this process. She says that the process will follow with "Zoning bylaw amendments, subdivision control regulations, consideration of a downtown revitalization permissive tax exempting bylaw and possible development cost charges bylaw."

•A public hearing was held for the rezoning application of Bobbie Lang to rezone her property at 311 7th Ave. from residential to C-2 neighbourhood commercial for the purposes of operating a bakery. Three of her neighbours attended to speak in favour of the rezoning. Later in the meeting, council gave third reading to the bylaw to do the re-zoning, specifying that the only commercial operation that could take place there was a bakery.

•Joe Williams, representing Lou and Al Henderson, attended as a delegation to ask if the Village would fill in the ditch in front of the Hendersons' house at 209 2nd Ave. NW. A letter had already been sent to the village with the request, and the reply was that the village could do the work if the property owners would pay for it. Williams was not happy with the reply, saying the ditch is on village property and "plain and simple, it's a village responsibility." He also said the ditch is "unhealthy, unsafe and unsightly."

Council directed public works to look into it and get back to the property owners as soon as possible.

•Fire chief Terry Warren submitted his report for the period May 26-June 22. A medical assist call-out was listed on the report, which stated: "no ambulance was available for a long period of time, so decision was made to transport patient." Mayor Hamling asked Warren if he was comfortable with this. Warren answered, "No, I would rather have an ambulance service. The guys are not comfortable with it at all. It's real apparent that we have some issues — this needs to be addressed." However, he acknowledged that it was a courtesy right across the province for fire departments to help out in these kinds of situations.

•Emergency co-ordinator and fire chief Terry Warren asked for an amendment to the village's Driver Safety Policy to exempt emergency vehicles. It was determined that perhaps emergency vehicles should be exempt from parts, but not all, of the policy. Warren will have a closer look and bring this back to the table.

•Council discussed re-establishing the 2010 committee. CAO Bob Lafleur explained that it did not have to be a committee of council, and in fact most in the province were not. Possible projects suggested by council members were making the arena wheelchair accessible, upgrading the arena infrastructure and replacing the hot springs bridge. Councillor Roberts said he would talk to the Minor Hockey Association about taking this on.

•Superintendent of operations Jason Chernoff reported that pine trees were rapidly dying in Kathy Pederson Park, that he would contact a forester about it, and warned that trees would start coming down very soon. Chernoff said plans to replace the trees include $2500 earmarked in the budget plus seedlings donated by Pope & Talbot. No pine trees will be planted, and he has met with fire chief Warren to make sure fire smart principles are followed.

•A new photocopier will be purchased for the village office at $18,000 plus tax, which is $2,755 over what was budgeted.

•The village will contribute $500 to the Union of BC Municipalities to support the establishment of the Local Government Leadership Academy, which will co-ordinate training programs for elected officials and for municipal staff.

•A letter of support will go out to the Nakusp Golf Club, to help in its efforts to secure funding for various projects at the golf course.

Halcyon Hot Springs gets bigger and better

by Jan McMurray

Halcyon Hot Springs has expanded, and is starting this busy summer season with a much larger restaurant, 12 new accommodation units and a conference room.

The Kingfisher Restaurant seats 100 today, compared to 30 before. The room is expansive, with picture windows on all sides, affording lovely views of the lake and mountains. It has been decorated in earth tones, with oak flooring, wooden beams, and elegant wooden tables and chairs. There are also some tables outdoors on the balcony. A free standing fireplace separates the restaurant from the bar and lounge area, all blending in nicely together with the common natural decor.

The restaurant is open from 8 am to 9 pm and offers a varied selection of dishes on each of its breakfast, lunch and dinner menus. Prices are slightly upscale, making the Kingfisher a place to go for that special occasion.

"We wanted to find a balance between fine dining and a menu that would still attract families and local people," said resort manager Sabine Burmeister. "We serve West coast cuisine with a Kootenay flavour," she added.

