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Slocan Valley Community Forest update

by Leah Main

The Slocan Valley community forest group recently hosted public meetings in Silverton, Slocan and Winlaw to give an update on the group's efforts to secure a Community Forest Agreement (CFA).

On September 12, about 45 people attended the Silverton meeting, led by Lisa Farr and Stephan Martineau of the community forest group, which is in the final stages of incorporating as the Slocan Integral Forestry Co-operative (SIFCo).

Farr and Martineau explained that the organization evolved in response to the often oppositional climate surrounding forestry issues in the valley. The Village of Slocan was first to talk publicly about the possibility of developing a community forest initiative, and was soon joined by the the Red Mountain Residents Association (RMRA), the Elliot-Anderson-Christian-Trozzo Watersheds Association (EACT) and the Winlaw Watershed Committee (WWC).

Under the provincial program, a 2004 pre-invitation phase was completed. This involved gathering community support, developing a vision, and putting together a document outlining a method of working with residents and other stakeholders, including woodlot owners, the Sinixt First Nation and value-added businesses.

Farr and Martineau reported that the group's goal of being inclusive of all diverse perspectives in the valley was going very well. They said there seemed to be movement in many sectors of the community towards finding solutions that will work for everyone.

In December 2005, the group was officially invited to apply for a CFA. Members of the group came to an agreement with Springer Creek Forest Products Ltd. to identify the community forest's proposed operating area, which is almost all within domestic watersheds. The area is all on the east side of Slocan River and Lake, and lies in two 'chunks' – one from Lebhado Flats in the south to Springer Creek in the north, and the other from Enterprise Creek to just south of the Village of Silverton. Farr and Martineau reported that the group will seek additional tenures "so we can connect the land base together." They said that if the Ministry of Forests agrees, a second invitation may be issued to SIFCo to double the size of its tenure. The additional land base would come from BC Timber Sales operating area.

Under a CFA, the annual allowable cut (AAC) is area based. Farr and Martineau explained that SIFCo will do a landscape level analysis during its five-year probationary period to determine what the long-term AAC should be. With this anaylsis, the co-op can then defend a long-term plan and negotiate the AAC based on that.

Management objectives include maintaining water quality, developing mixed species stands, setting aside old growth management areas, minimizing road construction, providing employment and economic benefit to local people, promoting value-added, and protecting ecological health.

SIFCo has consulted extensively with other community forest organizations to find out what works and what doesn't, and has put a lot of thought into its legal and management structures. The co-operative's first or founding board of directors will be made up of appointees from the four founding groups: the Village of Slocan, and the three residents' associations – RMRA, EACT and WWC. Subsequent boards will have representation from the three residents' associations, plus from the Slocan-Lemon Residents' Association, which the Village of Slocan is responsible for incorporating by the board's first AGM. Membership in SIFCo will be open to residents, 19 years of age and older, making their ongoing residence, or owning property, in the lands adjoining the community forest land base. Key community forest management personnel will be the Community Forest Manager, Layout and Operations Forester, secretary and bookkeeper.

The group will incorporate the feedback from these public meetings into its plans, and hopes to complete the complex application and incorporation processes in the next couple of months.

Check out the group's website at www.sifco.ca, and contact them at info@sifco.ca or 250-355-2213.

After terrorizing Nakusp for many years, this trio (Doug Switzer, Anita Sinclair and Willi Jahnke) was finally locked up at the Nakusp and Area Community Foundation's "Jail & Bail" event at the Nakusp Fall Fair on September 16. Unfortunately, they were bailed out.

Members of SS Moyie staff, volunteers and executives from the BC Land Conservancy (TLC) were on hand Friday, September 22 to mark another historic event. The historical site has partnered with TLC in the first global co-marketing venture of its kind. Also present were Bill Curran, who worked as a fireman on the Moyie and Tony Taylor, who worked on both the Moyie and the SS Minto on the Arrow Lakes.

As part of the third annual Kootenay Book Weekend in Nelson, a group came up to visit the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre in New Denver on September 23. This year's featured author was Joy Kogawa (foreground). She is pictured here with New Denver residents Kay Takahara, Kuri Takenaka and Sumi Matsushita.

Ebony Rutko, our favourite powerlifter from Burton, was able to go to the World Powerlifting Championships in Bulgaria September 4-9, thanks to the support of many community members. At the championships, she won the silver medal in bench press and placed fourth overall. Thousands competed at the event.

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Basin Cultural Conference set to make waves

submitted

From a workshop format over ten years ago to a full-blown international conference in 2006, the Basin Cultural Conference in Castlegar this October 19-22 is set to make waves.

Who's interested in a conference that focuses on the Columbia River and culture? Negotiations regarding the current Columbia River Treaty with the USA begin in 2014, so organizers are hopeful that the conference will be a spark for artists, writers, First Nations and Tribal organizations, community and citizens, environmental and stewardship groups, scientists and academics, industry, local government, Chambers of Commerce, educators and youth living and working in the Columbia River basin in both Canada and the United States.

The October conference was designed with two overlapping focuses: an environmental piece and an arts, culture and heritage element. Conference organizers are offering delegates a variety of sessions, plenaries and events touching on these two very different program areas.

The spotlight will be on Canadian Senator Elaine McCoy as the environmental keynote speaker at the Thursday, October 19 wine and cheese social while noted culture critic and keynote speaker Max Wyman speaks at the Saturday banquet on October 21. Friday evening's entertainment will be an Arts and Cultural Showcase performance by an eclectic selection of CKCA funded grant recipients.

You can view the complete Conference package and download registration forms online at www.basinculture.com.

Youth looking to make a difference

submitted

Inspiring Youth for Change (IYC), a committee of local students looking to make a difference both globally and locally, is organizing a conference for Columbia Basin youth aged 15-29 on November 3 in Castlegar. In partnership with adult mentors throughout the Basin who are taking an active role in encouraging youth participation, the estimated size of the conference will be close to 1,000 people.

The vision for the conference is to bring in inspiring young speakers who will educate youth on environmental, social, peace, and justice issues, and help the youth in the Columbia Basin set up a support network to continue making change. The conference itself will introduce keynote speakers, who will include Dev Aujla, Emily Menzies, and Simon Jackson.

To gain a better understanding of the issues, some IYC members travelled to the Vancouver Peace Forum this past June and took in a number of workshops. Also, an IYC delegation will be attending the World Peace Conference in Venezuela next summer. This will be an opportunity to network with other youth organizations worldwide.

IYC would like to involve as many area youth as possible, and hopes for a really good showing of community members at the conference. The conference will be free to all youth. For information on registering or getting involved, email inspiringforchange@hotmail.com. Check out the IYC website at www.inspiringforyouth.ca.

Ministry of Forests & Range

TIMBER SALE LICENCE A72329

Take notice that, pursuant to section 20 of the Forest Act, Timber Sale licence A72329 is being offered for sale by the BC Timber Sales Kootenay Business Area.

Closing Date/Location: September 28, 2006 at 11:00 am. Applications will be accepted by the Timber Sale Manager, Kootenay Business Area, 1907 Ridgewood Road, Nelson, BC V1L 6K1

Geographic Location: Bulldog Creek, located approximately 43 km west of Castlegar in the Arrow Boundary Forest District.

Estimated Volume: 45,223 cubic metres, more or less

Species / Volume: Lodgepole-pine 25,358 m^3 (56%), Larch 6,384 m^3 (14%), Douglas-fir 4,457 m^3 (10%), Cedar 3,474 m^3 (8%), Spruce 3,134 m^3 (7%), Subalpine-fir 1,395 m^3 (3%), Hemlock 694 m^3 (2%), Grand Fir 117 m^3, White-pine 210 m^3 (2%), more or less

The preceding volumes are estimates based on statistical samples. Bidders are strongly advised to conduct a thorough field review to verify estimates.

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

Please ensure that you check the expiry date of your BCTS Enterprise registration before submitting a tender. You may check the status of your registration at the BC Timber Sales Website at: **http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/**

In respect to this proposed timber sale licence, there is additional material which the applicant must consider in their application. This material and application forms may be obtained from the above BC Timber Sales Office, telephone (250) 825-1100 or the ministry web site at: http://www5.for.gov.bc.ca/notices/init.do Specify Timber Sale Licence A72329.

All tender information provided for this timber sale is subject to change. Any changes will be posted on the above "../notices/init.do" site before the closing date of the timber sale. It is the applicant's responsibility to revisit this site to stay abreast of any changes that may affect their bid. If you would like to automatically receive a copy of any changes, please send your completed *"Notification of Package Receipt"* form to Forests.KootenayTimberSalesOffice@gov.bc.ca

New outdoor ed classes go camping at Summit Lake

submitted

School District No. 10's new grades 5/6 outdoor education classes – 21 students from Lucerne and 23 students from Burton – shared in their very first outdoor trip. The group went camping at Summit Lake Provincial Park September 12-14.

Students participated in mini workshops on compass reading, fishing, leatherwork, knife skills, and nature art. Local bear expert Erika Mallam came and spoke about bear safety and the different types of bears in our area. Paul Seaton came to show the students about the Western Toad rehabilitation program. Students walked to the toad fence and observed toads as they were making use of the fence and the tunnel to safely cross the highway.

As for camping and cooking, the students were in charge – they were responsible for all the cooking and clean-up.

Lucerne teacher Katrina Sumrall and Burton teacher Leslie Leitch reported that the two groups became quick friends and "the pairing of the two communities was remarkable." They say the students look forward to their contact with their "weather partners" and are anxious to plan the next adventure.

These are the students in School District No. 10's pilot outdoor education class this year. The group – the grades 5/6 classes at Lucerne and Burton schools – met at Summit Lake for their first outdoor adventure of the year. They camped out at the provincial park from September 12 to September 14.

Selkirk College buys former restaurant in Nakusp

by Jan McMurray

Selkirk College in Nakusp plans to move into the former Isamu's Restaurant building in January 2007.

"It's very exciting," said George McIvor, Vice President of Finance and Administration at Selkirk College in Castlegar. "It indicates our commitment to the region. Our commitment to Nakusp is further solidified by us owning our own building there and having a permanent presence."

McIvor said student numbers are up in Nakusp, and the current building the college occupies is no longer sufficient in size. "So we looked for an alternate location in the downtown core and the former restaurant building was suitable. It will be easy to make it into a nice facility for conducting our programs up there," he said.

Renovations are scheduled for this fall, to be completed in time for the winter semester, beginning in January.

The college currently offers Adult Basic Education and Community Education courses in Nakusp. McIvor says the college is working on putting a number of career and university transfer programs online, and hopes these will be available at the Nakusp centre sometime in the future. "We've made great strides in terms of capacity to deliver state-of-the-art online programs," he said, adding that online courses are "vastly different" from correspondence courses, as there is extensive interaction with instructors online.

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Maurice Richard movie to show locally

submitted

FLIKS and AFKO bring *The Rocket: The Maurice Richard Story* to the Kootenays in October. One of the most popular films ever to play in Quebec, *The Rocket* stars the captivating Roy Dupuis as Maurice Richard.

The only thing that matters to 17-year-old Maurice Richard is playing hockey. Every night after working at a Montreal factory to make a living, young Maurice laces his skates and throws himself, body and soul, onto the ice in pursuit of his goal - to become a professional hockey player.

The Rocket chronicles the rise of Maurice Richard from a young man into one of the greatest players in national hockey history. A player fuelled by deep passion and talent, he sets scoring records on the ice, and fuels controversy. This bio-drama centers around Quebec's most famous hockey player, Maurice "The Rocket" Richard, and the famous 1955 riot in the Forum.

Maurice's story resonates with all Canadians, hockey fans or not, making him a hero for generations to come.

