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Music Festival rocks Nakusp for the third year in a row

by Jan McMurray

Who ever would have thought that the largest classic rock festival in the interior of BC would happen in Nakusp? This village of 2,000 has just pulled off hosting the third annual Nakusp Music Festival, featuring 19 bands and with production costs of $550,000.

It takes a whole village to put on an event of this magnitude, but special recognition must go to producer Willi Jahnke, his staff of four, the five board members of the Nakusp Roots Music Society, the 200 volunteers, and the multitude of sponsors and "friends of the festival."

This year, the festival grew by about 50%, with between 5,000 and 6,000 people attending compared to last year's 3,500.

"There was an incredible increase in tickets sales this year," said Willi Jahnke, the powerhouse behind the event, reporting double the number of sales to Albertans, and a marked increase to people from the Okanagan and the Kamloops area.

Everything got a bit bigger – the beer garden's capacity was up to 2,000 from 1,500 last year; Vendor Village housed 55 booths, up from about 37; and there was a bigger 'kidz zone.' The kick-off party Friday night experienced the most dramatic growth. It was attended by 1,800 people this year – a big jump from last year's 300.

"We're very comfortable with the size – there's lots of space," said Jahnke. "We are growing at a very healthy pace. If you grow too fast, people are overwhelmed and mistakes happen. Ours a very healthy growth situation."

For the third year in a row, Jahnke reported another virtually problem-free event for security. However, Nakusp RCMP Corporal Owen Wlodarczak reported more incidents for police this year. "It was again a well run event," Wlodarczak said, "but with more people come more problems. All incidents were alcohol related – that comes with the territory," he added, promising to have a lot more officers on hand next year.

He said that a brawl in the beer gardens on Friday night resulted in seven people being arrested, and that there were incidents of thefts and fights in the campsites around the festival grounds.

Creating enough camping and parking spaces is challenging but do-able, said Jahnke, especially because everyone arrives at once. The festival alone administered about 700 campsites this year, located around the festival grounds, at Nakusp Elementary School and at private campgrounds. A crew of Katimavik volunteers looked after the sites.

According to the buzz around the grounds, what people love about the Nakusp Music Fest are the great bands, the beautiful location, the fantastic weather, and the event's family orientation.

But it's not just the festival goers that love it. The bands also dish out the praise, says Jahnke. "All the bands, big and small, say that the way we treat them here is way above and beyond. And the road managers say it, too. The Nakusp Music Fest has a reputation in the business that is almost unique."

Asked what band would be invited back next year by popular demand, Jahnke was sure it would be BC/DC. "They kicked ass. The crowd just went wild over those guys," he said.

What will be done differently next year? Jahnke says that three of the four bands that performed Friday night played again on Saturday, and "in future, I will book more bands to avoid that kind of duplication again."

Crowd favourite BC/DC wows the crowd at the 3rd annual Nakusp Music Festival. Nineteen bands performed, with headliners Roger Hodgson, April Wine, Blue Rodeo and The Road Hammers. Attendance at the 3-day festival grew by 50 percent this year, from 3,500 to over 5,000 participants. About 200 volunteers assisted with various aspects of the festival. More photos on page 8.

High speed internet service to Silverton gets closer

by Jan McMurray

High speed wireless internet service for Silverton and area is very close, now that Telus has laid the fibre optic line to Red Mountain Road, where the Red Mountain Internet Society has set up its operations.

It is now up to Telus to connect the POP (point of presence) at their central office and for the society to make 'last-mile' wireless radio connections to local customers. The society still has to dig a 300' line to its transmission tower from the distribution point just installed by Telus.

"Then all we have to do is sign people up and install radios on their properties," said Larry Lavan of the society.

"This is terrific news," said Silverton Mayor John Everett. "Lots of visitors travelling with their laptops move on from Silverton because there is no internet service."

This summer, or by October 1 at the latest, Lavan says people living in Silverton, on the lake in Rosebery and on the north end of Red Mountain Road will be able to get the service. This is because they have line of sight to the tower.

The plan is to bring the service to Hills, the rest of Rosebery, the south end of Red Mountain Road and the Enterprise Creek area next year, says Lavan. This will require installing towers in strategic places.

Thanks to a $20,000 grant from the Province, the society was able to pay for its tower and some radios needed to transmit to Silverton. The society has applied for a $20,000 grant from Columbia Basin Trust, of which approximately $13,000 is specifically for transmitting radios and additional towers.

"The society is hoping to get more grant money from Columbia Basin Trust so we can provide a better service. Each radio is part of the infrastructure and each radio adds to the solidity of the system," Lavan said.

He says the service will cost $40 per month for individuals and $70 per month for businesses. The client radio will cost customers $400-$600 each, plus $100 installation, and customers will own the radios. A $400 radio is suitable for customers with a clear line of sight to the tower, while a $600 radio can penetrate through almost any foliage.

Lavan adds, "The good news is that if people are friendly, one family can buy a wireless router and share with another household nearby, using a secure password." He says the maximum distance for sharing is 80 to 100 feet away, and is like the Wi Fi system in cafes and hotels. "The society will allow this kind of sharing by router for up to three computers. Because this is a shared resource, each user has to be responsible for not overusing it or letting it be overused. And because it is wireless extra passwords are necessary."

Lavan says about $5,000 of infrastructure costs went into equipment to prevent such abuses, and some of the monthly charge is for automatic monitoring to prevent overuse and to provide the best security for the client.

Under last spring's Connecting Communities Agreement with the Province, Telus is investing more than $110 million to bring high speed internet capabilities to 119 rural communities by the end of 2006. Under the agreement, community service providers such as Red Mountain Internet Society will pay Telus $300 per month for the use of the fibre optic line for three years. This monthly rate is much lower than the market rate.

"We are rolling out a lot of fibre optic cable," said Shawn Hall from Telus. "It comes to almost $1 million per community, and these communities are typically remote and geographically challenging. It's quite a project. And it's exciting because high speed brings a lot of economic benefit as well as better access to education and health care services."

According to a Telus press release, 60 of the 119 communities have been connected to date, including Winlaw, Burton, Edgewood, Fauquier and Slocan.

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Our Way Home - a time for remembrance, reconciliation and renewal

by Judith Maltz

Many voices rang out at the Our Way Home Reunion and Peace Event at the Brilliant Cultural Centre and Selkirk College in Castlegar July 6-9. The intention was to honour the thousands of men and women whose lives were forever changed during the Vietnam war era and to provide the means for personal healing journeys. This intention was well met throughout four days of speeches, workshop break-out sessions, panel discussions, evening entertainment and opportunities for informal exchanges.

Hosted by the Doukhobor community, the event was envisioned and co-ordinated by Isaac Romano of Nelson and a dedicated team of volunteers. It brought together luminaries such as Arun Gandhi, George McGovern, Rabbi Michael Lerner, Kim Phuc, Buffy St.-Marie, Country Joe McDonald, Holly Near, Nancy Argenta, Pied Pumkin, the Doukhobor Men's Tri Choir, the Doukhobor Women's Choir and a multitude of presenters and performers whose lives are committed to finding non-violent solutions to conflict.

Special thanks was expressed by international, national and local peace advocates, veterans and war resisters to the government of Canada and to the many Canadians who welcomed and assisted them in coming to Canada as legitimate political refugees, sharing Pierre Elliot Trudeau's conviction that "Canada should be a refuge from militarism."

Bill Blaikie, Alex Atamenenko and many others expressed concerns about the current lack of independence of Canada's foreign policy involvements, the changing role of Canada's military in Afghanistan and the changes in Canada's immigration policies in regards to 'war resisters.' It was noted that Canada is the only country now respecting international law on asylum.

Naomi Lewis and Isaac Romano unveil "Welcoming Peace" at Friday night's ceremony.

John J. Verigin, Honourary Chairman of the Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ, opened Saturday evening's concert by challenging the audience to "create a world where the power of love will replace the love of power."

The 37-member Doukhobor Men's Tri-Choir selections included *Forward, forward under the Peaceful Banner of Love and Justice*, sung in Russian, and *Life is More Joyful When We're Singing*.

Saturday's keynote speaker, former 1972 US Democratic presidential candidate, 83-year-old George McGovern, spoke with humility and honesty. "I'm sick and tired of old men dreaming up wars in which young men do the dying," he said.

Ruby Truly, Judith Ceroli and Richard Rowberry presented an energetic revival of Theatre Energy's popular *Three Fingered Frank* – dedicating their performance to Ronnie Gilbert whose much-anticipated appearance was cancelled due to untimely illness.

Speaking of the importance of 'cultural memory,' Romano unveiled the controversial bronze *Welcoming Peace* sculpture which will be publicly displayed in the Nelson gallery-home of Ernest Hekannen.

An enthusiastic audience joined in singing the strains and refrains of Buffy St.-Marie's *Universal Soldier*, Country Joe's *One, Two, Three - What Are We Fighting For?* Holly Near's rousing version of *Down By the Riverside*, Pied Pumpkin's *We Can Change the World* and many other musical meanderings down memory lane. Fox's news journalist was overheard to comment, "This reunion seems to have morphed into some kind of anti-war thing."

New Denver resident Eloise Charet's Sunday presentation "Isle of Hope amidst a sea of despair – Canada House Orphanage, Phnom Penh 1974-75" highlighted her wartime experiences, bringing home in images, music and narration the profound social impact of war on the most innocent and vulnerable victims – children. Eloise's 10-minute video interview from Cambodia with CBS's Walter Cronkite was included in her presentation.

Canadian filmmaker Michelle Mason and her award-winning documentary *The Friendship Village*, about the Vietnamese rehabilitation village for children with major defects due to US use of Agent Orange, preceded Charet. Plans are to show this film locally to raise funds for Friendship Village.

In Sunday's final program and closing ceremonies, Arun Gandhi quoted his grandfather Mahatma: "We must be the change we seek." He challenged everyone in the audience to examine their own lives for examples of passive acts of violence which generate anger in the victim and "fuel the fire of physical violence."

The pathos and courage of innocent victims of war was touchingly expressed in Vietnam's famous napalm bombing victim Kim Phuc's tearful words: "When you see that little girl running up the road you can see her crying out. Don't see her crying out of pain and fear. See her as crying out for peace."

Rabbi Michael Lerner, founder of the interfaith Network of Spiritual Progressives spoke eloquently throughout the weekend, calling for a spiritual revitalization based on three tenets: changing the bottom line in America to a values-based economy; challenging the misuse of religion, God and spirit by the religious right; challenging the many anti-religious and anti-spiritual assumptions and behaviours that have increasingly become part of liberal culture. Lerner called for a visionary new covenant "to meet the urgent need to lend wisdom and compassion to our economic and political life."