Our family had dinner there on invitation from the Burmeisters and we were impressed. The meal started with homemade salsa and unleavened bread. As an appetizer, we ordered baked brie fritters, served with strawberries and greens — simply divine! Dan had the steak; our 12-year-old son had the chicken burger, and I ordered the Vegetable Wellington, which is phyllo pastry pie stuffed with very finely chopped vegetables. Dan's steak was cooked just right, our son's chicken burger was super tender, and my dish was excellent. All the chicken served is free range. There is also a bison burger and a beef burger on both the lunch and dinner menus, and a venison/bison chili on the lunch menu. Wild salmon, New Zealand lamb and pasta dishes round out the menu offerings.

The meal was nicely complemented with a cup of fresh ground organic coffee and Callebaut Chocolate Dipped Profiteroles, a dish of mini cream puffs covered with chocolate. It was difficult to choose between the five dessert selections, but we were not disappointed — except that our son managed to eat most of it!

Sabine also showed me around the other new developments on site. On the ground floor beneath the restaurant is a conference room, with windows surrounding the space for views of the pools, lake and mountains. The room is suitable for up to 80 people, and has a flat screen TV, PA system and small bar. This new wing of the main building, housing the restaurant and conference room, is heated geo-thermally from the outflow of the hotsprings water.

New accommodation offered this season are six chalets housing two units each. These village chalets and studio suites are equipped with plasma TVs, DVDs, full kitchens and electric barbecues on the deck. Village chalets sleep four - ten and have king-sized beds in the master bedrooms with ensuite bathroom featuring a double tub and separate slate shower, with queen beds in the loft. Living rooms feature gas fireplaces. The studio suites sleep four - six, with queen-sized beds.

These units will be for sale in the fall, so this season will be the only

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New constable in Nakusp

by Jan McMurray

Constable Scott West is the newest addition to Nakusp's RCMP detachment.

Coming to us from Kelowna, West asked to be transferred here and considers himself lucky that a position was opening up.

"I spoke to other RCMP members who had worked here, and they described it as a great town that supports the work the RCMP does in the community, a wonderful place for family, with a pace of life that is less hectic than what I was used to in Kelowna," he said.

When asked what he thought was an important policing issue for small towns such as Nakusp, West said that keeping the youth safe and keeping their energy directed in constructive ways was high on the list. He also said that any issue community members bring forward to the RCMP for assistance with is a very important issue.

"I see it as my job to ensure the safety of the residents of Nakusp so that people want to come here to visit, work, and live. In doing my part, I hope, it'll be easier to attract businesses, employment and visitors to the area," he added.

West is married with two children, aged 3 years and 11 months. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, camping, ATVing, biking, skiing, hockey and golf.

West has been in the RCMP for 13 years, with experience in rural policing, city policing, traffic enforcement, and most recently property crime investigation. He spent his formative years in small towns in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia in communities with, in some cases, less than 1000 people.

Constable Scott West

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Halcyon Hot Springs expands

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"We are working towards our goal of becoming a destination resort," said Burmeister. "We have it all in this valley and the valley is growing. With 2010 coming, we are in a good position to attract destination visitors."

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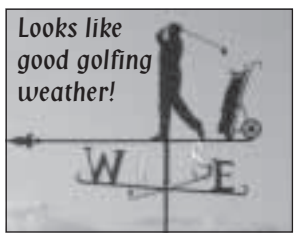

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Kaslo council, June 27: Village re-submits offer to purchase courthouse

by Jill Braley

•Greg Yaholnitsky, Real Estate Manager for Shared Services BC, Accommodation & Real Estate Services (formerly British Columbia Building Corporation) wrote to explain that as part of the transition from BCBC to ARES in April, more due diligence was required before offering the Kaslo courthouse for sale. With notification of the sale given to First Nations, the building was available for sale after June 23.

Council decided to re-submit the village's offer of $120,000 to purchase the building, with no money down, and subject to the successful outcome of a referendum.

•The Kaslo & Area Residents Association wrote to ask for a tour of the courthouse building. The association will be asked to contact the current owners of the building.

•Council received a letter from the village's animal control officer, who provided copies of letters from concerned citizens regarding the behaviour of Barry and Stephanie Leathwood's dog. Several residents voiced concern that the dog has been acting in an aggressive manner towards their pets, and running loose. Council promised that the updated dog control bylaw, currently before the village's lawyers for revision, will be well advertised upon adoption.