The Rocket plays Nelson Wednesday October 4 at the Capitol Theatre at 7:30 pm, Vallican Whole Community Centre Friday October 13 at 7:30 pm, Rossland Miner's Hall Sunday October 15 at 7:30 pm and Nakusp's Bonnington Arts Centre on Monday October 30 at 7 pm. The film is in English and French with English subtitles, runs 124 minutes and is rated PG. For more information go to www.FLIKS.ca or call toll free 1-866-FLIKSca.

Kaslo hosts meeting on Trout Lake MAX molybdenum mine

by Jan McMurray

The MAX molybdenum mine project underway in Trout Lake was in the spotlight again recently, at a public meeting facilitated by the mining company's president and CEO, Scott Broughton, held September 11 in Kaslo.

A hand-out outlining the concerns of the Friends of the Lardeau River, a non-profit society, was posted outside the hall and given to meeting goers by Grant Trower, communications co-ordinator for the society. The Friends of the Lardeau want to ensure habitat protection for the Gerrard Rainbow Trout spawning grounds, which are located where Trout Lake feeds the Lardeau River. The society is also concerned about water quality for residents living along the river.

Roca Mines president and CEO, Scott Broughton, opened by saying he hoped the public would leave the meeting convinced that the literature provided by the society was "misinformation." After Broughton referred to Trower and the society's "misinformation" a few times, a woman from Peachland stood up to object to these comments, calling them "patronizing" and "unprofessional." Broughton apologized, saying he did not mean to offend, "but you have published information that is wrong."

Broughton emphasized that the mine is very small with very small, localized impact. "Our very strong view is that such a small mine with such a small impact, being far away from you – you won't even notice it is happening," he said.

One woman asked how Broughton could say the mine had no impact when an area the size of five or six football fields had been clearcut to create the tailings pond, and when the company was using diesel fuel and would be blasting. Broughton acknowledged that the mine had clearly had an impact on the site, and clarified that he meant no impact downstream from the site. Drainage from the mine site goes into Wilkie Creek, which flows into Trout Lake and on into the Lardeau River.

He said the company has received its small mines permit because it has gone through the required process. "We've done a comprehensive job," he assured, mentioning aquatic studies, wildlife studies, geotechnical studies, a monitoring program, a water management plan and a comprehensive closure plan which would cost $750,000 to carry out. This is how much the company paid the government for its bond, as a requirement of the permitting process.

People wanted to know what materials were present in the mine. Broughton said that the MAX deposit was essentially a pure molybdenite deposit. He said there was some tungsten, which the company may want to mine in the future, a bit of pyrite, quartz, and intrusive rocks like granite. He explained that molybdenum was a key additive for high quality steel, and had increasing use as a catalyst and as a solid lubricant. He assured that there were no hazardous substances such as arsenic or cyanide on the site, and guaranteed that there was no uranium present in the mine. He said molybdenum was "a very benign metal that is not toxic to fish."

Broughton also addressed questions about the effluent discharge, saying that there were no metals to be filtered out of the effluent – just sediment to be settled out. "Many of you have heard about tailings that contain bad things," he said. "We want the tailings to stay in that site [tailings pond] to settle out there, not because they contain harmful metals, but so they won't create beaches downstream. There is a potential for sediment and we're being very careful about that," he explained. "You will not see any impact to Trout Lake or Kootenay Lake. We are not creating a brand new source of high concentrations of metals and discharging them. The numbers are within what occurs naturally. This is nothing compared to the tons and tons of minerals coming into the lake naturally."

He said the tailings pond did not need a liner, as the bedrock and clay foundations of the pond were impermeable, assuring that an independent engineering firm from Vancouver gave it a "geotechnical stamp of approval."

Others wanted to know about a water treatment plant for the effluent. Broughton likened a water treatment plant for this site to a fifth wheel on a car. "It doesn't need it. It will serve no benefit to the environment. It will cost money and there are potential risks regarding the pH of the water."

He said that the water from the tailings pond will be pumped and recirculated back up to the mill for re-use, and that they would like to release the discharge in the wet season while other creeks were flowing. He explained in an interview that these were examples of the company "going the extra mile." Although the water quality meets the criteria to be released year-round, the company has chosen to release it at the most appropriate time in the natural cycle.

Some were concerned that the company was doing its own monitoring, with probably very occasional monitoring by the Ministry of Environment. One woman asked if the company would consider having a citizens group come to do some monitoring. Broughton answered that people were welcome to visit the site and to review the data.

In response to other questions, he mentioned that there would be only biodegradable and organic materials used in the processing of the ore; that molybdenum was not dangerous to transport, adding that the company has sold the product at the mine gate, so the buyer will be responsible for the transport; and that every piece of mobile equipment at the mine has a spill kit on it. There are also spill huts at two key locations on the site that contain bales of hay and other materials so that diesel fuel or hydraulic oil spills can be handled on site. "I can guarantee other operations in this valley don't have that," he said.

Grant Trower said he knew of four examples where molybdenum was a problem. "There's a lot of controversy. I'm not making it up. To say molybdenum is not harmful is not true," he said. He talked about the Brenda Mine in Peachland, where a water treatment plant to remove molybdenum had to be installed after the mine was closed down. Broughton explained that the water going out of the Brenda Mine goes on to be a source of drinking and irrigation water, "but we don't have people drinking from our water." He said Trower was "comparing apples and oranges" with the Brenda Mine example, and said that "our molybdenum levels are lower than they are in the water coming out of the water treatment plant at Brenda."

In conclusion, Broughton said, "We're absolutely committed to the environment at our site and have spent a lot of time making sure we meet Ministry of Environment standards and we have gone way past those. We're keen to show you that we're going to be good environmental operators."

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Petition available for Slocan Lake foreshore management plan

by Jan McMurray

At the suggestion of government representatives, two New Denver area residents have picked up the torch on a foreshore management plan for Slocan Lake. They have formulated a petition and placed copies for residents to sign at businesses in Slocan, Silverton and New Denver.

"A plan for our shoreline would allow us to decide where it would be best to allow certain activities on the waterfront," explained Barb Yeomans, local resident. "A foreshore management plan would address issues such as designated swimming areas, public access, boat storage, wheelchair access, lakefront tourism development, float planes, heli pads, regional and municipal parks."

The idea for the petition came out of a community forum held June 26 in New Denver, with local elected officials present to answer questions. A straw vote was taken at that meeting to get an indication on how the community felt about a moratorium on all foreshore permits until a foreshore management plan was in place. The vote showed overwhelming support for this. Both MLA Corky Evans and MP Alex Atamanenko indicated that a petition would be a good way to communicate this to appropriate authorities.

Anyone interested in a management plan for Slocan lake waterfront, and a moratorium on all permits for the private use of the foreshore until the plan is approved, is encouraged to sign the petition by October 6 at the Harold Street Cafe and Mountain Valley Station in Slocan; the Valley Voice, My Aunt's Place, Ann's Natural Foods and Mountainberry in New Denver; and Gaze n Chat and Silverton Building Supplies in Silverton.

PALS rescues abandoned cats

by Jan McMurray

Six kittens and their mother were saved by Nakusp and area's Protecting Animal Life Society (PALS) in a tremendous rescue effort that took six volunteers and three days to complete.

The feline family was abandoned about six miles north of Nakusp.

"We were sick," said Florence Bargery of PALS. "This is such an unacceptable thing to do. There are so many agencies out there to help with unwanted animals."

Red Mountain Road resident Larry Anderson spotted two kittens playing in a culvert beside the highway as he was driving by on September 11 and alerted PALS. Volunteers were mobilized and were successful in rescuing the mother and three kittens the first day. However, they knew there were two more kittens, so volunteers returned the next day and were able to rescue one more.

"We all knew that the one last kitten was spending the night alone out there, so none of us slept," reported Florence Bargery of PALS.

She said that volunteers finally rescued the last kitten at about noon on September 13, the third day of the ordeal.

"We are very proud of our group," said Bargery. "We were committed to finding them all – we did not give up," she said.

Bargery reported that all of the cats were doing very well. She said the kittens have all been tentatively placed in homes, and PALS continues to look for a home for the mother.

PALS is having its annual fundraiser, the Creative Hands fair, on the last Saturday in November at the arena auditorium. You can contact PALS at 265-3792.

These six kittens were abadoned about six miles north of Nakusp.

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

FortisBC Inc.

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application for an Automated Mapping/Facilities Management Geographical Information System ("AM/FM GIS") Transition Project

Written Public Process

On August 16, 2006 FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("Commission") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Automated Mapping/Facilities Management/Geographical Information System Transition Project ("the Project"); and FortisBC states that the Project is estimated to cost $2.7 million and is required to replace the existing AM/FM GIS.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS
The Commission has established by Commission Order G-113-06 the following Regulatory Timetable for a written public process to review this application.

ACTION	DATE (2006)
Intervenor Registration	Friday, October 6
Commission and Intervenor Information Request No. 1	Friday, October 13
FortisBC Responses to Commission and Intervenor Information Requests	Friday, October 27
Intervenor Submissions	Friday, November 3
FortisBC Responses to Intervenor Submissions	Friday, November 10

INTERVENTIONS
FortisBC is to provide copies of the Application to all parties wishing to participate in the Written Public Hearing process. Those persons wishing to participate are to advise the Commission Secretary of their intention to do so no later than **Friday, October 6, 2006**. Notification by mail, courier delivery, fax or e-mail is acceptable. Intervenors will receive copies of the Applicant and filed documentation and should provide an E-mail address, if available.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the general public relating to the Application will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's web site.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS
The Application and supporting materials will be available for inspection at the following locations:

FortisBC Inc.
Head Office: 5th Floor, 1628 Dickson Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 9X1
Trail Office: 1290 Esplanade, Trail, BC V1R 4L4

Princeton Light & Power Company Ltd
Princeton Office, 231 Bridge Street, Princeton BC, V0X 1W0

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Websites www.fortisbc.com www.bcuc.com

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For further information, please contact the Commission Secretary, Mr. Robert Pellatt at Telephone: (604) 660-4700,BC Toll Free: 1-800-663-1385, Fax: (604) 660-1102, Email: Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com.

Voices from the Valleys

Raising money for charity

I recently had the experience of being busted for writing an editorial about the CBT that everyone could agree with. I was also arrested for not being a "Celebrity Waiter" in my own home town. I was in Nakusp at the time, and their Foundation was raising money, so I got thrown in jail until the good citizens of Nakusp came up with $170 to cover my bail.

I wasn't disappointed. I spent 20 minutes in durance vile, before I was bailed out..

I have decided to do something about my criminal past. There's not much that I can do about the editorial that everyone agrees with, other than ask Neil Muth (CEO of CBT) to be a character witness. I'm sure that he wouldn't agree with everything that I wrote.

On the issue of being a celebrity waiter however, I am planning to rectify this little problem in the near future. On October 6, I will shave my beard in order to be a celebrity waiter at the Apple Tree in New Denver. See the ad on page 20.

Dan Nicholson, publisher

"Kill Those Bears"

I for one do not believe that there is enough being done to find a more humane way to deal with the bear problem. After all, we are intruders in bear country. They know no boundaries other than the boundaries they have evolved to know only to exist. We are infringing on their territory. We have roads, bike trails, ATV trails, and people (including me) plundering the land for our greedy existence. Not only this, but also we have degraded the air on this earth to the point where this could be one reason why there is little natural food left for wildlife. You may call this a natural cycle but it is hard to believe that we are not having some negative impact on the survival of wildlife and their natural habitat.

If this is a natural phenomenon – that we are experiencing a dry year – then is it right that we should correct this problem by shooting the bears? I contacted the Ministry of Environment in Nelson to get their comment a day after I heard that five bears had been shot for doing what bears have to do to survive. They too were not proud of what they were called on to do. It was said that the provincial government has taken away the power and will not provide the funds to remove these "intruders" from doing what comes to be one of their ways to fulfill a need to survive and feed their young.