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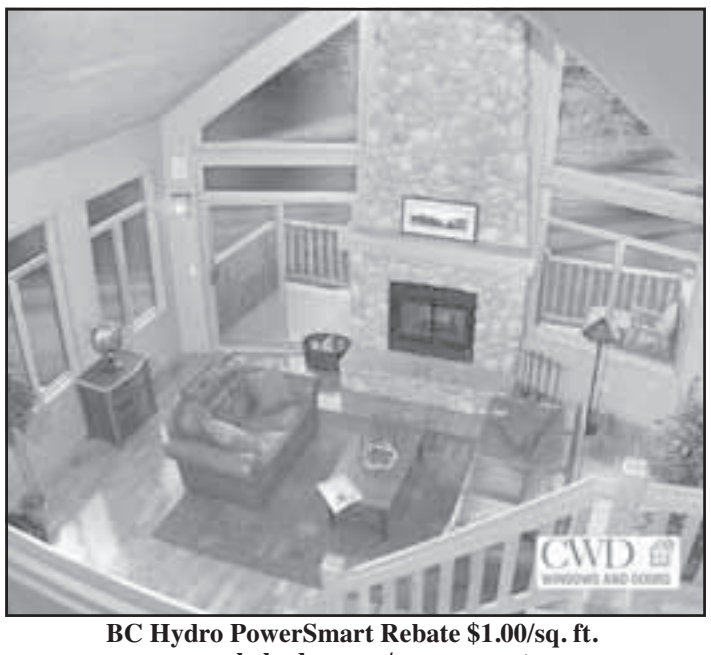

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Honoured guest attends 10th annual Summit Lake Walk/Run for Fun

by Jan McMurray

Harry Santos from Kettle Falls, Wa. was the honoured guest at the 10th annual Walk/Run for Fun around Summit Lake, held July 9.

Santos is the original organizer of this event, a fundraiser for Arrow Lakes Hospital.

Harry Santos poses with Irene Poznikoff at the 10th annual Summit Lake Run for Fun

Santos used to come every year to camp at Three Islands Resort all summer long. A seasoned fundraiser with a specialty in organizing "fun runs," Santos got to thinking that Summit Lake would be a great place to have such an event.

He got the owners of the resort on board, gathered prizes around Nakusp, and the annual Walk/Run for Fun was born.

This year, Santos was one of about 30 who walked/ran/cycled the 10 kms around the lake. Participants then gathered at the resort for snacks donated by Nakusp Overwaitea, and prizes donated by many area businesses.

Irene Poznikoff from the resort reported that the event raised $1,000 for the Arrow Lakes Hospital this year.

Mudslide comes down at Summit Lake

by Jan McMurray

A torrential downpour of rain and hail caused an estimated 3,000 - 5,000 cubic metres of debris to slide down onto the road at Summit Lake on July 5. The road was not officially open again until about 5 am the next day, according to Chris Fox, road superintendent for New Denver, Nakusp and Edgewood.

"I got the call at about 5:10 pm and initiated the response from Nakusp with two machines and from New Denver with two machines," said Fox. Traffic control was set up at Carson's Corner and a barricade was set up at Rosebery.

Fox said he arrived at the site about 5:30 pm and "I had a car I had to get moved."

The car was the first to reach the slide site while travelling north from the New Denver side. "The debris moves very slowly," explained Fox. "It oozes, like wet cement. Those people were taken by surprise and couldn't stop. It lifted the vehicle up hydraulically – they were shaking, no doubt about that." People behind them helped them out of the vehicle and no one was hurt.

Fox says he requested a geotechnical survey before starting cleanup. The survey is standard "anytime we're unsure of how unstable the site is up above," explained Fox. The geotechnical team showed up as quickly as they could, Fox reported, but the chopper was unavailable, so the survey could not be done.

However, this is not the first time a slide has occurred in this same location, and Fox has worked with the road crew all three times it has happened in the last five years.

"Between myself, Bruce Lintott [from Nakusp's Ministry of Transportation office] and the geotechnical representative, we felt confident we could carry on our work and get single lane traffic through until the next morning. We started cleanup soon after we knew they couldn't get the chopper," he said.

At about 10:30 pm, a single lane was open to move the traffic through. However, with rain continuing to pour down at Summit Lake, they decided to keep the road closed until morning.

Fox said the crews did an excellent job. "The crews from New Denver and Nakusp worked until 11 pm and three flag people worked through the night. Bruce and I were out till 1 am and then back at 5 am. The crews here are amazing. I couldn't say enough about how hard these guys work – they are just awesome," he commented.

Fox says there have been two major slides and one minor one in that same location in the past five years, and always in June. "And this one escaped June by a week," he said. He says it starts from 6000 feet up and is due to the nature of the soil and the steepness of the area. When asked if there was a clearcut up there, he answered, "No, it's just steep as a cow's face."

As for a long-term solution, Fox said, "A really good survey needs to be done of the site before we can effect any measurable change. It's an ongoing issue."

Fox said crews were doing more cleanup work on the site July 13 and 14. "We have to finish the shouldering and get the excavator to re-divert the creek behind the berm," he said. Crews built a berm there at the time of one of the previous major slides to contain the creek and to channel debris down into a runout area.

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Western Toad project underway on Highway 6 at Summit Lake

by Art Joyce

Those odd 'culverts' along the road at Summit Lake aren't culverts at all. They're wildlife fencing, part of a conservation project to protect the endangered Western Toad (bufo boreas).

According to Ecosystem Officer Terry Anderson, who has been managing the project for the Ministry of Environment, Highway 6 cuts through a major migration corridor for the toads. "These amphibians get clobbered by cars and trucks and most people don't even realize it, because the adults just look like a piece of bark on the side of the road. The toadlets can be as small as a penny." Even the wind vortex of passing trucks can tear them apart.

World populations of the Western Toad have decreased by 50% in the past 10 years. According to the report prepared by Ingersol Mountain Enterprises consultants Paul and Glenn Seaton, reasons for this sharp decline are habitat loss and fragmentation (such as the highway corridor at Summit Lake), increased use of pesticides, introduction of alien species or predators, diseases such as fungus and increased UV radiation due to climate change.

Biologist Penny Ohanjanian says a source of concern worldwide is the chytridiomydosis fungus, which has a 100% mortality rate for amphibians. It's not known whether the fungus is present at Summit Lake, though it has been found in BC. In one Columbia Basin Trust funded study Ohanjanian worked on, breeding of Western Toads was down to 30% of historic levels at 23 known sites in the Kootenays. However, more studies need to be done to confirm the trend locally.

Toads are a primarily terrestrial species—although born in the water, they migrate upland during August in the hundreds of thousands. There may be as many as five migrations annually. Predators include snakes, water beetles, and birds, and the mortality rate is high. Once the males mature, they return from the forest to water's edge to mate with the females. "If you lose one big female," explains Anderson, "she could be carrying anywhere from 5,000-15,000 eggs."

The Ministries of Environment and Transportation hired Paul Seaton's firm to locate the migratory 'hot spots' at Summit Lake. Working with a minimal budget, Anderson had to come up with the best solution for the least expense. His research turned up wildlife fencing made from recycled plastics in Germany, which were then installed by Seaton.

Existing concrete curbs were used to help redirect toads along the fencing to a PVC culvert or 'toad tunnel' that allows them to cross safely under the highway. The PVC material tends to heat up less than standard aluminum culverts, hopefully reducing the mortality rate.

Toads are extremely temperature sensitive and can die from moisture loss quickly in direct sun. Anderson says both the highways department and contractor YRB have been highly co-operative partners in the project. "Ideally there should be a culvert every 50 feet or so but we don't have the budget for that."

With Highway 6 being a major route for commercial traffic, the issue of toad mortality from vehicles isn't likely to go away. What can locals and tourists do? According to Ohanjanian, visitors can limit their driving between the provincial park's day use and overnight camping areas, and avoid disturbing groups of migrating toads. The Ministry of Environment occasionally closes down the day use area where toadlets gather to migrate.

Why does it matter? Amphibians are noted by biologists as being an 'indicator species' — if their numbers go into decline, it can have a ripple effect on an entire ecosystem. At the tadpole stage, toads provide an abundant food source for fish and birds. Tadpoles themselves feed on algae, helping prevent algae blooms in waterways. Amphibians are a good indicator of an ecosystem's biodiversity, and therefore of its health. "Biodiversity is decreasing worldwide as a result of human activity," Ohanjanian notes. "That's a genuine concern."

Youth group receives Rick Daykin Memorial Philanthropy Award 2006

submitted

The Rick Daykin Memorial Philanthropy Award was presented to Katelyn Jmaeff of Inspiring Youth for Change (IYC) this year. The award is in memory of Rick Daykin, a millwright, former employee and Slocan steelworker who tragically lost his life in an industrial accident July 3, 2002 at the Slocan City operation. Daykin's acts of kindness and active efforts to help others in his community were well known.

Springer Creek Forest Products has agreed to annually match contributions made by the sub-local of the Slocan Steelworkers Union up to a maximum of $500 to fund the award. IYC is a group of youth from Mt. Sentinel, WE Graham, LV Rogers and older youth living in the Slocan Valley and Nelson. These young people are planning to hold an Environment, Peace and Social Justice Youth Conference in November.

PHOTO CREDIT: KEITH CUMMING

Katelyn Jmaeff accepts the Rick Daykin Memorial Philanthropy Award from Springer Creek Forest Products Manager Ralph Tomlin and Jagdev Uppal representing the Slocan Steelworkers local on July 3 for her Inspiring Youth for Change project.

Local realtor receives honours

submitted

Slocan Valley realtor Jeff Sheloff has earned membership into the Coldwell Banker International Sterling Society for 2006 and the Canadian Diamond Society for sales achievements during 2005.

The International Sterling Society award is presented only to a select group of top sales associates across the country.

Sheloff, sales representative with Coldwell Banker, was born and raised in Slocan Park and graduated from Mount Sentinel in 1987. He managed the Slocan Valley Co-op before embarking upon his real estate career.

Sheloff says the dramatic change in the local real estate market in the past few years is leaving sellers with many questions.

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by Art Joyce

Thinking of putting in that in-law suite but just don't know where the money will come from? If your suite is for a low-income senior or disabled person, the CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) has just the program for you. And a potential solution to New Denver and area's affordable housing problem.

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A Simple Curve honoured in Nantucket

A Simple Curve, the award-winning first feature from Aubrey Nealon, has been honoured with the top Writer/Director Award at the 11th Annual Nantucket Film Festival where it had its American festival premiere.

The festival, on the New England island of Nantucket, focuses on emerging filmmaking talent and independent films from around the world.

The film, shot entirely on location in the towns of New Denver, Silverton and Hills in the Slocan Valley in British Columbia was voted one of Canada's Top Ten Films of 2005 by Toronto International Film Festival Top Ten jury. It won the award for Best First Feature at the Cinefest Sudbury International Film Festival, opened the prestigious Canadian Images section of the Vancouver International Film Festival and was the winner of two 2006 Leo Awards for Best Cinematography (David Geddes) and Best Supporting Actress (Sarah Lind).

A Simple Curve is an Idaho Peak Productions production. Directed and written by Aubrey Nealon and co-produced by Aubrey Nealon, George Baptist and Lael McCall. *A Simple Curve* is distributed in Canada by Domino Film and Television International of Montreal.

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Voices from the Valleys

Democracy is obselete

In last fall's California elections, voters were able to cast ballots on many initiatives online. Representative democracy as we knew it is obsolete, dysfunctional, and obviously corrupt. I resent any individual who tries to set themselves up as a broker between me and my freedoms. God bless you all!

g.turner
Edgewood

What about private beaches?

What about private beaches trespassed by the public, Mr. Nicholson? Garbage, fires, trespass, theft of private property. Boats travelling 20 feet from shore just to get a nosy look; creeps and freaks entertaining their alcoholism; peeping toms looking for a titty show. There are two sides to these lakes. The taxpayer has to pay property tax and replace property stolen by people claiming they have a right to cross private lake frontage. Trespass is trespass any way you look at it. Public beaches, private beaches, integrity and honour gone with the high water.