•Keleegh Sinclaire wrote to council stating it was her understanding that at the May 9 council meeting, a resolution was passed that a letter would be sent to Barry and Stephanie Leathwood advising them that all dogs have to be in total control of the owners. Sinclaire said this particular dog continues to run loose in the Washington Street area. Council directed staff to send a second letter to the Leathwoods regarding restriction of their dog to their own property.

•Council received correspondence from the Ministry of Public Safety regarding the Crooked Cafe. Jim Booth, compliance & enforcement officer, advised a compliance meeting had taken place with the owners of the cafe, who made a commitment to restrict the events that may disturb residents to two nights per month, with the exception of Jazz Fest and Maydays.

•Revenue of $9,000 from golf course logging activities will be distributed over three years (2006-2008) at $3,000 per year as an addition to the regular municipal grants.

•The Kaslo Golf Club asked council to forgive the approximately $3,500 water service connection fee for the new clubhouse. The request was referred to the Public Works Committee for recommendation to council.

•In response to a request from the village to review a Marina Ridge subdivision application, Randy Runzer of Urban Systems provided some comments. As recommended by Runzer, staff was authorized to contact law firm Staples & Company regarding a service agreement to include bonding for road works and utilities.

•Council received a letter from the RDCK regarding an extension of the Kaslo fire area to include Fletcher Falls. This was referred to the fire department for discussion and recommendation to council.

•The Kaslo Motel wrote to advise of an incident where an elderly lady fell on the uneven pavement on D Avenue. This was referred to the public works committee for action.

•Council granted a Development Variance Permit (DVP) for the Maliks' Silver Spoon Bakery property, which will reduce the rear lot line setback from 14.76 feet to zero feet for the construction of a garden shed. Acting Mayor Rich Jones was opposed, stating careful consideration should be given to all DVPs, as they could have a negative impact on future property owners. Council agreed to review the DVP process and the matter was referred to the Planning & Development Committee for recommendation to council.

•The following paving will be done in 2006: 500 block 'C' Avenue and 4m strip on 6th Street adjacent to school; 2nd Street, 'E' Avenue to Kaslo River cul de sac; Kane Street; 'E' Avenue, 2nd street to Vimy Park gate; Balfour Avenue to 5th Street.

•Councillor Jones, Public Works Committee chair, and the Public Works Department will contact arena association representatives to discuss solutions to risk management concerns at the arena and curling club.

•The arena parking lot will be paved by the municipality, with full cost to be reimbursed by the arena association.

•The Kaslo Jazz Etc. Society was authorized to proceed with the installation of a new pole and power board in Kaslo Bay Park at a location agreed upon by public works.

•A lease for the community garden will remain on the Administration and Finance Committee project list for recommendation to council.

•Jill Braley wrote to council asking for the 2005 audited financial statements, the cost of the audit bill, and inquired what efforts were made to reduce the annual audit bill. She will be informed that the 2005 audit has yet to be completed.

The village's 2004 audit bill was $20,000+, compared to New Denver's $4,600 and Nakusp's $11,700. In November '05, administration was directed to contact the village accountants to ask what staff can do to reduce the cost of the annual audit.

•Mike Liska wrote to council asking for a change of location for a hangar at the airport. Liska will be advised that council prefers the original location, within the exiting hangar site west of the parking apron.

•Mr. and Mrs. Redston provided a draft subdivision drawing to council. This was referred to the Planning & Development Committee for information.

•Accounts Payable of $42,898 were approved.

Newcomers purchase Kaslo Kayaking

by Jan McMurray

Duff Thompson and his partner Suzanne came out to Kaslo from Toronto for a visit — and guess what happened.

"We fell in love with the place," says Duff. "We had to get out of the city. Our quality of life had deteriorated so much that we went on a road trip a year ago in search of a place like Kaslo."

When the opportunity arose for Thompson to buy Kaslo Kayaking, he went for it.

"We both love the outdoors," he says. "I've done kayaking trips in Georgian Bay and Mexico and we've done lots of canoeing and camping, so we have a good foundation to build on."

Kaslo Kayaking offers kayak rentals, tours and lessons. The outfit has sea kayaks, which are flat water boats.

"Whether on a day tour or a sunset paddle, this is a great way to enjoy the beautiful scenery on Kootenay Lake," says Thompson.