Why can't we take the time to try and live in harmony with wildlife rather than dictate whether they live or die? We could put a little more effort in cleaning yards to discourage animals from supposedly doing damage or endangering us. We could write our government leaders to forward funds to trap and relocate. We live here and they should live there. Nice thought, but not realistic. We could fence off our territory such as they have done in Banff. But I guess bullets are cheaper and we can shoot them from a distance and not look into their eyes and the eyes of their young as they die. Bears, like all wildlife, do serve a purpose. They are a living entity. I find them mysterious and they have my full respect while I live on this earth. For this I am more than willing to live with these marvelous animals.

We have people trekking from afar just to experience what we take for granted. The fact that bears can think and rationalize that maybe I can get food from wherever to feed myself and my young tells me that they are not to far from the way we think.

I believe this is not a charade but an easy and uncomplicated way to deal with a problem that we have in some ways created ourselves. It was only some three years ago we cleaned up our dump. Why not carry this a little further and clean up our own properties and see if this will alleviate some of the problem. Let's not have another Yellowstone Park experience – even they now see the error of their ways and are correcting this problem. Why put this deed on the shoulders of the RCMP and the wildlife authorities? Let's take some responsibility ourselves. Even if this is a natural phenomenon or a man made one, the bears will be culled without us intervening and many will starve to death this coming winter.

Cheryl Butchart
Silverton

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Thanks for Garlic Fest

I am writing to thank and commend the Hills Garlic Festival volunteers for all their hard work in organizing and maintaining this event. I cannot say enough positive things out of my experience of the Garlic Fest, and to me this year was the best yet. That it has attracted an increasing number of people each year can only be because it is such a special family event and in an incomparably beautiful setting.

It certainly is a very affirmative experience to have at the end of summer, a harvest fair where 5000 people of all ages and walks of life gather in such a friendly and welcoming atmosphere to buy and sell produce, crafts and food, listen to local musicians, and most of all, just enjoy being together. Obviously, as more people come, the work to improve booth spacing and accommodate them also increases. I think it is wonderful that we have the good fortune of hosting this marvelous fair in our village, and I want to also thank the Village of New Denver for helping to make this possible.

Robin Sherrod
New Denver

Identity theft can happen to anyone

If you've read about identity theft and illegal charges on credit cards, and you think it can't happen here, think again.

Our family has a joint debit account and while a casual glance at the monthly statement was the norm, I assumed that the other family member had made the unusual charge that kept appearing. I am embarrassed to say that it was several months before we sat down and took a good look at our numbers. We found that neither of us had made the charge on the account and after checking with the Credit Union, it was found that we had been scammed, and that for some time someone else had been enjoying $200 of our money each month.

Thanks to our Credit Union we got back a large percentage of our lost funds, but nothing will keep us from feeling like dumb Kootenay hicks who don't have sense enough to keep track of our own money. And apparently from information I received, we aren't the only ones in our community who have had this experience.

Take heed folks, and check those statements carefully. If you're going to spend your money foolishly, make sure YOU do it. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Sadder, but wiser.

Anonymous

Hezbollah should be included in talks

I would like to go on record as criticizing the interim leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, Bill Graham, for his condemnation of a Liberal MP, Mr. Boris Wrzesnewskij, (Etobicoke Centre), one of three MPs on a fact-finding tour of the Middle East. Wrzesnewskij had the gall, in Graham's eyes, to dare to suggest that Hezbollah should be included in any talks aimed at attempting to solve the appalling situation in Lebanon.

As background information, the Special Branch of New Scotland Yard in which I had the honour to serve for several years, known as the Special Irish Branch until just before WWI, was formed in March 1883. It was formed in response to Irish terrorists, the Fenians (fore-runners of the Irish Republican Army), rolling a dray loaded with gunpowder down Pentonville Hill in London and blowing a large hole in the wall of Pentonville Prison, thus enabling several Fenians to escape. Irish terrorism continued unabated until quite recently, when the UK government wisely decided that it had no choice but to invite the IRA to the negotiations, with the result that the IRA felt heard and a tentative and at times fragile peace ensued.

Hezbollah is basically no different from the IRA. Both are terrorist organizations with religious agendas; both have political aspirations and social service components; and both have territorial ambitions.

I think that Bill Graham has been spooked by the optics of losing high profile Jewish votes, since Jews are traditionally liberal. It is a great pity that Graham has been so myopic.

John Perkins
Nakusp

Abandonment of animals unacceptable

What a hideous crime to commit on these defenseless precious souls. A mother bobtail cat with six kittens was dumped six miles out of Nakusp on the north road (in a culvert). We are appalled and sickened to think these innocent animals were deliberately abandoned only to fall victim to either predators or to die a painful death by starvation.

We were notified by a Good Samaritan, Larry Anderson of Silverton, when he fortunately sighted some of the kittens while traveling by on September 11. Our PALS volunteers armed with commitment, dedication, patience and perseverance managed to rescue all six kittens and mom.

Whatever the situation, no matter how desperate it could have been for these people, there is help available from many groups that could have provided them with far more humane options. For ex: Humane Society, SPCA, Second Chance Shelter in Nelson, PALS (Protecting Animal Life Society) in Nakusp.

It is an honour and a privilege to be a pet owner and we strongly believe all animals deserve to be treated with kindness and respect. Animals are not a commodity that are passed out on the backs of trucks, in boxes at store fronts, at markets or foisted off to any passer by giving no thought to the life this innocent soul may have to endure. There is only one way, one humane answer, to end this cruel cycle of unwanted and uncared for cats. SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS – PLEASE!!!

If you a have any information regarding this horrific crime, if you recognize these kittens or know where they came from, please call our PALS line @ 265-3792 or Nakusp RCMP at 265-3677.

PALS is grateful for the ongoing support from the community and if you could help us in any way or wish to become part of our team please call us.

The last kitten was finally caught Wednesday afternoon (Sept 13).

They are all in our system now and will be up for adoption following veterinary assessments, shots and spay/neuter. The kittens are approx 7-9 weeks of age. Three have no tail; three have full tails; and mom is bobtail.

PALS
Nakusp

Israel's actions not solving anything in Middle East

Rabbi Weiss of NY recently stated on CNN that the hostilities in the Middle East started when, after living for thousands of years among other Palestinians, the Jews formed an independent State of Israel contrary to the Torah.

In 1948, many displaced Jews from Europe migrated to Palestine and, with support from American Jews, established independence and control over the area.

Surrounding Arab nations resented this and a number of armed skirmishes occurred over the years with Israel occupying various sections of neighbouring countries.

The land-grab and power play, and the mistreatment of the Palestinian people, resulted in an ever-increasing hatred of Israel. Since the United States supplied enormous amounts of money and military aid to Israel, the hatred extended to the Americans as well.

Why has Israel treated the Palestinians so badly for so many years?

The Jews experienced the terror of the Nazis and should know that mistreatment can only result in hostility and revenge.

Oppression of the Palestinians

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resulted in the formation of Hezbollah, Hamas, and other anti-Israel groups with predictable results. The current heavy-handed military action in Lebanon by Israel killed too many innocent civilians and did nothing to solve the problems.

Pictures of dead women and children killed by Israelis using hi-tech American weapons is having some global back-lash and will not support the Jewish cause or increase respect for the US.

Expect the 'Holocaust Industry' to go into high gear to deflect world opinion away from the continued mistreatment of the Palestinians and mass killings of civilians in Lebanon.

The Soviet Union alone had upwards of 20 million killed by the Nazis but a very efficient Jewish propaganda machine made sure that only the Jewish suffering was highlighted *ad nausea*.

The well-worn slogan: "Remember the Holocaust" rings hollow while Israel is oppressing and mistreating Palestinians.

Jewish control, land-grab and expansion for more settlements in neighbouring countries won't solve anything.

Nor does senseless killing.

Rabbi Weiss seems to know a lot about these complex issues and points us to the root of problems in Palestine.

Gunter Retterath
Winlaw

Development is a wake-up call

Art Joyce's article about the 30 homes and 30 moorage sites at Enterprise Creek is a wake-up call for everyone who lives near Slocan Lake. Developers with big profits on their minds envision a whole subdivision where only a few houses can be built without wrecking natural values.

With entrepreneurial big-profit zeal, we have some horrific things to look forward to. Consider Christina Lake, where the expensive houses stand wall to wall with each other. Developers appealling to the very wealthy will drive property values sky-high, driving out many low-income valley people who have always found a home here. Lakeshore owners will increasingly control access to the lake and what happens on it.

Okanagan-type development will bring a plague of jet-skis. When passing through Osoyoos, I counted twelve jet skis riding each other's wakes, producing deafening, quite unbelievable noise. Motorboats have always been welcome on the lake by most of us. They are mostly used for transportation or fishing and don't make the same amount of noise. But what will the lake environment be like when motorboats have greatly multiplied because of lakeshore development?

It needn't happen here if we participate in the RDCK meeting to be held at Knox Hall at 7 pm, October 10. For instance, White Rock outlawed jet skis from launching from anywhere within the city boundary and also banned them in all their foreshore waters. So did Vancouver, outlawing all launch and foreshore usage outside the four major beaches. Vancouver worked into their Master Plan strict regulations for cutting trees, including the preservation of heritage trees. Vancouver is legislating against certain billboards and their placement. In short, with a will, community plans for all the areas outside the villages is not only possible but extremely necessary. The State of Washington went even further, banning jet skis in all the waters of the various Gulf islands. This was fiercely resisted by jet ski organizations but the ban was ultimately approved by Washington's highest court.

Before we are engulfed, something must be done to develop regulations that help protect our way of life. A petition is being circulated in the village by Ruby Truly, 358-2766, to indicate to the RDCK that we want some safeguarding regulations, no open development for our valley. Corky Evans suggested this as a means of demonstrating sufficient interest by residents to the RDCK.

Richard Caniell
New Denver

War on terror was long in the planning

Addressing Michael Edward's recent letter, the 'war on terror' was not a knee jerk response by the US government to 9/11 – it had been planned for years. The neoconservatives who wrote the Project for a New American Century in 1995 wistfully mentioned that a "Pearl harbour type" incident was needed to get the American public behind the imposition of "full spectrum global dominance" on the world. By staggering coincidence, 9/11 came along soon after they got into power – how about that?

Mr. Edwards says that Muslim fundamentalism created the US military neoconservatives by getting rid of the Shah. But we have to remember that the CIA helped depose the previous, democratically elected, Iranian leader and imposed the Shah, which stimulated militant reaction from Muslims. We can't start history at a time convenient to our argument.

I see no evidence in Joel Harris' interesting writings to support Mr. Edward's contention that he "tolerates the intolerance" of Muslim extremists.

The US, and possibly all countries, have historically gained public support for waging wars by telling a pack of lies. I'm prepared to bet the threat of Muslim fundamentalism to world peace is being exaggerated and distorted beyond recognition by the neocons, and god knows what the true situation is. I'm also sure there's a better way of dealing with it than using bombs and bullets. Even the president of Afghanistan, whose job wouldn't last five minutes without his US protectors, has made this point.

Innocence is clearly no guarantee against being murdered by either war-mongering, oil-crazy western politicians, or homicidal eastern terrorists, but siding with the former is just joining in the madness and needlessly making enemies. You are more likely to be bitten by a rabid dog if you go up to it and kick it.

Mr. Edwards points out that cartoons anger Muslim fundamentalists. True. And the biggest public furor in the US in recent times was in reaction to Janet Jackson bearing a breast during a performance. We can be a very silly species.

Keith Newberry
Slocan

There will be no capitulation in the Middle East

Unfortunately there is the ominous, irreconcilable Middle East mistake. The genesis for modern problems in these ancient lands can be hard to ferret out of thousands of years of history or the religious beliefs of millions of Jews and a billion Moslems. While I learn from philosophical and political analysts, I write from my own strong convictions, tending to draw away from these immense complexities to the symbolically constant "fundamentals" for sustainable human life: water, land, peace.