Margaret Ann Simon
Galena Bay

Brouse water system - clarification

In response to questions about the Nakusp and District (Brouse) water system caused by quotes credited to Trevor Shepherd of Delterra Engineering in the June 22 Nakusp council update, I would like to offer the following correction. If the Nakusp and District (Brouse) water system is operated as approved by the BC Ministry of Health, the system has mechanical filtration to less than 10 microns, a paced disinfectant injection system, a disinfectant CAT factor second to none, a 24- to 48-hour settling period, covered reservoirs and manual daily disinfectant level checks.

Further it should be pointed out that wells, such as the new village wells, which are drilled into alluvial gravels, can be as vulnerable to contamination as the present system of surface water sources.

John Janzen
Nakusp

Mosquito control, not TV

Congrats to Anne Dobson for speaking her mind on the mosquito buzzing. I too would really like to see something happen to these lovely little critters without it costing an arm and a leg.

I have a suggestion for where we could get some funding for this cause. What about from our wonderful TV taxes? I for one do not watch a lot of TV, and because of that I cannot picture myself spending the dollars on a satellite dish or any type of cable. After being in my home for over four years now I've yet to see much improvement with our TV reception. If it is not going to improve, how about spending the excess dollars (and there has to be someplace) on dealing with our mosquitoes??

Just a thought from someone else feeling like I'm a buffet for these bugs.

Lorna P. Burns
Appledale

Jumbo park proposal criticized

At the June regional district meeting, Colleen McCrory of the Valhalla Wilderness Society proposed yet another park.

The West Kootenay Coalition for Jumbo Wild wants the RDCK to manage a new economic dead zone proposed for Glacier Creek. McCrory's track record is very impressive, with input into the creation of five economic dead zones.

The taxpayers should be aware this would be a local service at their expense. There would be a need for a referendum to create a bylaw to set up and finance this new service. With the cost of administration and maintenance of roads, fire protection, etc., this is a very expensive proposition – especially considering the only revenue would be our tax dollars.

The group would also like to stop the proposed run of stream power project for Glacier Creek. BC is short of power and is already importing it. Developing run of stream power seems a better way to meet our future power needs than coal or nuclear generation.

Area D Director Shadrack states that 89 people have written to him opposed to the Jumbo proposal. 89 out of the 2700 local population is about equal to the Kootenay average of 2% being opposed.

I will conclude by stating the obvious. Stop economic progress at any cost.

Larry Greenlaw
Meadow Creek

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Doggie litter along the trail

Over this past weekend I decided to take a walk along the north side of the trail, in Kaslo, down by the river – the one the Trailblazers have spent untold hours working on to make it a very pleasant walk for young and old. As I am also a volunteer for this group, I am also on the lookout for areas of concern.

I walked past the kiosk and since I have a small dog, I made sure I picked up one of the doggie bags from the dispenser on the pole. As I continued along the trail, to my dismay, I noticed several doggie bags, full of dog waste tossed down by the river. I retrieved these bags and found a waste receptacle in town to deposit them in.

In this day and age, it is the owners' responsibility to look after their dogs and doggie do-do they leave behind. If the Village of Kaslo can purchase the bags for citizens to use, and I refill the dispensers for citizens to use – how about the citizens at least doing their part and packing out their dog waste.

Please be responsible and respect all the hard work the Trailblazers have accomplished, and do the right thing! There is no 'doggie fairy' at night cleaning up after you.

Jill Braley
Kaslo

Kaslo community forest open and transparent

Harvey Armstrong's recent letter with comments concerning the Kaslo and District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) has some good points; however, some of them need clarification.

He claims that there is a lack of transparency in the financial statements produced by the current board. That is simply not true. Before it was an open society there were self-appointed directors, no open memberships, no elections and no public AGMs where we could see the financial statements. That's how they earned the nickname: "The Secret Forest Society."

Currently the society is run like a corporation for the shareholders, where everyone in Kaslo and Area D can elect new board members every year. They disburse the profits impartially to so many organizations that it is impractical to list them all and they do it without creating another organization as Armstrong would wish.

Armstrong would prefer that directors not volunteer their expertise or micromanage some of the forestry operations. Why not take advantage of this expertise or would he would prefer to increase costs by hiring more professional staff?

"The KDCFS was born because of environmental concerns," says Armstrong. There have always been environmental concerns but the society was born in fear of economic loss by a reduction in the annual allowable cut in this area in 1995.

His comments are setting the stage for the upcoming AGM – the forum where voices can be heard and meaningful decisions can be made through resolutions and the election of directors in the third annual free and democratic elections held in the society's ten year existence.

Patrick Mackle
Kaslo

In favour of funding the military

As a veteran of World War II, I am going to take a stand with our present government for the funding of the military. It has been neglected for far too long by lawmakers that yell for Canadian sovereignty but haven't the brains to realize that it won't happen all by itself. In order to defend our home and native land, we need to have a fighting force that is mobile, well equipped, and well trained, and we need the will to use it if necessary.

I served in the US army, but I've been a Canadian citizen for nearly 30 years. There are many times that I have been appalled at the lack of intestinal fortitude in some of the present-day Canadians. This never manifested itself in Europe. Canadian fighting men are second to none, but they need good equipment in order to do a proper job. They also need the backing and encouragement of the folks back home, and a thanks for a job well done.

Even the Bible says there will be no peace, but rather wars and rumours of wars, so we should be ready to defend ourselves if necessary, or to go to the defense of those less fortunate than ourselves. Lets make "We stand on guard for thee" something more than just empty words.

I am proud to be a Canadian, and I certainly don't agree with the things that the United States has been doing, just to answer, in advance, those who might like to think otherwise.

Jim Jennings
Kaslo

Need more chainsaws

What the world needs now are more chainsaws and MEN! to use 'em. Have your readers seen the mess behind the Nikkei Centre? I didn't know that conifers grow with flat tops and stubby branches! Great balls of fire guys, are there not enough dead trees and branches around without defacing the live trees? Or is the reason that the fire season is on now, as if topping three or four trees will stop the village from going up! Really people, there are many more trees which are taller than the now defunct beauties on the Josephine laneway. If the object was to mar the beauty of the centre, that objective has been fulfilled.

I was down at the centre for a look-see. I'd like to know who was the moron who hired blind men for the job. They cut the tops off the trees but also cut off the live branches lower down into stubs and yet left dead branches all over the trees so that one good wind and then there WILL be holes in the shack roofs.

When I worked on the Internment Centre there were pictures taken of those backdrop trees and we were so proud of how complete the scene looked.

Now that the deed is done I don't know what can be done – is there a lawsuit here? Or is there someone who can look at these trees and fix their limbs so at least they will feel pride in themselves?

Jeanne Edge
New Denver

Drop the mosquito issue

I knew it, it was bound to happen. Our cyclical, bad mosquito year is upon us and here we go again. People wanting to put BTI on our waters, believing that it's a benign, non-toxic substance. Why do we have to dredge up this scenario once again, when it was overwhelmingly voted down four years ago (our last cyclical, bad mosquito year).

BTI in itself is a non-toxic substance; however, the other ingredients that are put with the BTI to carry it in the water, (which under law do not have to be disclosed) are very toxic and are extremely hazardous to our fish population and other flies and insects, not to mention to the quality of our water.

Ms. Dobson's letter in the last V*alley Voice* states that "BTI is harmful to nothing else and it is only put on breeding pools where they live, NOT THE RIVER." In her next paragraph she is imploring the whole community to help her to put this toxic matter onto all floodwater in the valley. As we all know the floodwaters do end up in our river.

Many rural communities experience an influx of mosquitoes at this time of the year and especially on high water years. That goes with living in the bush. Over the last three years we have not heard a word about the mosquitoes, because there were barely any. So, over a 48-month period, we have to spend 11/2 out of those 48 covering up and co-habitating with the mosquitoes.

Not much to ask, I believe, when we think about the damage it will cause to our fish, insects and quality of water. (Water, which many people bring to their homes from the main Slocan River). Let's not waste our time on this; there are many more important issues that our RDCK director can be working on.

Chris Berger
Passmore

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Voices from the Valleys

Open letter to Alex Atamanenko – EI benefits

This morning I applied for employment insurance benefits. After spending over an hour filling out the frustrating online application form with all its inflexibility... and one power outage, I discovered that I won't even qualify for benefits. Apparently Nelson is considered a high employment area and 910 hours are required in order to qualify. I have only 742 hours in the last 52 weeks.

I have served our community since 1999 working for North Kootenay Lake Community Services here in Kaslo. I first worked as the Home Support Supervisor until our provincial government eliminated the delivery of those services through our agency. More recently, I managed Hummingbird Home Help, a social enterprise under the Community Services umbrella. Due to project funding ending on June 30, I became unemployed. I am disappointed and angry that I don't qualify for the benefits I paid for. Employment Insurance is a misnomer.

Over the past 35 years I have watched what was once labeled "Unemployment Insurance," dwindle down to less than one half of its original mandate to where it is now and yet its cash surplus has grown absurdly. Employment Insurance implies that we can count on being employed! Gosh... Orwell's 1984 came and went and no one even blinked!

A cash cow at best, to be honest, it should be called 'Employment Tax,' as it is an involuntary deduction from our paycheques. I know that I am not alone in this conundrum, and what makes it even more difficult, at my advancing age I find myself competing in the job market with much younger, well trained and qualified workers. I sorely need the benefits I paid for while I earnestly continue to seek employment.

Throwing salt into the wound thus stated, our federal government of which you are a part, has recently directed some of the Employment Insurance program's 'surplus funds' into Canada's War in Afghanistan at the behest of a former arms manufacturer, now the federal minister of defense. How can such a large amount of our taxes be spent without a House approved budget?

I recently read in the local, right of centre, *The Western Star*, that our area statistics for applications for welfare and unemployment insurance has dropped considerably, the inference being that because there are fewer welfare recipients and fewer people receiving unemployment benefits, the economy is doing very well. It may seem so on the surface but you only have to scratch the surface to see the truth behind the numbers. The rules for receiving welfare have become punitive and the qualifications for EI benefits have become so uncompromising that many no longer meet the criteria. Playing with the numbers may be good for government, but it's bad for the people.

Please Alex, this is an issue that has been ignored too long. I trust you will bring this up in the next session of parliament.

Emily Youngreen
Kaslo

Thanks for the criticism

I'd like to thank Harvey Armstrong for his "open letter to the KDCFS" because it gives me the opportunity to make a few points. Although I am currently a director of the KDCFS I'm also a member and as entitled to an opinion as Harvey or anyone else.

In March 2003 the KDCFS became an open society, meaning any area resident could hold membership, stand for office and/or vote for directors or on other important issues. I and others were elected by the members on the basis we'd operate the KDCFS in a particular way. Prior to 2003 the KDCFS had only nine members. To be a director, you had to be a member. The only way this could happen was 'by invitation' of the other members of the board – such that the KDCFS was closed to the community.

Harvey was 'invited' to join the KDCFS in about June of 2000. At some point shortly thereafter, he seems to have been appointed treasurer. In perusing some of the past minutes, which anyone can do, this is what I found:

July 25, 2001: "Harvey presented a report for the end of June. We still need a format which will show monthly expenses compared to budget."

May 9, April 18, March 14, Feb. 6, 2001: No mention of financial statements or a treasurer's report in the minutes.