For more information, visit www.kaslokayaking.ca or call 353-9649.

Duff Thompson, new owner of Kaslo Kayaking, and his partner Suzanne enjoy some kayaking on Kootenay Lake.

Kaslo infoNet Society is awarded grant

Kaslo infoNet Society has been awarded a grant from the Columbia Basin Trust in the amount of $20,000 to match the funds granted from the Province, through Network BC for the purpose of bringing broadband Internet service to the residents and businesses of Meadow Creek and surrounding area.

The Society's next project will be to bring broadband service to the rest of Area D and North Kootenay Lake, from Ainsworth north to Howser. Once the infrastructure is in place to serve Lardeau, Cooper Creek, Meadow Creek, Argenta, Howser and that whole area, towers will be added to serve Schroeder Creek and Johnson's Landing, as well, the old Mountaintop Wireless tower will be re-activated with a solar power system to serve Shutty Bench, Woodbury, Fletcher Falls, Mirror Lake and more.

Within the next two weeks, a tower at the Meadow Creek Community Hall will be going in and the conduit for the Telus fibre is in place, thanks to the efforts of Don Edwards, Harvey, Larry and Rob McLennan.

Kaslo infoNet is a volunteer organization comprised of a few individuals who have been working for the last ten years, The group is comprised of internet geeks and computer people, economic development enthusiasts and property business owners.

KiN looks forward to bringing high speed Internet services to so many un-served communities in this area, but the group is in need of your support and help to do so.

To help at the north end of the lake, and in the Lardeau Valley area contact the Lardeau Valley Internet Committee - Dick Martin (chair) or Larry Leonard at info@lardeauvalley.com or lardeaularry@lardeauvalley.com.

To help connect the un-served areas around Kaslo, talk to Tyler Dobie at Kootenay Lake Computers & RadioShack in Kaslo.

Kaslo.org has been off-line for a couple weeks, while new host Dobie makes the transition of the site to his new business premise. He can be contacted at tdobie@pop.kin.bc.ca

Kaslo computer store changes hands

A new kid on the block, Kootenay Lake Computers Limited has purchased the assets of Ramsbottom's Radioshack in Kaslo. The store will remain in the same location at 344 Front Street.

The new proprietors, Nicole Rhynold and Tyler Dobie, bring a wealth of experience to the business, and look forward to growing the store to serve the residents of Kaslo and area with all their electronic needs.

The family business will be offering electronics through the RadioShack Dealership, as well as a full line of office supplies, photocopy, faxing, internet access, scanning and binding services. In addition, Dobie specializes in personal computer repair, networking and PC systems.

They also currently offer cellular phones along with satellite dish systems, toys, games, stereos as well as a full range of accessories.

Kootenay Lake Computers has plans to add Apple Macintosh products to their lineup.

Dobie had been managing the Ramsbottom's Radioshack for the past two years. Rhynold will join him in the business and they plan to bring their year old son to their workplace.

KLC owners wish Steve Ramsbottom and Mary Laird the best in their new endeavours. Visit their website at www.klcomputers.ca. or stop in over the next month.

Nicole Rhynard and Tyler Dobie have purchased the assets of Rambottom's Radio Shack in Kaslo, and intend to run the business as Kootenay Lake Computers.

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Get Outta Town!

with Peter Roulston

Don't Forget to remember the Alamo

The Three Forks area east of New Denver saw some of the earliest development as the mining fever erupted a 110 years ago on Mt. Payne near Sandon. Nowadays, Three Forks is the hub of a variety of hike and bike trails with plenty of steep but ridable old horse and wagon trails radiating in all directions. I use the detailed large scale map of New Denver Mountain Bike Trails available at WOC Cycle and Valhalla Pure, who both did much of the mapping and trail construction.

I wanted to ride down the Alamo Wagon Road from the Queen Bess Mine level but am not inclined to do the vehicle shuttle routine, so I chose to ride up from Three Forks via the popular "Choices" downhill trail. I rode my light hardtail, with fat but smooth tires, to make the ascent less grueling. The loop ride is 12 km. and involves 700 meters of vertical. By going up the down trail I was in shade most of the time and enjoyed the ride down on the delightful but less demanding old road from mine zones down to the Alamo Concentrator at the cable car on Galena Trail.