The Middle East is a vast desert; however, where there is water there is life: a literal Garden of Eden. Those who control the land and water have been in flux and flow for millennia as one wave of conquest after another struggled across this harsh, barren landscape.

Kingdoms with their moments of relative peace rose and fell from within, while invaders conquered and re-conquered, leaving the diverse ecology shredded, whole populations dispersed or dead. Yet new concepts and innovative technologies were carried from this fertile crescent to a primitive Western World by returning Crusaders or conquering Moslems which elevated jurisprudence, social planning, art, craft and scientific knowledge in their bloody wakes.

Empires came and went until, in frustration, the British gave up, turning their self-created 'Palestinian Problem' over to the new United Nations. Hence, we are left with this last botched, untenable solution, imposed on the Palestinians: the ill-conceived inclusion of the fatal 1917 British 'Balfour Declaration' regarding "the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people" as a key component of the contrived, already tainted, 1947 UN Resolution 181.

The Palestinian people inhabited this fractured transition from Occident to Orient during the final dismantling of the Turkish Empire's Ottoman Arab Territories started after the end of WWI and they adamantly wanted a unified independent Palestine, the same outcome as Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Trans-Jordan. Palestine's independence demands and armed resistance to an uncontrolled flood of illegal Jewish immigration overwhelmed the British Mandate which led to an ongoing rebellion followed by Zionist terrorist groups stepping up their brutal attacks and heinous sabotage, going on the offensive, which ultimately brought the Zionist's 'Eretz Israel' into existence.

There will be no capitulation. Terrorism, incursions and violence from all sides will continue unabated in the delusional, born-again American 'New World Order,' a fresh Middle Eastern Children's Crusade, until there is nothing left but rubble and reconciliation.

(Note: I hope Michael Edwards is right and I do "have a remarkable tolerance" (i.e. a willingness to endure the existence of practices and opinions, with which one does not agree, without direct interference) "for intolerance" (i.e. something unable to survive exposure). Tolerance allows for the atmosphere and time needed to influence one another through cultural interchange, education, mutual assistance and a vested interest in the prosperity of peaceful co-existence which will return us to genuine 'safety in the skies.')

Joel Harris
Passmore

Long-term planning needed in Kaslo

At the Planning & Development committee meeting held September 6, the majority of Kaslo council members recommended approval of a Development Variance Permit request (opposed by Councillor Jones; Mayor Holland was absent) by a resident who was asking for approval to vary the height of an accessory building from 14.76 feet to 23 feet to allow construction of an overheight garage/workshop. The main reason for the variance as stated was to increase storage capacity. Is lack of storage a true hardship? If it is, then 99% of the public is living in hardship. Council received two letters from polled individuals who opposed the application.

Questions/concerns raised were: what is the hardship to build overheight, instead of going out on the property and conforming. The property is large enough. A structure approved as a garage/workshop, particularly of the size proposed, is more appropriate to an area of Kaslo zoned for commercial use. A large residential property workshop is not desirable, particularly considering its proximity to the Scout Hall, Kaslo's campground and Vimy Park and the negative impact on adjoining properties. Were the persons opposed to this variance invited to this 4:00 p.m. afternoon meeting? People do work.

When we moved to Kaslo approximately five years ago, we spent a great deal of time touring the area to see which areas of town / out of town adhered to zoning and building bylaws. We chose Kaslo over the RDCK. In Kaslo we pay the extra taxes, and have bylaws – but they are not enforced. We strongly feel residential and community concerns should take precedence over commercial concerns in R-1 zones.

We currently have several vacant lots across the street from our home and are very concerned how these lots may be developed considering the majority of council's attitude towards our bylaws. Our environment and property values may suffer due to council's shortsightedness. It is very disturbing to see the concerns of residents in the impact area completely ignored. Why poll local residents? Is it just to comply with the due process? In the five years we have lived here, we don't recall seeing any development variance permits turned down.

If the building bylaws are out of date, why not change them to reflect the new direction the town is taking?

Council members are thinking short term on long term issues – they are setting precedents that can be manipulated and lead to a major change in the character of our heritage town.

A DVP for an overheight garage was granted in my 'residential' neighbourhood, and it ended up being built to house logging trucks. There again, one person wrote to council opposing the variance, but council granted it regardless.

At the very least, as Councillor Hewat suggested, all persons opposing this variance, as well as the applicant, should be given the opportunity to speak at a meeting of council, to address all concerns before this variance is granted.

Larry Braley
Kaslo

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Slocan council, September 13: Auditor's report received

by Don Currie

•Council received an auditor's report from chartered accountants Berg, Naqvi and Lehman for the year ending December 31, 2005. The consolidated statement of financial activities showed revenues of $616,305 and expenditures of $683,826 – an excess of expenditures over revenues of $67,521. Capital expenditures for the year were $255,384, increasing actual Village expenditures over revenue to $374,285. Capital expenditures increased the value of Village assets and created equity in capital. The Village also retired a $51,380 Water System debenture. The statement shows a consolidated reserve fund balance of $139,051, comprising of a capital expenditure reserve, cemetery care trust and land sales trust. While Village expenditures are up, the overall financial position at the end of 2005 showed the Village with $595,428 in financial assets, $4,275,901 in physical assets and no long-term debt. The 26-page financial statement was prepared for auditing by Village management and approved by council. The audited statement is available to all Village residents by visiting the Village office. Residents can also pick up the Final Copy of the Village Annual Report, which updates progress on five objectives set by council for 2005 and five for 2006 .

•Administrator Eunice Ludlow reported that the boat ramp and dock costs to date were at $168,138. Parking and landscaping will be undertaken next year. Ludlow said it would be another three years before work can get underway on the proposed power generation system for Springer Creek.

•Village Foreman Jerry Simmons reported that blocks for the berm at the boat ramp will be installed and that the breakwater has withstood a couple of good storms. Benches and railings for the gazebo are being built and installed from materials produced by the Village sawmill. Simmons reported on quotes for a new loader and submitted a list of unused equipment for sale including a truck, flat deck trailer and tractor. The foreman submitted a sketch of sidewalk extension on the east side of Harold Street and across the walking bridge on Park Ave.

•Simmons said brush and grass was cleared from the west end of Delaney St. in preparation for street access and parking at the boat dock. Craig Humphries of Main St. and Delaney voiced his opposition to a parking area near his residence and proposed that the Valhalla parking lot be used instead. Councillor Madeleine Perriere said that with increased use of the boat ramp there was a parking problem. Councillor Septav said there was space for 20 vehicles to be parked to the south and west of the gazebo on property under the control of the Rails to Trails society. Mayor Van Bynen thanked Humphries for his comments and invited him to share his ideas on how the problem could be solved.

•Michelle Hargrave, Regional Co-ordinator for Road Safety with ICBC, appeared as a delegation to call upon Slocan to get involved in a province-wide crash reduction program. Hargrave predicted that Slocan residents will be involved in four accidents in October. She challenged Slocan to prove her wrong and win a $5,000 prize in competition with such communities as Kaslo, Fairmont, Midway, Salmo and New Denver. She said individuals could participate by signing up at zerocrash.com

•Councillor Gates reported that RDCK was planning a survey of voters from Crescent Valley north for a possible referendum on high speed wireless service. He said the survey would not include the Village of Slocan. The 1979 Chevrolet fire tanker formerly located at the Slocan Fire Hall will be relocated to Silverton. Gates proposed that Director Munro be asked to pave the driveway at the Slocan Fire Hall in exchange for the value of the truck. RDCK will negotiate a lease agreement with the Slocan Community Complex Society for a parcel of land for construction of a skateboard park by the W.E. Graham Community Service Society at no cost to the RDCK. The Slocan and Valley South Regional Parks and Recreation Commission will provide oversight with liability insurance.

•A delegation of members of the Women's Institute queried council about plans to repair and renovate the WI Hall, which is owned by the Village. Mayor Van Bynen proposed that the WI relocate to the Silvery Slocan Legion Hall until the work was completed. The mayor could not give a timeline for completing the project nor confirm that $15,000 had been set aside. Council would assume the power bill costs and the WI would be consulted on layout.

•Council received a report from staff that garbage was being dumped at the beach. Staff opened the bags and identified the offender. The administrator sent a letter, advising the resident to purchase commercial tags and put garbage out in the normal manner. There was no response and garbage began to be deposited in Harold Street garbage cans. Council considered a variety of actions to deal with the matter, including returning garbage to the resident, keeping track of volume and billing for services.

Winlaw sand sculptors Peter Vogelaar and David Ducharme have done it again. 'The Revolutionaries,' their a team of four, including one Russian and one American, won first prize and people's choice in the team competition of the World Sand Sculpture Championships just concluded at Harrison Hotsprings. They created this scene from Jungle Book, showing Mowgli bringing the fire. The two Winlaw boys also won people's choice in the doubles category for their piece entitled 'Our dreams hold up the sky.'

Slocan film captures hearts overseas and wins award

submitted

A locally produced documentary film about the plight of the natives of Fuga Island in the Phillippines was a huge hit at the 2006 Moonrise Film Festival in Manila. The film was produced and directed by Slocan resident Karie Garnier, whose wife, Violeta, grew up on the island as a child.

The Silent Natives of Fuga was nominated for five awards – more nominations than any other film – and won the ADD-UP! First Choice Award.

"I am completely blown away," said Garnier. "Receiving even a single nomination is an honour."

Froilan Grate, training officer for the Center for Environmental Awareness and Education (CEAE), and founder of the organization that sponsored the ADD-UP! Award, sent Garnier a letter of congratulations with the best news yet – a commitment that his organization will support the disenfranchised natives by adopting Fuga Island as a pilot project.

To generate national support for the stricken islanders, the CEAE and ADD-UP! organizations are showing *The Silent Natives of Fuga* throughout the Philippines. They will publish a book about Fuga, and students from the impoverished island will soon receive ADD-UP! scholarships to attend schools on the mainland.

Deemed "heart-stirring," "deeply personal," "compelling," *The Silent Natives of Fuga* captures the splendor of the island contrasted with the heart-breaking facts. What appeared to be a paradise proved to be a tropical hell.

As the beautifully-shot film reveals, the 2,000 Ilokanos had been brutally oppressed. "These gentle, hard-working farmers suffered from extreme poverty, illiteracy, malnutrition, and an ongoing health crisis," said Garnier. "They were clinging to existence without medical help. Young women were dying during childbirth. Infant mortality was a staggering 50 percent!"

As a consequence of trying to claim titles to their ancestral farm lots, which they are guaranteed under the Philippine Constitution, many Fuga natives had been murdered. The perpetrators—private guards hired by would-be developers—were never brought to justice.

To get past the armed guards the Slocan couple had to obtain permits from the developer's office in Manila. Violeta would go in and ask: "Would it be okay if my husband and I go to Fuga to visit my family and give a few gifts?"

Fearing they'd never get a film crew onto the heavily secured island, during their "annual family visits" the Garniers discretely recorded the stories. "It was basically an underground production," says Karie.

In total, Karie shot thousands of photographs with his Canon stills camera, while Violeta quietly recorded the audio with a small home video camera. Back in Vancouver, with technical support from the National Film Board and Simon Fraser University, Garnier spent months in an editing suite. Using sound constructed in a multi-layered fashion and subtle motion graphics, Karie transformed 600 photographs into a seamless motion picture that runs exactly 46-minutes.

The Silent Natives of Fuga will be shown locally, one time only, at the following locations: Slocan, October 5 at WE Graham School, in Nelson, October 10 at the public library on Stanley St.; and in New Denver on October 12 at Sweet Dreams Guesthouse. All showings will be at 7 pm sharp.

The two-and-a-half hour presentation will include an introduction to Fuga by the Garnier family, the screening of their award-winning documentary, followed by a discussion period. During the final hour, Garnier will describe his work with First Nations elders and the Vision Quests that called him to the primordial island in the South China Sea. Karie will also talk about Fuga's ancient burial jars and the uncanny luck that, to date, has plagued all of Fuga's would-be developers. The inspirational speaker, who spends much of his time on the lecture circuit, will also share fundamentals from his seminar entitled: The Water Cure with an introduction to The Vision Quest.