Jan 10, 2001: "Harvey presented a report covering to the end of November."

I'm certain Harvey did his best. Being on the board of the KDCFS is challenging. But I don't see where he gets off characterizing current financial reporting procedures as "not transparent." We have a treasurer, bookkeeper and accountant. We get a financial statement and treasurer's report monthly, which anyone can get a copy of, and we will soon be posting the statements on the web.

I could go on about Harvey's other specious points but I'll just make a couple points of my own.

If Harvey wants to run for the board he should fly at 'er. If he can stand up and let the public know what he wants to do and how he plans to get it done, and get elected, I'll support him.

In March the KDCFS asked the 2006 Grad Class to conduct a telephone poll. They contacted 427 area residents and asked them 5 questions. One of the questions was: Do you think the community's current forest license has been well managed in the last three years? The answers were: Yes: 160, No: 91, Don't Know: 162.

My phone number is 353-2388 if anyone wants to discuss the KDCFS. I'm sure Harvey feels the same way and I think he's in the book. I'd also like to invite anyone to check out the society's website - www.kaslocommunityforest.org and by the way, we have not ignored the environment or water monitoring.

The volume of timber harvested since opening the Society in 2003 is almost exactly the same volume that was logged prior to 2003. Since 2003 approximately $700,000 has gone back into the community. Much of that was used to leverage matching funds from government to the extent that there is well over $1,000,000 in capital projects going on in the area right now with no more impact to the environment than back when Harvey was on the board, and with not one extra tax dollar squeezed from local residents.

Gary Cockrell
Kaslo

New Denver ambulance needs you

I would like to publicly thank Dr. Burkholder for his letter of support in the June 21 edition.

I feel like a prize fighter who's taken several blows to the head, forced to take an eight count, but is still standing. Well, the bell has just sounded for the next round and I'm coming out swinging!

The New Denver ambulance is staffed by a "volunteer" crew. Currently that crew has three active members. The members are on call for 12-hour shifts, but due to a lack of volunteers, are faced with countless back-to-back shifts.

We paid for our own first aid training in order to meet the minimum BC Ambulance Service (BCAS) requirements for hiring. Until a few years ago our only remuneration came with call-out pay. Today, we receive $2/hour pager pay. If we are utilized within a 12-hour shift period, we lose the pager pay and receive only the call-out pay. We are paid for a minimum of four hours once paged, and each member is paid according to their current level of certification ($14-$25 per hour).

At this time, BCAS does not pay for upgrading in training, and the burden has to be met by the individual. No wonder then that we have a real problem keeping people in "remote" stations. The New Denver station fluctuates in call-out volume, but averages about two calls a week. It doesn't take a genius to compute the numbers and recognize that being a paramedic in such a small call-volume location isn't about earning a living, but rather providing a community service.

For quite some time, this community has been spoiled by the thankless efforts of three or four paramedics who have dedicated their time to providing essentially 24/7, 365 days a year ambulance coverage, despite the lack of crew members. I personally have given the last seven years – just a blip on the radar screen in comparison to Don Caissie, Karen Forsyth, and Bernie Vanderkwast. Before our time, there was Ray and Barb Lahner and the list goes on. The point here is – where is the new crop of volunteers, or is the pond empty?

Enough is enough! Too often in the last few months the New Denver ambulance has been associated with the problems emanating out of Nakusp. Nakusp has had problems for several years in attracting and keeping crew to staff two ambulances. We too are seriously in need of more members, but despite this, we have maintained unbelievable on-call shift coverage. Yes, it is fair to say that in May and June, coverage here was bleak. However, last year New Denver ambulance was out of service for a total of 29 shifts out of 730 (348 hours out of 8,760 hours) and this with no more than three crew members at one time. This year until May 1 we had missed a total of four out of 120. As Dr. Burkholder mentioned in his letter, we have on numerous occasions been called out of our immediate response area to assist in covering Nakusp. This is not a situation we like, and it is one we have no control over.

Don't blame the dedicated few for lack of recent coverage. Look to the community and ask why there aren't more willing to sacrifice their time. You only have your fire department because of a small group of volunteers. You only have an ambulance in New Denver for the same reason. Get involved, get trained and help carry the load!

Joe Matthews
Silverton

Computer Broken?

Call Ron at the Old Grey Barn

250-265-2163

Plan to attend a

PUBLIC MEETING

at 7pm on Thursday, July 20 at Kaslo's Legion Hall

The Kaslo Community Forest's Woodlands Manager, Irene Strucel, and KDCFS directors will be presenting a draft of the application for a Probationary Community Forest Agreement. At the meeting you will be invited to offer your comments and to ask questions.

You may preview the draft document online on the KDCFS website. Hard copies will be available for review at the Kaslo Public Library, or you may purchase one at Kootenay Lake Computers (formerly Ramsbottoms) 344 Front Street, Kaslo (a $5 charge covers printing costs.)

Written comments are welcome any time - thanks to those who have already done so. The period for public review of this application will continue until August 10, 2006.

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New Denver council, July 11: Public hearing scheduled for zoning issue

by Leah Main

•Two readings were given to both bylaws which would allow the Oldham's Lakefront Cottages to operate. A public hearing will be held at 6 pm August 8, immediately prior to the next council meeting. Depending on the outcome of the hearing, third reading and adoption of both the bylaws may proceed.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No 604/06, creates a C4 Residential Commercial zone in a specified area. OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 605/06 establishes council's policy that weekly or monthly rental of a single family dwelling can only be located in the Residential Commerical zone.

Council is proceeding to look at the issue of the C4 zone prior to a planned major community review because the Oldhams, from a discussion last year with Village administrative staff, had understood that the Village's present zoning allowed for their vacation rental business.

•The Primary Health Care nursing position at the health centre has been cut back to half time. Mayor Wright will meet with Carol Markowsky of Interior Health to query what numbers were used to justify this reduction in service. IHA has assured him that this cutback was not done in response to the cost overrun for the information technology system, and that the IHA totally underwrote the cost. They also indicated that if supportive assisted living services are instituted, the total nursing allotment will be increased as direct service to patients, under the IHA planned continuum of care.

•Councillor Greensword and Mayor Wright reported that talks regarding ambulance service are ongoing. Mayor Wright met with representatives from the Village of Nakusp and Rural Areas H and K, who concur with forwarding a resolution and letter asking that the BC Ambulance Service move the base unit covering our area from Vernon to Castlegar, making it concurrent with the Health Service Area. This initiative is supported by Interior Health's Chief Operating Officer for the Kootenay/Boundary Health Service Area, Carol Markowsky. Mayor Wright will also request that the Health Minister seriously consider placing the BC Ambulance Service under the aegis of the Health Authorities, so all healthcare services can be better co-ordinated.

•Recreation Commission #6 will contribute $700 toward installation of vinyl flooring in the new gym. The estimate for professional installation is $1,000. Mayor Wright indicated he will investigate sources to fill the $300 shortfall.

•Preparatory to the September Union of BC Municipalities convention, Councillor Bunka suggested submitting the topic of absentee home ownership for discussion at the Small Communities Forum. While absentee owners pay full taxation rates, they also drive property values up and do not participate in the community to the same degree that residents do. Discussion on this at the forum would be a way to share ideas and seek help and advice regarding the challenges inherent in the situation.

•Councillor Bunka reported that she had met with a number of community organizations to discuss the possibility of having a Katimavik group come to our area from November 2006 - August 2007. There was enough interest to go ahead with the application, which has a deadline of July 30. Council will provide a letter of support, contingent on administrative staff reviewing the application to ensure that this community can meet all the conditions.

•Chamber of Commerce wrote to the Village inquiring whether the Village would consider transferring authority and rental income from the business directory signage at the Orchard pullout. Council has no interest in turning this over to any other agency.

•Councillors Bunka and Greensword have met with United Church trustees regarding the use of the church by the Masons. They reported that neighbours' concerns regarding parking and other issues have been satisfactorily addressed.

•Council voted to contribute $100 toward the Squamish-Lilloet Regional District undertaking to hire a public relations firm to promote public awareness of the effects of the recent amendment of the Utilities Commission Act by Bill 30. This allows the Province to override local decisions on land use if it deems a project of sufficient importance, with independent power projects being a particular concern. The bill is seen as a severe undermining of local government decision-making authority.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BYLAW NO. 604, 2006 AND BYLAW NO. 605, 2006

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
115 SLOCAN AVENUE, NEW DENVER, BC
6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2006

Pursuant to Sections 890 and 892 of the Local Government Act, a public hearing will be held to consider the following bylaws of the Village of New Denver: "Village of New Denver Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 604, 2006" and "Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 605, 2006."

The purpose of Bylaw 604 is to amend the land use zoning for the following lands:

1. Amend Schedule B of Bylaw No. 525, 1999 by rezoning the following lots from R1 (Residential 1) to C4 (Residential Commercial):

   - Lot 1, Plan NEP21949, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District
   - Lot 9, Block 5, Plan 9501, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District
   - Lot 10, Block 5, Plan 9501, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District
   - Lot 11, Block 5, Plan 9501, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District
   - Lot 12, Block 5, Plan 9501, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District

The purpose of Bylaw 605 is to amend the land use for the following lands:

2. Amend Schedule B of Bylaw No. 414, 1993 by amending the land use for the following lots from R1 (Residential 1) to C4 (Residential Commercial):

   - Lot 1, Plan NEP21949, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District
   - Lot 9, Block 5, Plan 9501, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District
   - Lot 10, Block 5, Plan 9501, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District
   - Lot 11, Block 10, Plan 9501, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District
   - Lot 12, Block 10, Plan 9501, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District

These parcels are shown outlined in black on the accompanying map.

The above is a synopsis of the proposed bylaw and is not deemed to be an interpretation of the bylaw. Copies of the aforementioned bylaws may be inspected at the Village of New Denver Municipal Office, New Denver, BC, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, from the date of this notice to the 8th day of August, 2006.

Carol Gordon, CMC
Administrator

VALHALLA PURE
OUTFITTERS
Fantastic footwear sale still on!
Local trail updates.
MAIN STREET by the Lake
New Denver 358-7755

Notice to Beef and Dairy Producers
Give your cattle birthdates!
AGE VERIFICATION INFORMATION SESSION
July 25, 2006
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Travelodge Fireside Inn,
1810 - 8th Avenue, Castlegar
• Learn to record ages
• Explore the opportunities of age verified cattle
This session is a joint presentation of the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency and the British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.
Funding for this event has been made available under the Agriculture Policy Framework, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.
For further information, contact the British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Lands at 1 888 221-7141.
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Silverton council, July 11: Dead pine in Valhalla Park cause fire concerns

by Jan McMurray

•Fire Chief Leonard Casley reported that there were concerns about the red beetle-kill timber in Valhalla Park because these dead trees are particularly susceptible to fire. He said there were incidents of fire jumping across the lake – at Cape Horn in the 1930s, and the Ingersol fire in 2003, which started on the other side of Arrow Lake. He said that BC Parks usually leaves the trees, as that is what is healthiest for the forest, "but I want to find out what their protocols are, and what we will have to do." Casley would like to set up a meeting with BC Parks, area emergency co-ordinator Terry Warren, and emergency representatives for Silverton (Stephanie Masun) and New Denver (Ann Bunka).

•Councillor Laktin thanked council and Village staff for the "tremendous support" given to the July 1st Committee and described the event as "very successful."