Big downhill rides have never attracted me, and I hate applying brakes wherever possible, and prefer to take the time to digest the scenery. Many of the serious steep trails and drops are out of my league, and in this case I was happy to make use of the trail improvement efforts of the local crew.

After riding down from the Galena Trail parking lot, I crossed the bridge and continued about 100 meters west. Here a sign suggests the trail towards Sandon is not maintained, but turn left anyhow and climb the easy hill and soon you'll be where the old Sandon Road bisects. This will lead you west back to New Denver above the Galena Trail route. Don't turn left and carry on a bit towards Sandon and you will see another trail that switches back and climbs pretty steeply right away. This is the so-called Choices downhill run that drops 2000' from the Queen Bess access road high above, off the Idaho Lookout Road.

I spent an hour and a half riding a little and pushing a lot through the forest up this excellent, and at times scary path, that climbs ever upward in two series of switchbacks. The trail work and custom drops and jumps are commendable and the local guys do nice work. The switchbacks end abruptly with a short steep connector onto the level Queen Bess Road about 1.3 km. in from the turnoff at 4 km. on the main Idaho Lookout Road. This is where shuttles unload, I believe. I rode further up this road as it climbs sightless and comes around the ridge and into the Howson Creek drainage and the operations areas of the famous Alamo, Idaho, and several lesser mines. At one point there's a fine view out to the west to Slocan Lake and the Valhallas.

Just past the huge scree slopes from the Queen Bess, is a turnoff where the descent finally begins. There is a sign that says Alamo, and a couple of distinctive hubcaps as further clues to the route, but overall I always tend to wish we had more signs to assure the rider/hiker that they're still doing okay. If you're not keen on getting a bit lost or at least want some proper guidance, then you're best to contact Rob Farrell in New Denver at 358-7941 for guide service or shuttles and map updates.

My hardtail did feel pretty hard going down the Alamo Wagon Road but there's room to dodge around some bumps and occasionally steep stretches. Howson Creek has washed around a long culvert so you will need to crawl around that but otherwise the route is fine and fast and will eventually deposit you way down on either the Sandon Wagon Road or drop a little further to the Galena Trail at the cable car. Higher up back in the basin you'll find good views of the lookout building and coming down you can see the tramline cables in the forest and on the trail since most tram towers have now collapsed.

There are two further stages to the Alamo Basin descent if you choose and as the high snow is virtually gone and the ground firmed up, this is the time to do them. From about 8 km. on Idaho Lookout Road you can take the Corinth Mine Road into the main basin to connect with the main run down. The other way is the ride off the top of Idaho Lookout itself which seems to have had great attention in the past year, though there are conflicts with bikes and walkers on the narrow trail, and there can be erosion problems in the meadows if riders don't walk some sections or ride with great care. That issue will likely develop for better or worse as the new season unfolds. .

The loop ride I did took abut four hours and wasn't too brutal and quite rewarding. Plan to do this on a day when you can take your camera, and ride with caution, curiosity and respect for others

Peter Roulston owns the Bicycle Hospital and moved to New Denver from Nakusp in 2002. 358-2133.

I was fuelling up the old pick up the other day and realized that that my fuel bill for the month is equal to the yearly salary of an auto mechanic in India. I try to conserve, but transporting four kids to school and putting over 170 km a day on the odometer costs. Needless to say, I am interested in the technology of fuel efficient vehicles.

The most recent development is plug-in hybrid vehicle technology. This idea doesn't come from the manufactures themselves, but is a grass-roots idea originating with back yard hackers and shade tree mechanics. These innovators realized the potential of hybrid vehicle technology that mates a gasoline engine with a regenerative battery system using the braking power of the car to assist with the generation of electricity, which in turn is used to charge up a battery bank.

The drawback of this system is fuel economy has little to recommend it over newly designed TDI diesels. The reason these vehicles are popular here in North America is the paucity of these small diesels in car dealerships. The only manufacturer that offers small TDI engines here is VW, and these vehicles are plagued with overly complex technology that makes them popular only with the dealerships.