Admission for the entire evening is $10. Proceeds will go to the Valhalla Wilderness Program. Refreshments will be served.

Seating is limited. To reserve seats, phone (250) 355-2789 or email karie@sfu.ca

For great photos of Fuga and more about Karie's life work, visit: www.gallerygarnier.com/healingstory.

The Garnier family from Slocan, L to R: Cody Von, Violeta, Karie and Asia Rita. Karie Garnier has produced and directed an award winning documentary film about the plight of the natives on his wife's home island in the Phillipines. The film will be shown locally in October.

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New Denver council, September 12: Bear problems discussed

by Jan McMurray

•Council received a letter from the Valhalla Wilderness Society (VWS), requesting that bear biologist Wayne McCrory make a presentation on the provincial Bear Smart program to both the New Denver and Silverton councils on November 14, a regular council meeting night. VWS is hoping to implement the program for the upper Slocan Valley. Council members decided to advise VWS that they would like to attend a Bear Smart seminar on another night, and would like the public to be invited. Knox Hall will be offered at no charge for the event.

•Resident Jim George wrote to council about the bear problems. He suggested that all large trees along the waterfront that support the bears be removed. Council directed staff to write back to George to inform him about the Bear Smart program, and to encourage him to attend the upcoming meeting about the program with VWS.

•Council received a letter from resident Eleanor Quirk suggesting that campground garbage pick-up take place as late in the day as possible to avoid having the attractant there all night. Chief Administrative Officer Carol Gordon confirmed that campground operator Isabel Reitmeier collects garbage both in the morning and at night, and puts it all in the bearproof container. However, each site has a garbage can, so campers can put garbage out after the nightly pick-up. Council decided to budget for another bearproof container for the campground. Gordon also mentioned that the Village sends out information about bears with the water and garbage bill each year, but noted that there are 128 non-resident property owners. Council directed Gordon to include a note with water and garbage bills requesting that property owners make sure their fruit is picked.

•Councillor Bunka reported on the Centennial Park plan, showing drawings of a possible new layout for the park. A public meeting will be held October 3 at 7 pm at Knox Hall to present the plans and gather public input.

•Council received an assessment of the topped trees behind the Nikkei Centre from Shawn West, arborist with West Kootenay Tree Service out of Winlaw. West states that the trees have experienced a dramatic loss of their needles, which are needed to draw water and nutrients up from the soil. He says this will cause the trees to suffer over the next few years as they try to grow back enough branches to sustain themselves. Another concern he raises is that a large wound has been opened at the top of the trees, creating an entry point for disease and pests. He indicates that he expects the trees to start to rot from the cut downwards. West says the trees pose no danger at this time, but will have to be monitored closely over the next few years. He says when they start to show signs of failure and death, they will need attention quickly. West says he feels the two trees closest to the fence on the outside are the ones most likely to die rather quickly, and expects the others to recover.

•Council decided on a process for the OCP (Official Community Plan) review. There will be a total of four public meetings and a public hearing. Staff will hire a planner, who will attend all public meetings. The first meeting will be for the purposes of gathering information from the public. At the second meeting, the planner will present preliminary drafts to the public. At the third meeting, the planner will present re-drafts. Final drafts will be given two readings by council, followed by a public hearing, third reading and adoption.

•Acting on an idea put forward by the New Denver and Silverton Public Works departments, two joint garbage pick-ups were done. It was found that it could all be done in one day, answering the "100-year old question." More meetings are being scheduled on the initiative.

•Staff was directed to write to Diane Gagnon, our local Interior Health community administrator, to make sure that our population is accurately recorded in IH files. There has been confusion within IH about the numbers of people living in the catchment area for the Slocan Lake Community Health Centre. Councillor Greensword pointed out that population affects the decisions IH makes and wants to be sure they have it right.

Restoration of the *Lancet* planned

submitted

The Silvery Slocan Historical Society (SSHS) plans to undertake a partial sympathetic restoration of the motor launch *Lancet* this year. The *Lancet* is currently housed under the outdoor shelter in the museum's yard, adjacent to the Apple Tree garden. The vessel is currently in a damaged condition and restoration must be undertaken soon to avoid further deterioration.

The *Lancet* was built around 1912 by Dr. Edwin Brouse, one of the most prominent figures in New Denver's early history. Dr. Brouse built this launch and at least one other boat, the *Tonic,* in the attic of the hospital he founded and administered in New Denver. The *Tonic* is known to have sunk in the lake in the 1960s. Local lore has it that the *Lancet* was still afloat in the 1940s. It was acquired by the SSHS from across the lake where she had sat on the beach for some years. On October 29, 1995, she was loaded sideways onto two aluminum boats and towed to New Denver and her current storage location.

A study commissioned by the SSHS in 2001 to investigate the feasibility of restoring the *Lancet* concluded that full restoration to a seaworthy condition was not possible. However, the study suggested a partial restoration was feasible, and SSHS has been raising funds for this restoration. A small grant has been received from the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives. Any donations from the public to assist in the restoration and preservation of this significant artifact would be gratefully accepted.

We would like to start work on the restoration over the winter and complete as much work as funding allows. If you are interested in helping restore the *Lancet*, or can make a tax deductible donation, please call Bob Dubreuil at 358-2828 or talk to any of the directors of the SSHS.

The Lancet will undergo a partial sympathetic restoration this year.

JEMS Propane open for business

by Jan McMurray

A new family business in the Slocan Valley is offering sales, installation and maintenance of gas and propane appliances.

The name of the business, JEMS Propane Ltd., stands for each of the family member's names: Jim, Elissa, Marianne and Stefan. Many will recognize these to be the members of the Berrill family, from Slocan Park.

The family has lived in Slocan Park for 13 years. Jim worked as branch manager for Cal-Gas Propane for 12 years. When the company went through restructuring last year, he decided to open his own business.

Berrill is licenced, bonded and insured. He says most of his business these days is in maintenance and installation of propane and gas fireplaces. He also does propane cylinder re-certification, and will repair and install any gas or propane appliance.

His son, Stefan, helps with the installations; his daughter, Elissa, helps with the bookkeeping, and his wife, Marianne, is his "silent partner."

Berrill serves the Slocan Valley from New Denver south, as well as Kaslo and area. Contact JEMS at 359-5922.

Jim Berrill has opened JEMS Propane Ltd. to serve the Slocan Valley and Kaslo and area.

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

ARBOR DAYS

Residents of the Village of New Denver are requested to take note that Fall Arbor Days are scheduled in the Village of New Denver for Monday, October 16, 2006. Please ensure that all branches are bundled and tied and all garden refuse (leaves, etc) are bagged. No household garbage will be picked up.

Carol Gordon, CMC
Administrator

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING – CENTENNIAL PARK PLAN

The residents of the Village of New Denver are requested to take notice that a Public Meeting will be held in Knox Hall on Tuesday, October 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to present the newly drafted Centennial Park Plan. Please come and view the plans for our park.

Carol Gordon, CMC
Administrator

Electoral Area H – The Slocan Valley
Land Use Planning Public Meetings

The Regional District of Central Kootenay has initiated an Official Community Plan process beginning in the fall of 2006 for Electoral Area H – The Slocan Valley. A series of four public meetings will be held to help develop a Vision for future development within the planning area. All residents and property owners are invited to attend and provide input to the Community Planning Process. Further information can be obtained at the RDCK website: www.rdck.bc.ca

OPEN HOUSE: 6:30 PM.
MEETING: 7:00 P.M.
Dates and Locations as follows:

Date	Location
October 10, 2006	Knox Hall 521 – 6th Avenue, New Denver
October 12, 2006	Winlaw Community Hall 5897 Hwy 6 (North of Fire Hall)
October 17, 2006	Slocan Park Community Hall 3036 Highway 6
October 19, 2006	Mt. Sentinel Secondary School Drama Room (#108) 1014 Playmor Road

All residents and property owners are invited to attend.

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Local support available for community forests

by Art Joyce

If your community is thinking of applying for a license for a community forest tenure, then the BC Community Forest Association (BCCFA) can help.

The association's mandate is to serve as an advocate for community forestry in BC in everything from offering the collective wisdom of experience to advising the government on policy. Although the BCCFA is not included in the decision-making process that ultimately grants community forest licenses, it works with communities to advise them on the application process.

"One of the most important things for us is to make sure the community voice is heard in the applications," says Kaslo resident Susan Mulkey, extension co-ordinator for the BCCFA.

The unique opportunity of community forestry, she explains, is that it allows for integration of a diverse spectrum of interests, from financial to environmental. It can also mean balancing potentially competing interests. In Creston, the community forest has set a priority on carefully managing the watershed that supplies the city's famous brewery.

"There's no cookie cutter approach," she says. "The community sets the priorities. For some, that may mean jobs. For others like the Slocan Valley group, it means watershed protection."

Mulkey says the BCCFA is looking for recognition from government for the unique nature and values of community forests. Current standards have been set with the forest industry in mind, with the priorities primarily being production and efficiency. This simply does not work at the small scale to meet stewardship values.

The association plays an active role as a policy advisor to the BC government. In response to direction from Minister of Forests and Rangelands Rich Coleman, the BCCFA has made it a priority to develop a safety certification standard for community forestry. Mulkey worked with other association staff and government to develop a checklist to streamline and ensure consistency of standards between the various regions of BC. The BCCFA has further advised the government to scrap its five-year probationary community forest license, though this has yet to occur.

"It's extremely difficult to finance an operation on such a tentative basis. Harrop-Procter has had a lot of trouble amortizing financing for such a short time frame."

These and other BCCFA recommendations have been included in a ministerial review of community forest policy expected to be released around the time of the upcoming UBCM conference in late October. One of the questions posed by the BC government as part of the review was: should community forest tenures be granted in areas of pine beetle kill?

"Our argument was: Certainly there should be. Just because the trees go, doesn't mean the community goes," says Mulkey. "We're here to manage the forest back to health over the long-term. It's a stewardship issue."

Of course, offering advice to government and having it heeded are two very different realities. She is "confidently hopeful" the association's input will be reflected in the government's upcoming policy recommendations.

"We are a small player in the provincial market, though. Even if you assume all of our community forests were up and running, with just over a million cubic metres, that's probably less than one percent of the total cut in BC."

Mulkey is quick to add that the more community forest licenses are granted, the stronger their collective voice. The Liberal government has raised the number of community forests from 8 to 43. At present this total represents communities in various stages, from developing applications to actual operations.

The BCCFA works on a consensus model to represent the interests of its members to government. Local members of the association include the newly formed Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative (SIFCO), and the Nakusp Community Forest.

"I still think this is the best deal we can get," says Mulkey. "It comes down to this: do you want to set your community values or have them set for you? Do you want profits to stay in your community, or go to overseas shareholders?"

A brief history of community forestry

by Art Joyce

It may come as a surprise to many that the first government panel in BC to recommend the idea of a community forest dates back to 1945. Gordon Sloan, of the Royal Commission on the Forest Resources of British Columbia, recommended that municipalities manage local forests.

This led to the establishment of the Mission Municipal Forest, when 1000 hectares of municipally-owned land were placed in a forest reserve in 1948. The City of Mission today continues to manage the forest under TFL26, with a total area of 10,560 hectares, of which 1200 hectares are municipally owned and the balance is Crown Land. The annual allowable cut (AAC) is 45,000 cubic metres.

A second Sloan commission in 1957 urged further expansion of municipal forests but nothing came of his recommendation. Another royal commission in 1976 headed by Peter Pearse recognized the diverse range of interests that could be served by such an arrangement.

"The sensitive balance between timber production, recreation, and other non-commercial forest uses that are particularly valuable close to centres of population can in these cases be struck locally, making resource management highly responsive to local demands," said Pearse.