•Administrator Ida reported that the stakes and flagging in the area of the Silverton Inn were the work of the surveyor, who had come and surveyed First Street. This "street" is now officially closed and has been added to the list of the Village's properties.

•The Village will provide a letter of support regarding ambulance service, at the Village of Nakusp's request. Specifically, the letter will support the idea of moving the jurisdiction for our local ambulance service from the Okanagan to the West Kootenay.

Slocan Outdoor Market

The Slocan Outdoor Market is starting up again on June 25 at the old Elementary School on Harold St.
• Fruit & Veggies
• Food Vendors
• Arts & Crafts
• Home Baking
• Snacks Available
Featuring a "Live Stage" with performers from throughout the Kootenays.
Sundays from 10 to 3 pm
Vendors Wanted
Contact Ella @ 355-2592 or
market@slocancity.com

Silverton loses lovely shade tree, prompting beautification program

by Jan McMurray

The loss of Silverton's most venerable tree has planted a seed of enthusiasm for a downtown beautification project in the village.

At the July 11 council meeting, Administrator Junko Ida reported that the silver maple beside Horsefeathers had rotted in the middle, and that BC Hydro had graciously offered to take it down and pay for a suitable replacement for it.

She had looked into replacement trees, but was advised that the spring was a much better time both to purchase and to plant trees. Council agreed that a temporary fix would be appropriate.

By the end of the week, the area was adorned with four trees in planters and two picnic tables, with four bigger trees on their way for the boulevard.

When the Village was alerted about the silver maple, a neighbourhood meeting was called to discuss the situation. Nearby business and property owners reluctantly agreed to having the tree taken down.

They also showed overwhelming support to go ahead with a community enhancement plan, done by Bob Inwood of Mainstreet Consulting Associates in 1997.

"The good news is that the community has come together to beautify the village," said Mayor Everett. He explained that the village will supply the manpower, Hydro will pay for some trees and picnic tables, and some Silverton businesses will also purchase trees.

Destination Silverton wrote to council saying the downtown merchants' group would be happy to participate in a beautification program, and offered to purchase a tree.

In the letter, the group also requested that the Village encourage BC Hydro and Telus to bury the power and phone lines or re-locate them to the back alley. This would improve the look of the downtown area and prevent a recurrence of the recent silver maple tree's demise, which was due to repeated centre pruning of the tree to clear the power lines, stated the letter.

Staff was directed to write back to the group saying the Village will work with them on this.

The Kootenay Savings Community Foundation recently presented the Hidden Garden Gallery Society with a $600 cheque to assist with construction of an outdoor stage. Presenting the cheque to Bob and Karen Dubreuil of the society is Kootenay Savings branch manager Shelley Welch.

Housing referral office recycled

submitted by Laverne Booth

Alas, there will no longer be a free housing referral service in the Slocan Valley.

The housing office ran as a pilot project for three months out of the Habondia office in Winlaw's Spicer Centre, but proved untenable. And so, another good idea recycled. It seems that many communities are competing for very little government funding available for affordable housing and homelessness. The Habondia (micro-loans) office remains open (part-time) in the Spicer Centre at 226-7011.

The Circle of Habondia Lending Society learned some interesting things during its short foray into the landlord-tenant relationship arena.

"Mostly, we heard horror stories from renters and landlords alike," said Laverne Booth of the society. "Broken relationships lying around affect our ability to unite as a community! How do you teach people to clean up after themselves and leave another person's property in better shape?"

She recommends contacting the Advocacy Centre in Nelson at 352-5777 for information regarding landlord and tenants rights, or visiting www.tenants.bc.ca or www.landlord-association.org.

"We had hoped to respond to increasing pressures for more adequate housing rentals in the Slocan Valley by bringing together homeowners to hear about EnergGuide housing grants. But, oops, the Conservative government cancelled the program – there they went, recycled," said Booth.

She informs that funding is still available for Seniors Independence and Secondary/Garden Suites. Call Lynch Inspections (352-2300) for information.

The Habondia groups sends warm thanks to volunteers, workshop presenters and Housing Advisory Group members. The society also thanks Interior Health for two mini-grants. One supported attempts to lower housing costs for families living in poverty by keeping more of their shelter money in their pockets for food. The other helped with attempts to match up people with mental health and addictions issues with adequate housing.

Silverton Historical Society displays R.H. Trueman photos

The Silverton Historical Society is currently showing an exhibit of R. H. Trueman's photography, funded by the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance. The exhibit includes 13 of his works from the communities of Silverton, New Denver, Sandon and area, taken from 1890 - 1910.

More than any other photographer of his generation, R. H. Trueman traveled by railway recording the vast expanses of southern British Columbia with his heavy glass plate camera. Among his most stunning photographs focus on the rail and steamship lines that operated in the Slocan at the turn of the century, such as his famous shot of a K&S locomotive stopped at Payne Bluff. He was a superb landscape photographer and one of the few West Coast photographers to print his negatives on platinum paper.

This exhibit is located at the Interpretive Centre, 408 - 4th Street, Lower Level, open from Monday through Sunday 10 - 4. For more information or enquiries contact the Silverton Historical Society at 358-2285 or miningmuseum@netidea.com. Please stop by and view a moment in time when thousands of people made this area their home and relied on mining for their livelihood.

A prescription for healthy fun

submitted

Forgetful? Waistline expanding? Ballroom/social dance is a great cardio workout plus burns about 300 calories an hour. And for maintaining mental acuity it's as beneficial as doing crossword puzzles. Side effects include elevated endorphins, contact with multiple partners and it builds community.

From July 28 - 31 the Slocan Lake Dance Camp in New Denver offers twelve styles of ballroom/social dance instruction throughout the day and dancing after dark.

Dance styles include: Foxtrot and Waltz, East and West Coast Swing as well as Western and Nightclub Two-Step and the Latin dances. New this year are the Hustle: the Double Shuffle: American Jive; Argentine Tango as well as Swing and Latin Dance workshops for teenagers.

Come join in the fun at the Slocan Lake Dance Camp. Learn some new moves and have time to enjoy the pristine area. Bring your golf clubs and water socks and come for one workshop or all.

Single dancers are welcome. Watch for brochures locally or visit www.dancingbeat.org or phone 358-2448.

Slocan Lake
Dance Camp
for Teens & Adults
July 28 - 31, 2006
in New Denver, BC
Workshops in Smooth, Swing, Country & Latin Ballroom Dance styles
$35 per couple/$18 single
Watch for brochures locally
www.dancingbeat.org or 358-2448

ViSTA

Summer Theatre School

Presents a final showing of their week of learning theatre skills
Saturday, July 22 7:00 pm at the Silverton Gallery
Admission by donation

ViSTA is a part of the Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts Society (VSSFAS) which offers three other summer camps.

- Suzuki Valhalla Institute
- Valhalla Summer School of Music
- Valhalla Instensive Performers' Program

We wish to thank everyone who helped provide funding for this program. Funding was provided by Columbia Basin Trust, Kootenay Cultural Alliance, Recreation Commission #6, Lucerne PAC, Village of Silverton and the Slocan Lake Chamber of Commerce.

NOTICE
VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

Pursuant to Section 127 and in accordance with Section 94 of the Community Charter the Village of Slocan is required to post notice at least once a year of dates, times and place of regularly scheduled Council Meetings.

2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

Council Meetings — held at 7:00 pm in the Village of Slocan Office at 503 Slocan Street, Slocan BC

July 12, 2006
August 9, 2006
September 13, 2006
October 11, 2006
November 8, 2006
December 13, 2006

Central Kootenay Regional District

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SUCCESSFUL PROJECT AWARDS
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Community Initiatives Funding Program

Further to the Public Meetings held earlier this year, **Electoral Area H** and the Villages of **New Denver, Silverton and Slocan** have accepted the following proposals for funding from the Community Initiatives Program sponsored by the Columbia Basin Trust.

Applicant	Project Description	Amount
Electoral Area H		
Slocan Valley Threads Guild	Access Improvement	$3,000
Winlaw Hall Society	Refinishing Hardwood Floor	$3,000
Parent Advisory Committee (LESS)	Community Outdoor Chess Project	$900
Second Chance Animal Shelter	Storage Shed	$180
Second Chance Animal Shelter	Pet Identification Machine	$370
Brent Kennedy School	Sharing Our Secret	$500
Castlegar Society for Search and Rescue	Emergency Water Response	$2,000
Slocan Lake Arena Society	May Day Bandstand Project	$2,000
Healthy Housing Committee	Housing Needs Assessment	$500
Commission of Winlaw Regional and Nature Park	Replacement of Boardwalk	$2,000
Options for Sexual Health	Health Clinics	$1,000
Village of New Denver		
Parent Advisory Committee (LESS)	Outdoor Chess Project -Phase II	$900
Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts	VSSM Student Scholarships	$300
Heritage Federation of South-Eastern BC	Heritage & Culture Guide	$250
Silvery Slocan Historical Society	"Lancet" Restoration Project	$450
Parent Advisory Committee (LESS)	Outdoor Chess Project -Phase II	$900
Village of Silverton		
Health Housing Committee	Housing Needs Assessment	$100
Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts	VIPP Scholarship Fund	$200
Slocan Lake Gallery Society	Christmas by the Lake	$100
Silverton Historical Society	Archival Preservation Project	$200
Heritage Federation of South Eastern BC	Heritage Profile Pages – Kootenay Rockies Heritage & Culture Guide	$100
Parent Advisory Committee	Community Outdoor Chess Project Phase II	$100
Village of Slocan		
The Slocan River Stream Keepers	Fred Fraser Memorial Garden	$500
Slocan Fire Department	Fire Hall Meeting Room	$1,000
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy	Parent-Child Mother Goose Program	$500

Further information concerning these projects may be obtained from: Don Munro, Director Area H (250) 226-7090; Gary Wright, Chair and Director New Denver (250) 358-2316; Carol Bell, Director Silverton (250) 358-2472; John Gates, Director Slocan (250) 355-2277; Trish Gerald, RDCK 1-800-268-7325 email: tgerald@rdck.bc.ca

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April Wine brought the fans to their feet on Sunday night.

Roger Hodgson, formerly of Supertramp, put on an exceptional final show at the Nakusp Music Festival.

Another shot of BC/DC lead guitarist Angus Hung? We couldn't resist.

Chad Guy of Skavenjah autographs Meagan Hughes' T-shirt at the Nakusp Music Festival, Saturday, July 15.

26th annual Slocan City Logger Sports Competition entains

Open Log Birling, James Essig (L), Oregon & Darren Hudson (R) Current and many time World Champion Log Birler from Nova Scotia.

Open Hot Saw(Just for Fun!),Gary Burns/Glen Erickson,Running an "IEL Pioneer Super Twin", this antique is a two man twin cylinder chainsaw manufactured in Vancouver in 1946. It weighs over 60 lbs!

Canadian Championship Intermediate Choker Race,James Hartley (L),Oregon,Darren Dean (R),Campbell River BC

Jack & Jill Crosscut,Tyann McFall (L), Washington & Rob Waibel (R),Oregon

Obstacle Pole Bucking,Larry Heustis, Idaho

Canadian Championship Open Tree Climb,Darren Hudson,Nova Scotia

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Nakusp council, July 13: Hot springs re-opening getting very close

by Jan McMurray

•CAO Bob Lafleur gave an update on the hot springs after having a round table with contractors that same day. If everything goes as planned, the pools could be open as early as July 28. However, time is needed for the staff to get used to the new system and to get the bugs out. The hope is that the facility will be fully up and running by the August long weekend.