The back yard hackers have modified vehicles such as the Toyota Prius with new battery packs and system software to increase fuel economy, and most importantly, use the feature of plugging in the car overnight to drive the next day. Studies have suggested that this system sees fuel savings of over 75%.. These vehicles are not restricted to the range of the battery pack – the petrol engine will keep you going when you have depleted the overnight charge. EnergyCS, a company out of Los Angeles has developed a modified Prius that achieves over 110 MPG. Here in Canada, a company called Hymotion is offering a conversion for your Prius that does much the same thing.

The key modifications are a change to the battery pack and the system software. Energy storage has long been the Achilles heel of electric cars. Toyota's conventional Prius has a battery pack that weighs approximately 35 Kg and costs $2000. Adding enough of these NiMH batteries to get any benefit from an overnight charge adds about 180Kg to the weight of the car and costs around $5000.

The alternative here is Lithium batteries that have a lower weight and size. and deliver and accept power very readily, making them ideal for hybrid cars. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has a lithium-ion phosphate chemistry with nanoscale materials that increases the surface area of the electrodes of the lithium battery, making it more efficient.

In terms of the software changes, these hackers have figured out how to change the control software to prevent the gasoline engine kicking in until the car is moving at a high speed. As a result, the car can travel over 50 km in all-electric mode rather than the standard 2 km. Changes are occurring quickly in the field, driven by fuel prices. One tangible reason for change in our dependence on carbon-burning vehicles will be high fuel prices. Wait to see how fast things will change when we reach $2 a litre!

Cool Eateries of the West Kootenays

with Andrew Rhodes

Kiki Zilahi-Balogh and the Royal

Hello out there all you food fans. I drove to Nelson on Canada Day on specific instructions from my fearless publisher. He has gotten so bold that he lent me his car for the drive and sent me to The Royal Hotel which is better known these days as THE ROYAL, and I had a gas! The place is just about on the corner of Baker and Kootenay. THE ROYAL has been owned and managed by many people over the years, but the current managing director is none other than the very cool Kiki Zilahi-Balogh.

She is called Kiki by everyone, and she has managed the place now for three years and is going strong. If you've ever been there you know it's an old R&B and Blues venue that was actually a real hotel in the early 1900's. It is, of course, also a bar.

THE ROYAL also has a patio on the sidewalk that seats thirty people. After I checked out the inside of the place and noted all the amplifiers and speakers and lights over the stage and the old and new posters for bands, I headed out to the patio where Kiki herself joined me for lunch under the protection of a big umbrella.

The patio is a very cool place to sit and watch the world pass by on the sidewalk. You see people in tie dye clothes with mirror shades, people in camouflage pants, young hippies and their older counterparts with really long hair and packs on their backs, rasta people, business men and women, meter maids, and some more tie dye and camouflage and some real hipsters too. You know you're in Nelson! Kiki tells me "entertainment is a big part of this gig."

She shows me her events calendar for July and it is jammed with action. Every Wednesday, Thurs. Fri. and Sat. there is live entertainment including bands from Nelson, Vancouver and all over the place. Blues, R&B, Rock, Jazzy stuff, and Reggae are heard inside the bar. There are also "jam nights" where Kiki and THE ROYAL supply mikes amps and speakers and I think maybe a drum kit too!

There are Toonie Tuesdays and Movie Nights which feature New World Order films. There are also free pool nights on the two tables in the back room. In the middle of all of this Kiki supports local artists- Graphic artists as well as musicians. All the tap beer is from The Nelson Brewing Company. By the way, Amos Garret has played at THE ROYAL So has Russell Jackson and Jim Byrns, not to mention Gary and DJ Wright with Western Flyer. Inside THE ROYAL there is seating for 162, and under Kiki's management 100% of the ticket price goes to the musicians. She's so COOL.

But what about the FOOD??!! I am delighted to tell you that the menu is one simple page. Low 'menu stress.' The appies include Big Ass Poutine and Fancy Pants Salad. ROYAL WRAPS include a Chicken Caeser and a Grilled Veggie Pesto Wrap. There are five entrees including the Royal Burger, and The Royal Clubhouse. All entrees come with a choice of great sides. The signature sauce is chipotle sauce: spicy pepper, mayo, and roasted red pepper. I had a big mug of beer and ordered my beloved Clubhouse. It was tangy and excellent. Sharing the patio with Kiki and me was a table of nine women having a wild time, some cool looking bikers, some tourists from Calgary who were wolfing down wraps, and various other patrons all of whom were having a good time there on the Nelson sidewalk.