Between that time and the late 1990s, however, only Revelstoke, Kaslo, and Creston established community forests. These originated as non-replaceable forest licenses that were taken from unallocated portions of AACs. These temporary tenures were later rolled over into industrial forms of community forest licenses, or a tree farm licence (TFL) in the case of Revelstoke.

In 1998 the Ministry of Forests under the NDP introduced the Community Forest Agreement, and set up the Community Forest Pilot Project. Eighty-eight communities expressed interest, and 27 developed full proposals. Currently, 11 pilot community forest agreements have been granted. The Forests Statutes Amendment Act (1998, Bill 34) allows for the replacement of the pilot agreements with long-term community forest agreements of 25–99 years.

The BC Liberals in 2003 decided to double the Small Tenures Program, which includes woodlots and community forests. Although the government also doubled the Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) allocated to community forests, the BCCFA predicts this will not meet the demand.

More changes to the Forest Act followed in 2004. The pilot program was replaced with a 5-year probationary term, and the act now allows for direct awarding of Community Forest Agreements (CFA).

In 2005, 33 new communities were invited to apply for a CFA, significantly expanding the program.

With the recent application of the Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative (SIFCO), comprising watershed and community groups from Winlaw to Red Mountain, community forestry has arrived in the Slocan Valley.

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Silverton council, September 13: Garbage and recycling issues discussed

by Art Joyce

• Public Works Foreman Leonard Casley was present to "answer the 100-year-old question" of whether garbage could be picked up on the same day in both Silverton and New Denver at the busiest time of the year (during VSSM's music school). "We tried it for two Tuesdays and both Tuesdays it took six hours with two workers," said Casley, adding that residents seemed pleased with the arrangement. Casley also reported that the back-up generator for the Village is on order and should arrive by mid-October. Council voted to approve funds for its purchase, estimated at $25,000. The Village has received the grant for water infrastructure planning and will be working with WSA Engineering to fulfill the requirements.

•A letter from Maureen Murray complained of the "unsightly mess" at the recycling bins on Hume Street, and its "negative impact on the community." CAO Ida said she and foreman Casley have searched the Village for alternative locations for the bins and found five possibilities. All of them present problems, Ida said. "The 'not in my back-yard' factor is a big part of the issue here." Councillor Laktin argued that no one wants them, period. Casley reported the RDCK considers the Silverton location exceptional – most other small communities must drive 20 kms for recycling. Much discussion centred around the cardboard bin, which seems to be the one most often overflowing. Mayor Everett and Councillor Masun suggested that if Silverton Building Supplies (SBS) and Bigway Foods are the biggest users of that bin, they should be approached about placing an extra bin on their property. Also discussed was the idea of a bin devoted entirely to cardboard. Mayor Everett said moving the bins to the Rosebery transfer station would be the solution of last resort. Casley said the waste transfer contractor offers only one size and type of container. He was directed to speak with SBS about putting another bin there. This was tabled to the next meeting.

•The Valhalla Wilderness Society submitted a request to be included on the agenda of November 14 for a 45-minute presentation on the Bear Smart program and the need for a local chapter. Council was sympathetic but felt the presentation too long for a council meeting. VWS will be contacted about scheduling a special meeting for the presentation with both Silverton and New Denver councils and the public invited.

•Questions were raised by Councillors Laktin and Masun about the cost of the Lake Avenue tree project. Mayor Everett said that due to the imminence of the music school, it was decided to move ahead quickly, in anticipation that BC Hydro would make restitution for damages. "We made promises to businesses on the assumption that Hydro would move in and fix the situation right away, and frankly, Hydro let us down," the mayor said. BC Hydro has agreed to cover the cost of two new trees, which will be available for pick-up at Georama greenhouses in the spring. Councillor Laktin said she was concerned about the costs and the fact that council was not properly consulted. "I think we should have had more input, instead of rushing into it." Mayor Everett apologized for the rushed decision but said he felt the situation needed speedy resolution.

•Much concern was expressed by the mayor and council on the costs (averaging $2500 per councillor) to send a representative from the Village to the annual UBCM convention. Councillor Masun said she felt it important for Silverton to have representation there. Councillor Bell is the designated Silverton representative for the RDCK. Councillor Provan has family in Victoria and can save money on meals and accommodations that way. Foreman Casley said the costs were high but the workshops were very useful, and felt there were more opportunities for one-on-one meetings with ministers with the current provincial government. Mayor Everett said he would also like to go but that "we're fooling ourselves if we think Councillor Provan and I could go for less than $3500." CAO Ida reminded council the first payment of $7000 is due in October for the loan on the water system upgrade. No decision on convention registration could be reached and the matter was tabled to the next meeting.

•Mayor Everett mentioned a number of incidents that occurred over the Labour Day weekend where people phoned emergency services personnel directly. He says this only creates confusion. He would like to remind residents to use 911 only for emergencies.

•A letter from Minister of Health George Abbott regarding the ongoing shortage of personnel with BC Ambulance Services was received. Councillor Masun urged council to write the minister supporting the appointment of Chris Mason as superintendent of BCAS for Nakusp, New Denver, Edgewood, and Kaslo, but urging speedy resolution of the crisis. Masun and CAO Ida will draft the letter.

•A letter was received from Lake Avenue residents John and Bobbie Nesbitt, asking for Village help in preventing vehicles from blocking their driveway during Memorial Hall events. Councillor Provan said sawhorses with No Parking signs had been used at recent events. Councillors Laktin and Masun argued that standard practice requires homeowners to take responsibility for posting such signs. CAO Ida will contact the Nesbitts about solutions.

Bear Aware event informative and well attended

by Jill Braley

Gillian Sanders, North Kootenay Lake Bear Smart Program Co-ordinator, recently held a well attended event at the Langham where she presented two films, *Staying Safe in Bear Country* and *Living in Bear Country*, and facilitated a discussion. The event was timely, considering a higher than usual number of bears have been seen in the area this season. Sanders said part of the reason is that the huckleberries were not that plentiful this year. She said there is not as much fruit this year as there was last year, and the bears are eating fruit that has not yet ripened.

During the evening, participants learned about bear behaviour, about avoiding leaving food attractants out, about having a plan of action in the case of meeting a bear, about disposing of garbage properly, about keeping a reputable brand of bear pepper spray within easy reach and knowing how to use it. Sanders said most bears that become accustomed to human food sources, such as garbage, fruit, compost, and bird feed meet a fateful demise.

Three important questions were asked and answered that evening.

Why don't we relocate bears instead of destroying them? Relocation is expensive, and is stressful for the bear. If relocated out of its home range, the bear may have trouble finding feeding spots, finding denning locations, and relating to other bears that already live in the territory. If we relocate a bear that is human food conditioned (either in or out of its home range) the bear is likely to return to human food sources. Relocation is appropriate to try in the case of grizzlies because grizzly populations are nearer to the edge. The most effective way to reduce the number of bears we destroy is to reduce the food source that we provide for bears in and around our community.

On poor berry years, why don't we dump unwanted fruit out in the bush to decoy bears to feed outside our communities? Female bears that have mated in the spring carry a fertilized egg until the fall. These eggs will only implant if the condition of the mother bear is strong enough to support the pregnancy. If the bear has not put on enough fat for the winter, she will re-absorb the egg. This is nature's way of keeping bear populations in balance with available food sources. If we supplement bears' diets (either in town or in the bush), we may be responsible for increasing bear populations beyond what the natural food sources can support. At this point we have healthy black bear populations in the West Kootenay, and increasing these populations could lead to more conflicts with bears.

Bears are eating my unripe fruit and breaking branches of my fruit trees, and / or killing my small livestock. What can I do? Electric fencing for small livestock and fruit trees is the most effective way to keep these attractants safe from bears. There are four households in the Kaslo area which implemented electric fencing for bears in 2006. In each case the electric fencing proved effective. The correct installation of these fences is important to their effectiveness. Sanders is available to help community members install electric fences or answer any questions. She is also the North Kootenay Lake Fruit Tree Project contact for people who need help harvesting their fruit or who want to help harvest excess fruit. Contact her at 353-1137.

Calling all scarecrows

submitted

Slocan Valley Recreation is calling for scarecrows – the fourth annual Slocan Valley Scarecrow Festival runs October 13-23.

"They don't have to be pretty, they don't have to make a fashion statement and they definitely don't have to be politically correct," says Craig Lawrence, event co-ordinator.

Everyone is invited to let their creative juices flow and put the results on display for all to enjoy. Scarecrows can be made around any theme the artist wishes – a favourite character or a not so favorite "friend" perhaps. Make your own, put together a family display – there's no restrictions other than straw has to be involved somewhere in the final product. Building tips are available from the Rec office if you need some.

Scarecrows will be on display at the residence where they were made, or contact the Rec Guy for locations available at area businesses where they can be set up.

Slocan Valley Recreation will put together a tour map so folks can drive around and admire the results. To get on the map, call the Rec Office at 226-0008 by October 10.

Entry is free and there will be prizes awarded at the end of the event, based on public voting. Call the Rec office to register your votes.

For more information, contact Slocan Valley Recreation at 226-0008 or slocanvalleyrec@netidea.com

All invited to Sinixt Barter Fair

submitted

The annual Sinixt Barter Fair will take place the weekend of October 6, 7, 8 at 4120 Lower Passmore Road, Vallican. The opening ceremony will take place at 6 pm Friday.

The weekend will be full – with live music, barter, vending and food booths, and the celebration of the first birthday of Agnice Sophia Campbell, the first Sinixt child to be born on Sinixt traditional territory, in sight of Frog Mountain, in approximately 100 years.

The Sinixt Native Indian Nation invites all to come celebrate with them, "at this time when we are negotiating with the Canadian government to remove the erroneous 'Extinct' label from our people. We are not extinct. We are very much alive and the entire community is invited to share in the Barter Fair with us as well as the annual Thanksgiving Potluck on Sunday October 8." Admission is $5. Free Camping. No dogs. For info, contact 250-226-6726 or 226-6743.

Burning Bans lifted in Southeast

Effective 11:59 P.M.on September 18, 2006 and until further notice, Category 2 (Backyard burning) including the use of all burning barrels, fireworks, and 3 open fire (industrial pile burning) is permitted for the Rocky Mountain and Columbia forest districts, and north of the fiftieth parallel in the Arrow/ Boundary and Kootenay Lake forest districts (north of Burton, New Denver, and Shutty Bench).

The restriction remains in place south of the fiftieth parallel in the Arrow/Boundary and Kootenay Lake forest districts (south of Burton, New Denver, and Shutty Bench).

A Category 2 open fire burns waste material in piles less than two metres high and three metres wide and includes grass burning over an area less than 0.2 ha in size.

A Category 3 open fire burns material in piles over two metres high and three metres wide and includes burning of windrows and stubble in an area over 0.2 ha in size. A burn registration number is required for Category 3 open fire. To request a burn registration number, please call 1-888-797-1717 toll free.

The BC Forest Service manages open fire restrictions outside of municipal boundaries and Regional Districts that have open burning bylaws. Please check with your local authorities for information on open burning bylaws within organized areas.

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Hills Garlic Festival grows in leaps and bounds

by Jan McMurray

"The Hills Garlic Festival has been successful beyond our wildest dreams!" exclaimed Lorna Visser of the Hills Recreation Society the day after the 14th annual event. "We never dreamed we'd have 5,000 people."

Volunteers at the gate tallied up a whopping 4,500 paying customers this year. Organizers estimate that at least 5,000 attended, counting children, vendors and volunteers.

Visser promised that next year, there will be the same number of vendors in double the space. The event has been using less than half of the space available at Centennial Park since it moved to New Denver in 2003.

"We're still working from a map one of our volunteers drew in 2003," explained Visser. She said it was obvious that the festival had outgrown that space and the committee would "start with a blank piece of paper" next year.