•Councillor Ulli Mueller reported that the tile work on the pools at the hot springs was "fantastic," but that the same could not be said for the brushed concrete decking work, which cost $110,000. "It's the worst concrete job I have ever seen," she said, mentioning cracks in the concrete, pooling water and messy caulking.

Lafleur said he had a three-page deficiencies list and one-and-a-half of them were related to the concrete job. He said that the crew, project manager Chris Fairbank and mechanical engineer Walter Yoneda would visit the site the weekend of July 22 to try to address these issues.

The hot springs Grand Opening event is being planned for the fall. Council approved a budget of $5,000 for the advertising campaign.

•Lafleur reported that the reservoir was almost completely emptied recently and expressed concern about what would happen in the event of a fire while water reserves were that low. Council gave staff the authority to impose water restrictions in the village to a total sprinkling ban if necessary. Also, council decided to start the process of amending the water restriction bylaw to restrict sprinkling to morning and evening hours rather than to even and odd days.

•Lafleur reported that two bids had come in for the pumphouse well project, and were 60%-100% higher than the estimated project cost of $200,000-$230,000. He said that the job could probably be done on budget with Village equipment and with Delterra Engineering overseeing the project. Council voted to reject both bids and gave administration permission to negotiate with Delterra Engineering to do the work in house.

•Bruce Lintott, Ministry of Transportation, attended to discuss the Government Hill issue with council. The Village has received letters from residents complaining about the noisy and dangerous truck traffic on the hill, and the chip trucks that have gotten stuck there in the winter. Lintott confirmed that heavy truck traffic and the use of chains will result in increased maintenance costs to the Village. Lintott recommended that council work with Chambers, the chip truck company, to discourage the use of the hill. Council agreed that this was the best measure to take at this point.

Lintott said other options the Village had were to restrict trucks from using the hill altogether, restrict the hours trucks could use the hill, or restrict trucks from using the hill in the winter.

•Council discussed Joe Williams' request to have the ditch in front of the Henderson residence filled in. As the driveway separates the ditch into two parts, council directed staff to get clarification on which side the property owners would like done.

In the ditch on one side, there is a fire hydrant, which Williams spoke of as a safety hazard when he made his presentation to council at the last meeting. CAO Lafleur pointed out that the ditches are there for drainage, as there is no storm sewer system. He also suggested that the fire chief do a review of all ditches in the village and make a recommendation on which ones should be filled in for safety reasons. Council agreed.

•Mayor Hamling reported that the Halcyon Assisted Living renovation contract, worth about $1 million, was awarded to Hil-Tech Contracting Ltd.

She also reported that the Nakusp and Area Community Foundation has raised its second $25,000 and expects to receive the matching funds from Vancouver Foundation and CBT soon. This will mean the foundation has $160,000 in endowment funds and will disburse grants totalling about $6,400 each year.

•Hamling has been working hard on the ambulance issue. She corresponded with the CEO of BC Ambulance Service, Fred Patteel, and he assigned Chief Operating Officer Sue Conroy to our area's case. Conroy visited Nakusp on July 11, met with staff and discussed schedule flexibility and training.

"Does not sound like a lot is going to happen to improve our situation in the near future and I think we may need to put a push on," Hamling says in her written report.

MLA Corky Evans met with the Minister of Health on June 26 and asked that the jurisdiction for our area's ambulance service be moved from the Okanagan to the West Kootenay. The Village of Nakusp has sent a letter with the same request to the Minister, and has asked the Villages of New Denver and Silverton, Areas K and H directors, and the RDCK board to do the same.

Meanwhile, Nakusp has a new temporary unit chief from Castlegar – Darrel Van Horne. However, there are still uncovered shifts and the fire department has had to answer several calls.

•Mayor Hamling reported that negotiations were ongoing between SAYOPS (owners of the Green Door building) and the insurance company, and that "it looks like the Green Door won't be open for a long time." When the building was damaged in a fire this past spring, the Village offered the curling lounge for the Green Door youth programs. Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services Administrator Marty Lewis wrote to council requesting a more permanent arrangement for its youth programming. Council referred the request to administration, which will provide a report at the next meeting.

•The curling lounge has traditionally been used for the Recreation Commission's summer programs, but with the youth centre currently housed there, this is not possible. The Recreation Commission has found an alternate space at Nakusp's Stepping Stone Children's Centre until July 24, and asked council for permission to use the concession area from July 25 to August 30 at no charge. The request was granted.

•Council received a letter from the Nakusp and District Museum Society. The museum flooded on July 5 and July 10 during torrential downpours, and volunteers had to come out with mops and buckets to clean it up. As the building belongs to the Village, the society asked if the Public Works crew could install trenches with a grate at the two museum entrances.

Lafleur said he would like to come back to council with options for a more permanent fix, but because of the urgency of the situation, asked for authority to spend $1,000 on digging a trench and installing a grate. Council agreed.

•It was reported that 16 dead pine trees had been removed from the park.

•Mayor Hamling and Treasurer Richard Mahoney were authorized to sign a statement approving the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005.

•Accounts payable of $746,593.20 for the months of May and June were approved.

Rezoning application deferred

by Jan McMurray

A public hearing was held July 13 for Crossley Coates' (Arrow Lakes Welding and Repairs) application to rezone his 11-hectare property from light industrial to R-1 residential (single family dwellings). Council chose not to consider third reading and adoption of the rezoning bylaw, but rather to defer it.

Although the application is strictly for rezoning and indicates that there are no subdivision plans at this time, Coates has let council know that he would like to subdivide the land and sell it at some point in the future. If the residential rezoning goes through, he will probably subdivide into about 70 residential lots. If zoning remains light industrial, he will probably pursue subdividing the land into 12 two-acre industrial lots.

CAO Bob Lafleur listed council's concerns. First, the ideal subdivision proposal would be a cohesive plan for that whole area of the village, coming from all of the area's property owners. Second, the water system is currently being upgraded just so that it can service the existing population. Until there are further improvements to the water and sewage systems, council would prefer to delay approval of substantial subdivisions to avoid overburdening the infrastructure. Third, it would be best to complete the OCP review process before making any decisions on rezoning. He also mentioned that other people have applied for rezoning to residential for the purpose of subdividing in the past, and have been turned down because of the capacity of the water and sewer systems. Lafleur wondered if these people should be first in line.

Mayor Hamling added that the Village does not have Development Cost Charges until the OCP review has been completed. This means that if changes were approved, the Village would be responsible for infrastructure costs "and we don't have that kind of money."

Ben Bruneau attended to say he was not against Coates' application, but that he was concerned about Arrow Lakes Welding and Repairs possibly moving to a location beside Bruneau's residential property if Coates sold his property. Bruneau said that some years ago, an industrial zone was established next to his residential property. According to an agreement he made with the Village at that time, there was supposed to be a buffer zone. However, all the trees were taken down. Bruneau said having industry right up against his property would have too much of an impact.

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Applicant	Project Description	Amount
Area K – Arrow Park		
Arrow Park Community Assoc.	Emergency Plan & Fire Caddy Shed	$3,525.00
Area K - Burton		
Burton Community Hall Assoc.	Popcorn & Cotton Candy Machines	$2,773.00
Burton Saddle Club	Burton Equestrian Grounds	$3,943.11
Karissa Stroshein	Swim Lessons	$550.00
Burton Community Hall Assoc.	Barbecue and Three Park Benches	$2,028.68
Burton Community Hall Assoc.	Sound System for Burton Hall	$2,450.00
Area K - Edgewood		
Edgewood Sports Grounds Trustees	E.J. Donselaar Memorial Park	$1,332.41
Edgewood Sports Grounds Trustees	Restoration of Heritage Building	$3,544.49
Inonoaklin Valley Reading Centre	Library Services	$921.56
Inonoaklin Valley Reading Centre	25th Anniversary Celebration	$500.00
Lower Arrow Lakes Conservation Association	Safety Fence at Rifle Range	$1,022.75
Edgewood Community Parks Brd.	Edgewood Park Playground	$5,000.00
Edgewood Cemetery Company	Replacement of Storage Shed	$900.00
Edgewood Community Parks Brd.	Park Benches and Table Pads	$1,097.07
Area K - Fauquier		
Fauquier Community Club (Concerned Mom's Inc.)	Playground	$1,200.00
Fauquier Volunteer Fire Brigade	Safety Equipment	$3,964.35
Fauquier Community Club	Renovations for the Hall	$3,445.44
Village of Nakusp		
Nakusp Fire Brigade	Road Rescue Vehicle	$20,000.
Nakusp Senior Citizen's Assoc.	Commercial Dishwasher	$5,000.
Nakusp Ski Club	Lighting T-bar and Beginning Ski Area	$5,500.
Naksup Centennial Golf Club	John Deere Gator; jockey pump and Clubhouse renovations	$20,000.
Nakusp & Area Community Foundation	Matching Funds Endowment,	$10,000.
Arrow Lakes Historical Society	Publishing of Caulkboot River Dance	$5,000.

Further information concerning these projects may be obtained from: Paul Peterson, Director Area K (250) 265-4451; Karen Hamling, Director Nakusp (250) 265-3689; Trish Gerald, RDCK 1-800-268-7325 email: tgerald@rdck.bc.ca

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The Silverton Gallery is showing Abstract!, celebrating the work of 10 area abstract artists, until July 23. The gallery is open for people to come and see the show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 pm. This summer, the Silverton Gallery will also host an Eric Renk show, and another in the Kohan Gardens on August 16 and 17 with music and refreshments.

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•Nakusp Golf Club

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• Nakusp Open, Sat. Aug. 20: All categories.
9:00 Shotgun. 18 holes. $50.00 non-member fee.
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•Slocan Lake Golf Course,

New Denver **Phone: (250) 358-2408**
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Power cart: **$15.00**/9-holes **$25.00**/18-holes. *All prices include tax*
RESTAURANT: 8 AM TO 8 PM (LICENSED)
2006 TOURNAMENTS:
• Club Open, Sat. Aug. 13: $40.00 members / $50 non-members*
• Bushwackers, Sat. Sept. 9: $20.00/couple
• Club Closing, Sat. Sept. 24: $15.00.
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Winlaw Mini-Mart
Lemon Creek Lodge
Slocan Valley Co-op
Floyd's Custom Furniture
Nelson: Otter Books
Coles Books
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• Centennial Campground

On the lake in New Denver, 44 sites, 8 with electricity & water hook-up, sani-dump, showers & toilets, boat launch, firewood, pets must be leashed.

• Three Island Resort Campground (250) 265-3023

65 sites, full/semi hook-ups, tenting, boat launch, paddle boats & canoes, pets welcome, children's playground, firewood, fishing, hiking trail, confectionery, sani-station, showers, laundry facilities, large gazebo with BBQ pits.

• Springer Creek RV Park & Campground (250) 355-2266

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• Nakusp Village Campground (250) 265-1061

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• Arrow Lakes Historical Society Ph/Fax: (250) 265-0110 265-3323 alhs@netidea.com

e-mail: alhs@columbiacable.net Location: 92B - 7th Avenue NW (BC Hydro building). Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 - 3:00. Archives and publications. Best source for area history and family research.