The feel of THE ROYAL is VERY CASUAL. Wear what you want. The exterior of the building is red brick with leaded glass windows and an ancient but beautiful neon sign advertising the ROYAL HOTEL. Kiki is working very hard to make the place work as a restaurant, a bar, and a good venue for music. It is such a COOL place.

I loved it. Go there right now!

Correction

Angela from the Paddywagon pointed out two inaccuracies in the "Cool Eateries" column about her business. The business became a "one-woman show" this year; for the first two years, she had a worker. The Paddywagon is open Wednesday through Sunday.

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-Andrew Rhodes, Valley Voice Food Editor

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CARD OF THANKS

The Gordon and Spencer families would like to thank the Doctors and Nurses at the Slocan Community Health Care Centre and the Arrow Lakes Hospital for the care given to our mother Anna Spencer during her brief stay, and the comfort and kindness given to the family with her passing. A special thanks to all the friends, relatives and people of New Denver for their kind words and expressions of sympathy and thank you to the health care workers that enabled Anna to stay in her own home until the time of her passing. We are fortunate to live in such a wonderful community. Sincere thanks.

Ken and Carol Gordon and Family
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Ron and Wendy Spencer and Family

Once again Mt. Sentinel Secondary has proudly concluded another successful graduation ceremony. Mt. Sentinel would like to offer thanks and congratulations to the parents who took an interest in attending the numerous grad meetings and organizing the 'fundraising' activities. As with many school activities the Graduates of 2006 significantly relied upon the support and generosity of businesses and individuals throughout the community. Although there were several 'fundraisers' the most successful was the Grad Fashion Show, Silent Auction and Raffle. The fashion show models dazzled the audience dressed in fashions supplied by Godfrey's Men's Wear (tuxedos), Kootenay Bridal & Formal Wear, Ely's Boutique, Valhalla Pure Outfitters & Atmosphere. A much deserved thanks is directed to these businesses, as well as those following. With their assistance and support they made the 2006 Graduation an outstanding success. Kootenay Bridal & Formal Wear for their decorations, Safeway Floral Dept., Feelings with Flowers, Touch of Dutch Florist, Shoes for the Soul, 'Bia' Bora, Rally Caps, Street Clothes Named Desire, Vogue Portraits & Cameras, 'Kutenai' Clothing Co., Still Eagle, Cottonwood Kitchens, 'Ourglass' Beads & Gallery, 'Taghum' Shell, Ripping Giraffe, Eddy Music, Art of Brewing, Waves Hair Design, Munro's Restaurant, Chatters Salon, Leo's Pizza & Taverna, Hume Hotel, Thor's Pizza, Sacred Ride, Athletes World, Hemp & Company, Clare Wiggill, Dr. Scott W. Penecost , Kootenay COOP, Nelson, Selkirk Vet Hospital, R.O.A.M., Gerick Cycle & Sports, Snow Pack, Shalimar Health Spa, The Real Canadian Wholesale Club, Serendipity, Alignment Physio, Springer Creek Forest Products, Safeway Nelson & Castlegar, Mallards Source for Sports, JJ's Fashions, Selkirk College, Columbia Driving School, Castlegar Extra Foods, Save On Foods, Columbia Basin Trust, Peppi's Hot Hair Salon, Positive Computers, Ducks Unlimited, OK Tire Castlegar, & 'Carlitos' Restaurant, Fomi's Bakery, Tulips' Floral & Gift Gallery.

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The Winlaw Outdoor Jam was a wonderful Father's Day event this year. The Slocan Valley's own Brian Waller, Tristan Moore, and Bobby Milton (Rob Moore) played at the event.

Peace choir sings at world peace forum

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Doukhobors and Friends for Peace, an acappella choir consisting of 175 voices, about 100 of them from the Kootenays, performed at the World Peace Forum in Vancouver in June.