The 2006 co-ordinator, Fran Wallis, was very pleased with this year's event. "The weather couldn't have been better and the vibes were delicious," she said. There were 125 vendors, a fabulously decorated stage featuring local musicians the Kootenay Grass Company, Faulk Sounds and the Malicounda Dance Company, and fantasic children's entertainment, including Angela Saffire Jones and Sheila Lane from Moving Lines Marionettes. Tracy Brown (Rosebery) won the prize for the heaviest clove; Janet and Al Loeffler (Chilliwack) won for the largest bulb; Jacqueline Gausby (Edgewood) took away the prize for the best braided item; Colleen Bowman (Hills) and Jenny Eglington (Cawston) shared first place for best booth; and Russel Farms' (Vernon) booth got an honourable mention. Steve Lones (New Denver) won for the best garlic poem.

Visser reported no incidents or injuries, and mentioned the great support the festival receives from the Village of New Denver, campground operator Isabel Reitmeier and the community.

Unfortunately, the ATM machine at the KSCU in New Denver was down that day. Shelley Welch, branch manager, said they did everything they possibly could to get it up and running, to no avail. It was a technical problem that required the services of a technician. "It was a case of very poor timing," she said.

Even more astounding than the huge number of people attending, however, is the less than huge number of volunteers – only 30 people were involved in pulling off this year's festival. The garlic fest is an annual fundraiser for the Hills Recreation Society, which uses the proceeds for maintenance of the tennis court and cross-country ski trails in Hills, and for social and community events. The society's big project at the moment is the construction of a fire hall and multi-purpose community building in Hills.

The first Hills Garlic Festival in 1993 was organized by Andrew Rhodes. He reports that about 30 folks showed up at the Hills Community Centre for the garlic-laden dinner. The next year, he decided to try his hand at organizing a bigger event. The second annual was advertised on the radio and in newspapers around the Kootenays, and somewhere between 300 and 400 people showed up, with about 15 vendors. "It didn't hurt that Vicky Gabreau interviewed me on her radio show about the event," reminisced Rhodes. "I only lost about $200 putting it all together, and I didn't care." He recalls the garlic-breath competition judged by Gary Wright that year. "By the end of it all I was exhausted, and turned the event over to the good people of Hills who have been doing an amazing job of it every year since," he said.

Founding father of the Hills Garlic Festival, Andrew Rhodes, purchases some chutney at this year's event.

Elly Scheepens and friends at Elly's Artel Studios pottery booth.

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Lorna Visser emceed the Hills Garlic Fest, in a hat created by Donna Hicks. Here, she recites garlic poetry submitted for the contest, which was won by Steve Lones.

The amazing face painter Yvonne Boyd from Argenta was at the garlic festival again, much to the delight of the kids.

What would the Hills Garlic Festival be without a bit of haggling over garlic?

Silverton resident sets motorcycle speed record in Utah

by Art Joyce

Ron Scroggins and crew have returned from the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah with an American Motorcycle Association national record. Scroggins won first place in the special construction push-rod gas 500cc class, setting a top speed of 107.66 miles per hour with his custom-built single-cylinder motorcycle, *The Pioneer*. The overall speed record at the event was a motorcycle in the streamliner class clocked at 355 miles per hour.

"It was absolutely one of the best experiences any of us could have imagined," says Scroggins. "It was great to be around all those bikes."

The Pioneer broke a 20-year record, besting three others in his class. Scroggins beat his closest competitor by only five miles per hour. The AMA holds races on the salt flats from August to October, so there's still a chance *The Pioneer's* new record could be beaten by another challenger this year. Scroggins is already working on engine refinements to boost performance.

The Pioneer's frame is an unmodified Triumph from British Cycle Supply in Nova Scotia, with the motor and parts from Westlake Antig in the UK. Ron designed and built a remote starting device with a chainsaw because the compression ratio for the bike's engine is so high. Ron's partner Nancy Guise would start up the chainsaw in the staging area, where bikes and riders prepare for the start line, turning many heads.

"You couldn't kick start that bike – it would break your leg. We became known as 'The Chainsaw Guys'," says Scroggins.

Discovery Channel's Biker Build-Off competitors Roger Goldhammer of Kelowna and Matt Hotch of Crime Inc. had a run down the salt. Scroggins spent part of the time in the staging area with the cameras. The Discovery Channel will broadcast the Bonneville Flats Edition of Biker Build Off in October.

Scroggins and crew are in fundraising mode for the World Finals held at the Bonneville Salt Flats October 11-14. An attempt for a world record will be made, with plans to also enter next year's Federation of International Motorcycles (FIM) to set an international record. Guise says they have a photo of Ron doing his timed mile which they hope will entice their suppliers to become sponsors. "We will work to race," says Scroggins.

The bike and the crew: (L to R) Rob Farrell, Pat Mackle, Nancy Guise, Ron Scroggins and Steve Klapecki.

Winstar Equestrian Centre holds mini-event as season finale

submitted

Winstar Equestrian Center in Passmore, in co-operation with Brandy Saunders of Ride On Enterprises, held five equestrian camps in 2006. The final camp of the 2006 season culminated in a very successful mini-event.

The mini-event has the same three phases as a regular event. Each rider completes a dressage test (riding to show control of a horse's movements), a stadium jumping course (a smaller version of the type of jumping seen at Spruce Meadows), and a cross country jumping course, where the jumps are modelled on natural obstacles found in the bush or on the farm.

These tests are set at different levels of difficulty depending on each rider's ability. At the mini-event the highest level of competition was Pre-Training (riders having to jump obstacles to a height of 3 feet); Green (with jumps to 2'6") and Pre-Green for riders completing their first mini-event.

The event was sponsored by Donna Taylor of Passmore, who takes great pleasure in providing and collecting prizes for a wide variety of categories and everyone goes home a winner. This year other sponsors included Sonja's China Cabinet, Slocan Park Co-op and the Canadian Tack & Trading Company.

Mini-event results were as follows: Pre-training – 1st Lynsey Souza (Blewett); Green– 1st Madison Creaser (Glade), 2nd Carmen Berger (Passmore), 3rd Katherine Tosh (South Slocan); Pre-green – 1st Kelly Vesterback (9 Mile), 2nd Bernadette Tomanek (Crescent Valley), 3rd Cassuandra Van Asperen (Robson). Best Turned Out Horse and Rider in Dressage – Lynsey Souza; Best Dressage Score – Lynsey Souza; Clear Round Stadium – Carmen Berger, Madison Creaser, Kelly Vesterback, Signa Bronson, Aspen Jefferson, Bernadette Tomanek; Clear Round Cross Country – Madison Creaser, Carmen Berger, Kelly Vesterback, Signa Bronson, Bernadette Tomanek, Cassuandra van Asperen; Hard Luck – Zoe Spring (Slocan Park) survived broken reins to complete her X-Country round. Most Gutsy Ride – Annika McGivern (Nelson). Most Determined Rider – Christine Nachbaur (Nelson). Most Improved Rider - Aspen Jefferson (Nelson). Most Improved Horse – Prowler ridden by Nina Sylvester (Nelson). Sportsmanship award – Annika McGivern.

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These are the riders who competed in Winstar Equestrian Centre's mini-event this year.

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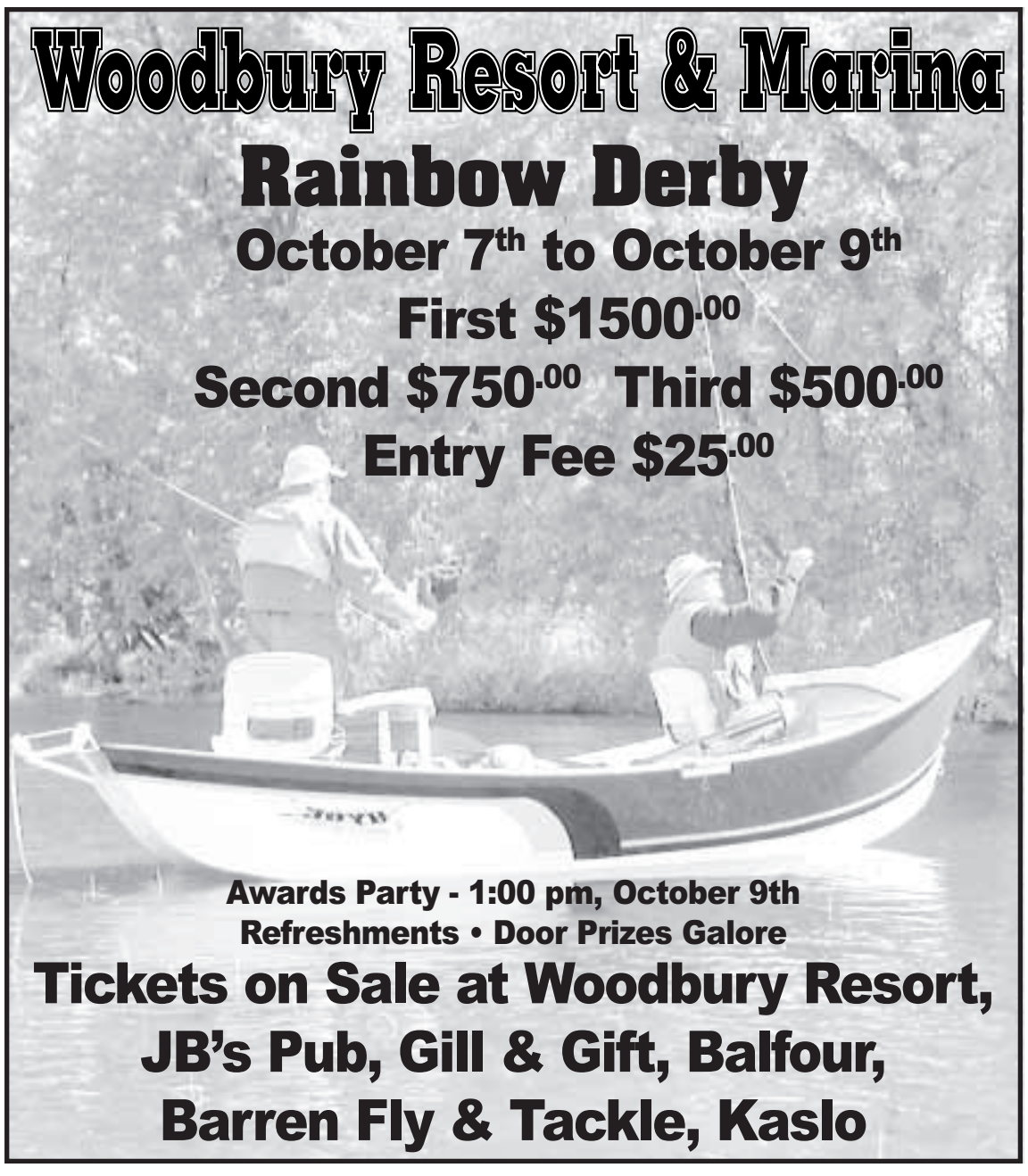

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Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department

Back row, L to R: Bud Garrett, Richard Decruyenaere, Steve Shaw, Les Mallory, Bryan MacMillan. Front row, L to R: Patric Guy, Jeff Mayse, Jim Crombie, Pete Tardiff. Missing: Larry Badry, Daryl Laybourne, Cory Laybourne, John Mathews, Mark MacKenzie, Tim Wallington, Orion Cooper, Julie Wade, DanielleVetrov.

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Top row, L to R: Dobby Bissell (Fire Chief), Shirley Adams, Allan Devlin. Second row, L to R: Laurence Charles-Lundaahl, Gloria Scott, John Banta, Roy Pedersen, Leslie McDonald, Don Hallam, Ed McGinnis, Denise Douglas. Missing: Dick W atson.