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Kaslo council, July 11: BMX/mountain bike site proposed near skatepark

by Jill Braley

•The Kaslo Area Youth Council/ Kaslo Sk8park Committee wrote to council with a request to build a BMX/ mountain bike site on Kaslo beach adjacent to the skatepark site. The request was referred to the Planning & Development committee for recommendation to council. There was also a request to make small changes to the skatepark signage that will eventually be installed at the site. This was referred to the Administration & Finance Committee for recommendation to council.

•Council received a letter signed by numerous Kaslo youth regarding a paint ball site, located on Village property and near the walking trail established by the Kaslo Trailblazers Society. A workable solution will be sought by the Public Works Department for recommendation to council.

•Charmaine Campbell wrote to council with her concern about the Delaneys' dogs running loose. Campbell will be advised a letter has been sent to the owners, and that the new bylaw should address her concerns. During Q&A, Councillor Jones said the Village had just received the updated version of the bylaw from the lawyers and council had not had the chance to review the document. However, he said he felt the new bylaw would be adopted by council within a month.

•Council received two items of correspondence regarding development in Kaslo Bay. Both were forwarded to Urban Systems for comment.

Correspondence from Ward Engineering states that the new water main to the condominium building has been successfully tested, chlorinated to standard, and installed in general conformity with the design drawings.

Correspondence from WSA Engineering was in regards to Vern Klapper's proposal to subdivide property on the southwest side of the bay into approximately 10 residential building lots, to be serviced by municipal sewer and water. Access to the lots would be via a private strata road off Kaslo Bay Road.

On the advice of Urban Systems, the Village had asked for a geotechnical assessment of the property, mostly because of the steep slopes bounding the proposed building sites. WSA completed the assessment on April 27 and found that the property is generally stable and suitable for residential development. However, the suitable building area is limited to the narrow bench that runs through the mid portion of the property. The report states that additional excavation work could expand the suitable building area. It makes recommendations regarding a slope grading plan, steep slope setback, drainage and slope erosion control and revegetation.

•The Fisherman's Tale Pub at Kaslo Bay Resort was permitted to extend Noise Abatement Bylaw hours to 2 am over the Kaslo Jazz Festival weekend, August 4-6.

•Council authorized 10 reserved parking spaces for the Kaslo Boat Club and the Kaslo Bay Marine Club at the head of the wharf walkway for the Kaslo Jazz Festival long weekend. Kaslo Jazz Fest organizers will be informed.

•Mayor Holland and Councillors Jones and Hewat will attend an RDCK waste management tour of transfer stations on July 26. There has been no decision yet on moving Kaslo's transfer station.

•A lease will be signed between the Village of Kaslo and Mika Liska for hangar rental at the Kaslo airport for a rate of 20 cents per square foot, renewable every three years, for a total term of 12 years.

•The Village will seek an additional $5,000 from the Regional District of Central Kootenay for the Kaslo Beach Regional Park in 2006 for the purposes of landscaping, and completing the irrigation system.

•Peter Vass wrote to council to advise of his intention to donate a bench to the Village. He asked that it be placed along the grassy area beside the SS Moyie, near Mrs. Bowker's picnic table. Council thanked Vass for his kind donation.

•The Village of Kaslo agreed to lend its support to Mardi Grainger in her efforts to have Front Street businesses keep sidewalks and streets in front of their businesses clean.

•Yvonne Dodd will be asked to remove her camper from Village property, and to not use this property for storage of any kind in the future.

•The Village will forward its concerns about the proposed Jumbo Pass development to the RDCK, and advise it is seeking more information from the Regional District in this regard.

•Dr. David Saltman, and Dieter, Erwin and Wanda Ammon wrote to council with a request for the Village to remove the remaining birch trees on the C Avenue Lane, south of 8th Street. The trees are half dead, becoming a danger to buildings, power lines and walking pedestrians. The request was referred to the Public Works committee for recommendation to council.

•Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Schwark of Larch Drive asked when their street would be paved. They commented they have been paying taxes for 10 years and have not seen any improvements to their road. Council advised that Larch Drive will be paved when resources permit.

•Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hartung wrote to council stating it had been brought to their attention that a portion of 7th Street South might be sold. The Hartungs asked for first option to purchase the street, as they could be affected the most by this sale. This was referred to the Planning and Development committee.

•Accounts payable of $50,548.66 were approved.

Geothermal system coming soon to Lardeau

by Andrea Dupuis

The Lardeau Valley Community Centre will see big changes by early fall. A new geothermal heating system will be installed to offset the high cost of heating. Len Trenholm, project co-ordinator and pastor at the Lardeau Valley Chapel, says the new system will dramatically lower the high cost of heating the community centre, which currently runs on propane. "We anticipate it will save $8,000-$10,000 a year," says Trenholm. The community club was looking for alternative heating systems and found a geothermal system was the most environmentally friendly. "It seemed like a good long-term solution," says Trenholm.

The Lardeau Valley Community Club recently received a $10,000 grant from the Columbia Basin Affected Areas Fund for the project. The club will also borrow $38,000 from the Lardeau Fire Fund, which was set up in 1994-95 to establish a fire service in the valley.

Although community club members have not decided which type of geothermal system they will use, they have two options: either drill a local shallow well, or use a closed loop system – a looping of piping underground which absorbs heat from the earth with a constant circulation.

Geothermal systems are becoming a popular alternative energy source because of their many advantages. For Trenholm, one major advantage is that the system offers heating in the winter and air conditioning in the summer.

Trenholm says two different companies in Nelson have been asked to provide quotes on the job. A committee will be formed to oversee the project.

Kaslo Community Garden looking for sponsor

submitted

For the past four years, Kaslo's community garden has provided a continuously growing and evolving change of scene in the village. Now, the garden's future is at stake. St. Mark's Anglican Church has chosen not to re-new the liability insurance required by the Village and the garden group is now looking for a sponsor to do so.

The community garden has contributed produce to the local Food Bank as well as provided participants with vegetables seeds and a place to grow them. They have also provided half the proceeds of the produce sold at the market to the local food bank.

Contact Kohle Ocello at luditegardener@yahoo.ca for more information.

On Saturday July 8, a group of paddlers in dug-out canoes from the Similkameen and Okanagan native bands were greeted by a ceremonial drum and dance circle at the SS Moyie beach in Kaslo. The event was part of a 'prayer paddle' from Lost Ledge to Creston.

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Further to the Public Meetings held earlier this year, Electoral Area D and the Village of Kaslo have accepted the following proposals for funding from the Community Initiatives Program sponsored by the Columbia Basin Trust.

Electoral Area D - Initiatives

Applicant	Project Description	Amount
Kaslo Golf Club	Clubhouse Project	$8,000
Kaslo Trailblazers Society	Kaslo River Recreational Trails (Bridge)	$3,000
Langham Cultural Society	Theatre Lighting Upgrades	$1,000
Options for Sexual Health - West Kootenay Branch	Meadow Creek Clinic	$1,000

Electoral Area D – Affected Areas

Applicant	Project Description	Amount
Lardeau Valley Community Club	Geo-Thermal Heating System	$10,000
Argenta Community Association	First Responder Medical Equipment & Defibrillator	$7,500
Friends of the Lardeau River	Lardeau River Crossing	$4,972
Kaslo InfoNet Society (KIN)	Howser Communications Tower	$2,500
Jewett Elementary School	Art Therapy & Friendship Groups	$1,234
Lardeau Valley Historical Society	Summer Museum Attendant	$850

Village of Kaslo

Applicant	Project Description	Amount
Kaslo Curling Club	Chiller Replacement	$1,800
North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (NKLCSS)	Kitchenette	$1,000
Langham Cultural Society	Lighting Upgrades for the Langham Theatre	$1,283
North Kootenay Lake Arts & Heritage Council	Saturday Market Enhancement	$1,000
Options for Sexual Health – West Kootenay Branch	Health Clinics	$1,000
Kaslo Trailblazers Society	Kaslo River Recreational Trails - Bridge	$1,000

Further information concerning these projects may be obtained from: Andy Shadrack, Director Area D (250) 353-7350; Director Jim Holland, Village of Kaslo (250) 353-2311; Trish Gerald, RDCK 1-800-268-7325 email: tgerald@rdck.bc.ca

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Get Outta Town!

with Peter Roulston

For decades the area up in Jackson Basin has been popular with locals and offers a good variety of mountain impressions, yet doesn't seem to be listed in any of the hiking trail books that I've accumulated over the years. Access is pretty good and it gets ample use from four-wheelers, dirt bikes and many snowmobilers. I enjoyed this trip on July 8th with three other adults and a couple of youth aged 11 and 13.

We drove two vehicles 20 km. west from New Denver along highway 31A through the 'Valley of the Ghosts' to the well-signed turnoff for the Retallack Resort. The resort people conduct their cat skiing in the general area here but I'm not sure if Jackson Basin itself is a regular part of their terrain. Only a few hundred meters in toward the lodge there is a turnoff to the right and after taking this up-route we soon encountered another fork up to the right with the lower road blocked by rocks placed there.

Many roads in the Kootenays got washed pretty badly with those crazy hard rainstorms over the last weeks, and this route up along Stenson Creek has some ruts and dips, but is actually in quite good shape and could likely be driven in a decent 2-wheel drive. After a few switchbacks in the forest the road straightens out some and ascends nicely up the main drainage of Stenson Creek, with views across the way to the ridges that we later were able to walk along. This is not a steep road until the end after crossing the bridge over Stenson Creek itself where a few switchbacks get you up the last section to the mine site.

The Jackson mine site is large and there's plenty to see for the curious visitor. There's a cabin that is well kept by the Slocan Valley Snowmobile Club, who have done renovations to it over the years and who visit the area lots when the snows get deep. You can forage around and see evidence of mining at several levels here that took place at several points in time as market demands and different interests dabbled around here. Even for a totally slothful non-hiker this is a neat place to see and is well worth the 10 km. drive in.

We drove a little further up the main road past the mine and parked on a grassy flat where the road gets way; steeper and becomes the domain of four-wheelers and other rugged jeeps. This road actually climbs right over the ridge and drops down to Cody and Sandon but now has declined to being too narrow for most full-sized four-wheel drives. The little four-wheelers keep a fine, easily walked route packed down with minimal ground disturbance, and I've always felt that their passing through helps keep trails from fading out entirely.

In no time at all we walked up into the expansive open areas and rolling terrain of Jackson Basin, with the valleys of Goat, Whitewater, Lyle and Rossiter Creeks visible and ridges to the east near Kootenay Lake. We spent several hours doing a loop walk and headed north to Rambler Ridge initially, then traversed south below Reco Peak to end up at the pass looking down at Sandon. En-route we met three motorcyclists who had come over from Kaslo for another visit.

The ridge walking is delightful here and we made easy progress with odd snowball fights, photo sessions, and possibly precious rock gathering. We climbed a couple minor humps along the ridge and suffered across some steep sidehill, then hooked up to a traversing trail that pretty much got us around to what I think is the Bluebird Pass where the road crossed. The Almeda, Bell, and maybe Bluebird mine remains are evident here, and just over the hill are the bigger Sunset, Reco, Noble Five, Slocan Sovereign and other claims.

Another further hike in this same area would be to head up McGuigan Creek from the highway to get up into the Rambler/Cariboo mine levels that are just below Rambler Ridge on the northwest aspect. Again, these roads are suffering a lot of erosion and also the brush gets so thick that you end up not wanting to scour the sides of your vehicle so probably some more modern day exploration and development of these mines could assure some way of even getting to these grand places in coming years.