The World Peace Forum is a week long international gathering featuring world renowned speakers, including Michael Parenti, Helen Caldicott, Noam Chomsky, and Maude Barlow, as well as panel discussions, public forums, workshops, arts and entertainment events, and opportunities for networking The goal of the forum is to teach and encourage people to work "together to end war and build a peaceful, just and sustainable world."

The Doukhobors and Friends for Peace choir was invited to participate in the opening ceremonies of the forum at the Orpheum theatre on June 23, lead a Peace walk, along with 1000 choral singers, for 100,000 people on June 24, and present a program at the Chan Centre on June 25.

Through its traditional choral presentation, the choir guided forum participants through a deeply moving and empowering journey of non-violent peace action, commencing with the Doukhobor burning of weapons and total renunciation of militarism in Russia, to their ongoing non-violent advocacy of peace and justice in Canada.

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RDCK, June 24: RDCK takes stance on weed control

by Jan McMurray

•The board adopted a position on weed control, passing a resolution to encourage manual and biological methods as its first preference. The board will ask the agencies involved in spraying pesticides on public land to undertake full public consultation with communities before spraying. These agencies will be invited to present their integrated pest management programs to the Land Use, Inspection and Resource Committee.

•It was acknowledged that two RDCK directors were elected to positions on the national board of directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Hans Cunningham, Area G director and former RDCK board chair, was elected FCM vice president at large. Nelson mayor John Dooley was elected to the FCM - BC caucus.

•The board will solicit support from the Union of BC Municipalities to push for the Office of the Fire Commissioner to establish minimum training standards for firefighters and ensure that certified trainers are accessible throughout the province.

•The auditor's report was presented. Jon McMillan, chartered accountant of Berg, Naqvi & Lehmann, spoke of the big projects in 2005: the Nelson Recreation Complex, the Arrow Creek water project and the North Slocan Fire Hall.

•The following grants-in-lieu and grants-in-aid were approved.

Area D: Lardeau Valley Community Club $38,000; Kaslo Trailblazers Society $12,000.

Area H: Slocan Logger Sports $1,000; Sandon Historical Society $2,500; Heritage Trail Society $5,000; Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission $250; Nelson & District Arts Council $200; Nelson Chamber of Commerce $200; Slocan Lake Dance Camp $300.

Area K: Mirror Theatre $500; Edgewood Community Park Board $500; Lower Arrow Lakes Conservation Association $250.

A total of $1050 from Areas B, D, E and H was granted to Ebony Rutko, from Burton, to help her attend the world championships in powerlifting.

Area D

•On the recommendation of the Glacier Creek Park Commission, the board approved funding in the amount of $16,000 for repairs, maintenance and improvements to the park. Funds have been allocated for road repair, stump and danger tree removal, waterfront clearing and bank erosion maintenance. Development of new campsites is also planned along with repairing and extending the boat ramp.

Steven Ross was appointed to the Glacier Creek Park Commission for a two-year term.

•Area D director Andy Shadrack will hold a public meeting with residents in the proposed Ainsworth Wharf Service Area to determine if there is interest in acquiring the wharf as a regional park service. Staff will contact Public Works Canada to ask about funding for the project.

Area H

•The board endorsed the Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society (RARTS) application for $10,000 of Area H's community tourism grant program funding for the relocation of a heritage log cabin to the Rails to Trails trailhead in Passmore for use as a tourism information centre and museum.

Gaia Tree Whole Foods opens in Winlaw

Gaia Tree Whole Foods has put a smile on many of the neighbourhood faces!

Owners Eric Twitty and Grigg Stone have worked hard to bring their vision of a quality food supply closer to home. They report that the overwhelming support from the community has been a great source of inspiration, as has the help of friends and family.

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The new business also carries a wide variety of frozen and fresh treats, quality personal care items, and many of the area's finest products like Oso Negro Coffee, Kootenay Baker breads and cookies, and In Your Face Foods salsa, dips, and spreads. They also offer case-lot ordering at substantial discounts. Supporting local farmers and the quest to save fuel consumption collectively adds up to a healthier community. Located next to Cedar Creek Café in the heart of downtown Winlaw, Gaia Tree Whole Foods is opened from 9 - 6:30 Monday to Saturday, and 10 - 4 on Sunday.

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