We had all the bear spray and stuff along, but saw just one recent digging in the meadow. With our own noise level and the open nature of most of the terrain it felt generally safe. There were numerous streams of water and seepages up high to offer clean refreshment and the day was somewhat overcast with actually few flies buzzing, so the whole day went really well. If you study your maps before you go, you'll be able to put together a good hiking route here and with the right mix of caution and curiosity you'll enjoy this lovely alpine basin as much as we did that fine day.

Financial forum

with Tim Affolter

To everything there is a season

Whenever clients start showing up in your office saying that they are thinking of taking a mortgage to invest in the markets, it is a sure sign that the end of this economic cycle is near. We have seen just that happening recently.

As our clients' last quarterly reports showed up with 3 year average annual returns in the mid-teens, it suddenly seemed that making gains is as easy as picking fruit. However, those with 5 year returns that still include 2001 and 2002 are a little wiser, as the average 5 year returns are still in the single digits for most.

There are 4 phases to the economic cycle: Recovery, Normal Growth, Late Cycle Boom, and Recession. The first 3 phases will result in a 'bull' (or rising) stock market and the last phase results in a 'bear' market (defined by a 25% drop in the S&P500). We look for a correction (a 10% drop) to mark the transition between phases. The length of each phase varies with each economic cycle, but we usually expect Late Cycle Boom, Recession and Recovery to each last about 1 year, while Normal Growth lasts about 2 years. Some quick math will show 4 years of bull to 1 year of bear, for an average of 5 years to each full cycle. However, the cycles can be shorter or considerably longer. The last one ran 10 years: a 7 year bull ending with a painful, historically-long 3 year bear market.

These cycles are as predictable as the seasons of the year: Recovery is like spring as everything jumps to life; Normal Growth is like summer, as the fruit formed in the spring matures; Late Cycle Boom is like fall harvest time; and the Recession is like winter, where things seem dormant but they are really preparing for the spring growth spurt again. Everything has a season, even the economic cycle.

So, where are we now? We feel we are in the last phase of this bull market, or the Late Cycle Boom. All of the classic signs are there: rising inflation and interest rates, tight job market and peaking commodity prices. If this phase, which started last October, lasts the normal 1 year, we should look for a slowdown to start this winter. However, you never know how long monetary policy makers will be able to milk this lucrative phase, so taking shelter now by moving your money to cash could cause you to miss out on the harvest.

What do you do to prepare for the coming winter? As with all phases of the market cycle, portfolio design is the key to both growth and protection. One of the things that we have suggested to clients is to take your profits while they are there. This involves rebalancing your portfolio by selling off some of the high growth assets (the ones that have been doing really well) and buying income or 'value' assets (the parts that have been more boring of late). To assist in this, you should have defined a 'neutral mix' in your Statement of Investment Policy, such as 30% value, 30% growth, 30% fixed income and 10% high income. This makes it easy to see where profits are and which portions are lagging.

Rebalancing when the mix is more than, say, 10% out of balance forces you to be contrarian, selling from strength and buying into weakness. Most investors who don't apply a disciplined approach to managing their portfolios and instead try to time the markets usually end up doing exactly the opposite – selling low and buying high!

It is important to keep your long-term perspective and remember that everything in life has a season, including markets. Work with your financial advisor or call us to identify your opportunities in each season, and your harvests will generally be more fruitful!

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Cool Eateries of the West Kootenays

with Andrew Rhodes

The Hidden Gem of Passmore

Many years ago in Western India in a place called Goa, two people who had just met found themselves sharing the pleasant task of stirring a huge pot of vegetable curry. The meal was for a large group of new friends. They'd all just met. During the stirring the stirrers fell in love. That's right. Sita Koster and Doug Wearing fell in love preparing food for friends, and they're still at it. They have just celebrated their 14th anniversary. As it happens, Sita and Doug deserve yet another round of congratulations on the opening, three months ago, of their new business, MUNCH MORE PIZZA in Passmore. I was sent there last Saturday to check the place out, and let me say right off that the food was out of this world, and that's the simple truth. Sita and Doug have built a for real wood-fire oven in their 16 by 24 foot kitchen. The oven is beautiful. It is made from local rock and mortar with a rounded hearth that bulges into the room, and through the opening you can see that way in the back is a blazing fire of birch. It is very warm and friendly in that kitchen. The oven is the pride and joy of the smiling proprietors. They've both had a wealth of experience in the restaurant biz.

After explaining the workings of the oven, Sita asked what I'd like to eat. There are ten pizzas on the menu and over thirty toppings including treats like pine nuts, hot banana peppers, pesto, artichokes, baby clams and all kinds of meats and veggies. Oh yes! But that ain't all. There are nine entrées including big beautiful salads, meat and veggie lasagna, chicken dishes and spanakopita. There is also a dinner special that changes every night. I couldn't decide what to have so I asked the giggling Sita to serve me what ever she wanted. She told me she wanted me to sample at least THREE pizzas and also to try their Caesar salad as an appetizer. "Do you have an appetite?" she asked. I replied "Oh yes. Yes indeed, but how can I sample three kinds of pizza?" She said "I'll make you three small pizzas, and what you don't eat you can take home." Minutes later she handed me a Caesar salad she'd just whipped together with her 'from scratch' dressing using her home made mayo. I will say here and now that it was, by a long shot, the best Caesar salad I've had since I began writing this column, and I've had lots of good ones, but this one was to die for, and it was very filling. So in the meantime Sita is rolling out the pizza dough and Doug is applying the toppings and manning the oven. Soon I was out at the picnic table staring down three pizzas. The House Special with lots of meat, the West Coast Chicken, and the Veggie Valhalla. She also put down in front of me the dinner special: chicken souvlaki. Then she came back with another plate and said with a grin, "I think you might try an order of meat lasagna too. Do you have an appetite?" Heavens to Betsy!!! And this wasn't all. She brought out an order of spatzle which is a German egg noodle type dumpling. She also plunked down a drink. I couldn't believe it. I had two pieces of each pizza, the dinner special, some lasagna and some spatzle. The pizza, get ready, was the best I've had in this valley. I'm only being honest. Everything else was delicious too.

Sita and Doug put a lot of love into their food, and the response to MUNCH MORE has been fantastic. They've got a huge green house and garden from which come much of the food they serve. By the way, their dinner specials include pork side ribs, schnitzel and chicken and filo. They do mostly take-out, and delivery. They deliver from Passmore to Crescent Valley.

To find them, turn west at the Passmore Fire Hall, cross the bridge and take the third left. Follow the country road for one km and you will find The Hidden Gem Of Passmore. Call them at 226-7779. There is way more to say about these people and their love of preparing food. But I'll leave you with this thought — their food is stupendous, and I'm still eating it two days later.

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The Wiens family would like to thank the Doctors and Nurses at the Slocan Community Health Centre for the care given to our wife and mother, Catherine Wiens, during her stay, and for the comfort and kindness given to the family with her passing. A special thanks to all the friends and relatives and the people of New Denver for their kind words and expressions of sympathy. We are grateful for living in a place where we all can take care of one another.

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OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we announce that **Ferne Rosalie Coles** passed away peacefully on July 2, 2006.

Ferne will be remembered for her sharp wit and tender heart. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, William (Bill) Joseph Coles and her son, Barry William Coles. We would like to thank her "Girls": Cathy, Colleen, Rory, Laura Lee, Shar, and Maureen for their love and support. We, also, would like to thank Dr. Kelland and the Staff of Arrow Lakes Hospital for making her stay comfortable.

As requested, there will be no funeral service.

There will be an informal Celebration of Life for Ferne Coles August 12, 2006 (2 pm-6 pm) at the Coles' Residence in Silverton, BC. In honour of Ferne, please wear something purple.

Tatemichi - Chiyeko (Saito) born September 12, 1920 in Vancouver, BC passed away unexpectedly but peacefully surrounded by family and close friends at the Slocan Community Health Centre in New Denver, BC on June 25, 2006.

She is survived by her daughter Chiyoko (Rod) Reitmeier and grandson Calvin; sons Richard Tatemichi and Koji (Tamaki) Takahashi and granddaughter Linda; and brother Tom (Yoshiko) Saito.

She is predeceased by her devoted husband Steve (January 2000). Chiyeko was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend who will be greatly missed. A tea to celebrate her life was held at the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre in New Denver on Saturday, July 15, 2006. Cremation has taken place and a private burial will take place at a later date. For those planning donations, the family would appreciate your consideration of the Slocan Community Health Centre in New Denver, BC, in her memory.

The family would like to thank home support staff, doctors and nurses at the Slocan Community Health Centre for the care given to our mother, Chiyeko Tatemichi, during her brief stay.

A special thanks to all the friends, relatives and people of the area for their kind words and expressions of sympathy.

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Largest portable telescope returns to the Slocan Valley

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The Slocan Valley Recreation Commission is pleased to announce the return of the largest portable telescope in Canada on Monday, July 24. The Community Astronomy Program of the HR MacMillan Space Centre travels across the province every summer giving young and old a close-up look at some of the wonders of the galaxy. View star clusters, planets, nebula of all shape and sizes through this massive telescope that has a 25" mirror and can stand 10' tall. A smaller (16" mirror) telescope will also be set up.

The tour missed the Slocan Valley last year, but returns this year to the Appledale Hall and Ball Park – arguably the best sky viewing location available without climbing a mountain. The evening gets underway at 9:15 pm when astronomer Bill Burnyeat begins the evening with another of his fascinating talks and a slide show about some aspect of the universe. Then everyone goes outside to enjoy a selection of what the heavens have to offer for the evening.

If planning to attend, it's recommended that you contact Slocan Valley Recreation at 226-0008, just so we put enough chairs out. The Appledale Hall is located on Highway 6, approximately 8 km north of Winlaw and just south of the ValleyView Golf Club. If attending wear clothes appropriate for being outdoors. Also be patient when waiting to have a look through the telescopes, as there will probably be a crowd waiting with you. There will be a concession offering refreshments throughout the evening.

The evening is made possible with support from the British Columbia Transmission Corporation and is a free event. Bring your family, friends and visiting guests and get a unique glimpse of the skies around us.

The Valley View Golf Club in the Slocan Valley is the proud owner of a new side-hill mower, thanks to a $2,500 contribution from the Columbia Power Corporation's Community Sponsorship Funding Program. Check www.columbiapower.org for more information on the program.

Luscious lillies at Hidden Garden

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Come and meet "The Lily Ladies" — Joy, Readiness, and Rising Energy will be hanging out at the Gallery, July 19 - 24. These are creations in textile by Lesley Mayfield, in a series devoted to various "States of Being."

Richly crafted with layers of fabric, beading and embroidery, the form of the works pays homage to the ancient traditions of heraldic banners. Visually stunning and thought-provoking, each piece was undertaken as a contemplation of some basic forces in our lives. There will be five "Seats of Power" for the viewer's mind to occupy, and "Watershed" - a dedication to the cycle that sustains us.

The Hidden Garden Gallery in downtown New Denver will host this show from July 19 - 24, 11 am to 4 pm. There will be an artist's reception on Friday, July 21, starting at 7 pm. Many years of solitary work are behind this show. Come for the ideas, or simply for the joy of seeing something beautiful.

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