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RDCK Slocan Fire Department

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Nakusp council, September 14: Mayor calls for ongoing diligence re: CBT

by Art Joyce

•Mayor Hamling reported on the fight to keep Nakusp's CBT office open. She said the community's "flood of emails, letters and phone calls made a huge difference." She added that "we, as a council and a community, need to be diligent in ensuring that the current CBT board of directors pay attention to the core values of the CBT and insist on transparency and consultation or we could end up in the same situation a year or two down the road." She has met with the Ombudsman to discuss these concerns.

A letter from Mayor Hamling and council will go to RDCK Chair Gary Wright and the board of directors, thanking the RDCK for its support in maintaining the CBT office in Nakusp. The letter also expresses strong concern about the perceived lack of support and communication from the RDCK representative to the CBT.

•A letter was received from Jim Mattison, Comptroller of Water Rights, regarding BC Hydro's terms of reference for the wharf. Council has contacted Mattison for clarification of the terms, as it was unclear whether the Comptroller's recommendation is to replace, repair or maintain the wharf.

•Treasurer Richard Mahoney reported on the process required for the Village to apply for a community bond. Council is considering the bond to help pay for the hot springs renovation. The hot springs has traditionally operated as a stand-alone business and will repay money borrowed from Village reserves. As this may take some time, council would like to raise money for the bond to repay its reserve fund. A motion was passed to continue pursuing the bond.

•Councillor Mueller reported on the recommendations of the hot springs advisory committee meeting of August 28. The committee advised council to invite Yoneda Engineering to report on items that need addressing before the snow flies this year. Council approved payment of $3,361 to replace the disabled access door, the stair door and staff entrance door.

Council was asked to provide clear policy and direction regarding hot spring and campsite passes, which CAO Lafleur said are "conflicting" at present. Mayor Hamling directed Lafleur to examine policies and provide council with a report.

•The ongoing Government Hill traffic issue was discussed. "We have to do something about this – I'm getting more calls from people," said the mayor. CAO Lafleur met with Ministry of Highways area manager Bruce Lintott and was advised that a total closure of the road may be the Village's best option. The mayor and Councillor Dahlen objected strongly: "What about local traffic?" Lintott has advised council that "this is not just a Chambers issue but all large truck traffic utilizing Government Hill," and said restricting the road to certain users only would be extremely difficult to enforce. There is a bylaw in place limiting traffic on the hill to local traffic. Mayor Hamling asked Lafleur what it would take to enforce the bylaw. He said posting signs would be a start, but that "signs don't close roads" to anyone determined to use them. Lafleur said another option might be the building of a concrete median at the top of the hill, discouraging drivers of large trucks from trying to negotiate the corner. A motion was passed to move forward with posting signage.

•An estimate for repairs to the museum was submitted to council for $17,200: $6,000 in materials, $1,200 in gutters, and $10,000 in labour. Councillor Mueller said the Village has so far authorized $1,000 for gutters to take pressure off the damaged storm drains. Lafleur said completion of the repairs could probably not be contracted out cheaper. A motion was passed to move the item to budget discussions.

•A survey of pine beetle attacks on trees in the Nakusp Recreation Park and Village campground area was submitted to council by RPF Jesper Nielsen, with recommendations. These include: removal of all 25 currently attacked trees, which could be sold at market value or used for campground firewood. This should be done as soon as possible to avoid continued degradation of the wood. Nielsen also recommended close monitoring of the stands for future attacks. He advised strongly against taking out lodgepole pine not yet attacked, as this could open up the stands to blow-down hazard for remaining tree species. Council voted to follow Nielsen's recommendations.

•Mayor Hamling reported that the Halcyon Home renovation is scheduled for completion about January 15. Following a meeting regarding ambulance services on September 5, committees were established to review integration, communications and training issues. Mayor Hamling will take on the latter. The good news is that Nakusp has been moved from the Okanagan to the Kootenay region for a six-month trial period.

The mayor has asked Jesper Nielsen, who is preparing the Village's community forest proposal, to present council with an update at its September 28 meeting. She said the committee had an opportunity to fly over the proposed area on August 14, and has been meeting with Springer Creek. The proposed area is the Slewiskin (McDonald Creek) area and is currently in Springer Creek's tenure.

•A public hearing was scheduled for Selkirk College's application to add 'college' to the permitted uses in the C-1 commercial zone. No one showed from the public, and neither of the two adjacent property owners was opposed. Later in the meeting, the bylaw received third reading and adoption. The amendment is site-specific, limiting college use to the former Isamu's block.

•A development variance application from Ken Marshall of Kenmar Enterprises to eliminate requirements of curb, gutter, underground wiring and storm sewer on the Cotswold Road subdivision was tabled until next meeting. CAO Bob Lafleur pointed out that later in the meeting, council was going to be considering third reading and adoption of Bylaw 437-1, which would make a DVP unnecessary in Marshall's situation. Bylaw 437-1 clarifies servicing requirements for subdivisions and was indeed adopted later in the meeting.

•An update on the School Community Connections program was received. CAO Lafleur said the school board had already applied for a grant without consulting the Village. The district has received $5,000 to facilitate meetings to discuss ways of integrating school facilities into community uses.

•A letter was received from Janet Royko on behalf of the Everybody Bike Club requesting a letter of support for a UBCM grant application for $12,500 and Village participation. The project aims to encourage bicycle riding in the community to contribute to overall community health, increase social interaction, and reduce vehicle emissions.

Council felt it unlikely that the club would qualify for grants until it receives its non-profit status. CAO Lafleur felt there could be "more suitable projects" for such a grant. Council will write the club that it requires more time to investigate whether the community would approve funds being spent for such a project.

•Councillor Dahlen will attend the Local Government Management Association's Boundary Extension Workshop in Kamloops on October 4, as she is already a member of the boundary extension committee.

Village of Nakusp

2007 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS

Section 224 of the Community Charter allows Council to exempt from taxation property that is:

- owned or held by charitable, philanthropic, or other not for profit organizations and used for purposes directly related to the purposes of the corporation;
- owned or held by an athletic, service club or association and used as a public park or recreation ground or for public athletic or recreational purposes;
- owned or held by an organization and operated as a licensed community care facility or registered assisted living residence under the Community Care and Assisted Living Act.

The following properties will be proposed for exemption for 2007 at the September 28, 2006 Council meeting:

- The hall and lower club room portion of improvements registered in the name of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 20, and known as Lots 14-16, Block 9, Plan 494, DL 397. (Estimated exemption $750)
- The lands and improvements registered in the name of Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services Association and known as Lots 5-7, Block 22, Plan 494, DL 397 and Lots 17-20, Block 48, Plan 494, DL 397. (Estimated exemption $7,900).
- The land and improvements registered in the name of Arrow Lakes Hospital Auxiliary (being the Auxiliary's Thrift Shop) and known as Lot 24, Block 4, Plan 494, DL 397. (Estimated exemption $2,050).
- The land registered in the name of Village of Nakusp and occupied by the Nakusp Child Care Society and the improvements registered in the name of Nakusp Child Care Society and known as a portion of Lot A Plan 12125 DL 397. (Estimated exemption $1,780).
- The land and improvements registered in the name of Village of Nakusp and occupied by the Nakusp Launch Club and known as Lot 1-2, Plan 13443, DL 397. (Estimated exemption $2,720).
- The land and improvements registered in the name of Provincial Rental Housing Corp. Inc. (being Halcyon Home) and known as Lots 1-2 Block 12 Plan 11846 and Lot A Plan 12608 DL 397. (Estimated exemption $11,980).
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Nakusp library celebrates Raise-a-Reader

submitted

The Nakusp Public Library is celebrating Raise-a-Reader Day throughout the last week of September.

Classes from the schools are visiting the library, and sounds of "ooh" and "aah" can be heard when they see the newly renovated space. They now have room to enjoy the materials in a relaxed and inviting area. Parents and children enjoy cuddling together in the comfortable chairs, and children have been coming into the library to do their homework on the large table in the children's area

Raise-a-Reader is an award-winning program designed to increase literacy awareness and raise money and resources in support of family literacy programs. It was created in 1997 by the Vancouver Sun and the Grizzlies Foundation and in 2002 became a CanWest Global Foundation national campaign. CanWest Raise-a-Reader has raised more than $5 million for libraries and family literacy programs nationwide.

The library has received a Raise-a-Reader grant for $2,500, which has allowed it to substantially add to the Step Into Reading and Leap Into Reading collections for young readers as well as add to the children's fiction and non-fiction collections.

The Nakusp Public Library deeply appreciates the grants it has received through the years from CanWest Raise-a-Reader. The library now has a good selection of books for children of all ages and reading levels and interests.

The Library looks forward to being able to add to its collection in its new space! Help to Raise-a-Reader by visiting the library with your favourite children.

Kim Coates and her daughter enjoy the newly renovated Nakusp Public Library.

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WE Graham School observed the UN International Day of Peace, September 21. Students made pinwheels with messages of peace and planted them outside the school, with their banner entitled 'Whirled Peace.' Principal Carol-Ann Leidloff said the school was just doing its part "to spread the concept of a day of non-violence, free from conflict."

CORRECTION

The photo we ran in the last issue to accompany the article about the 'art and adventure' retreat at Little Slocan Lodge coming up in October was not Evelyn Kirkaldy, as we claimed. It was in fact Yvonne Munro from Crescent Valley. Art retreat organizer Barb Wilson says she takes full responsibility for the error, and wants everyone to know that she often mixes up the names not only of her friends, such as Evelyn and Yvonne, but also of her own children. Pictured here is the real Evelyn Kirkaldy with Barb Wilson, on their way to the Incomappleux Valley to do some painting.

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Kaslo council, September 12: Jazz Fest concerns to be addressed at special meeting

by Jan McMurray

•Council received letters from two residents in support of a public meeting to discuss Jazz Fest 2006 concerns. The Kaslo Jazz Etc. Society also sent a letter to council members to assure them the society board takes the concerns seriously and "it is our intent to present an event which is broadly beneficial to the community." The letter expresses the society's "wish to work together with council and affected community members to address all legitimate concerns." Council passed a motion to invite written comments from the public regarding local festival weekends and to ask businesses to provide their written comments to the Chamber. Council also passed a motion that the following be invited to attend a special meeting of council to discuss the Kaslo Jazz Festival: Kaslo Jazz Etc. Society board of directors, Kaslo and District Chamber of Commerce, RCMP, Patricia Bennett and the Community Consultative Group. Village staff has informed the *Valley Voice* that the special meeting is being planned for late November and the public will be welcome.

•Mark McKenzie and Donna Cormie from the City Hall Conservation Committee attended to give council an update. Their requests for the Public Works crew to fix the ladder leading to the City Hall attic space, clear attic debris and inspect the electrical system were granted.

•Richard Schwartz emailed the Village regarding the skatepark. He asks for confirmation that the Village will be postponing consideration of any new works at the site until a report from the Ministry of Environment (MoE) is received, following MoE's site inspection in September. The email was forwarded to Don Page of the skatepark committee.

•A letter will be sent to Jim Booth, Liquor Control & Licensing, stating the Village does not endorse amplified or live music at the Crooked Cafe building. A possible council policy regarding amplified music was referred to the Planning & Development Committee for recommendation to council.

•A resident wrote two letters to council regarding loud music at Kaslo Bay Resort on several occasions. Council directed staff to send a letter to the resort, requesting compliance with the Noise Abatement Bylaw. The correspondence will also be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for recommendation to council.

•PCO Services provided council with a quote for monthly pest control at $65 for the first month and $58 for subsequent months. Rodent control was referred to the Public Works Committee for action.

•Council voted to purchase a minimum order of 250 Municipal Ticketing Information forms at a cost of $625. These are the tickets that are issued for Village bylaw infractions.

•The Village was successful in its grant application to do a Kemp Creek Reservoir study. The Mayor and CAO were authorized to sign the necessary documents.

•Council received a report back from Golder Associates regarding the Marina Ridge subdivision. Golder reviewed the geotechnical assessment done by WSA and generally concurs with the assessment. However, Golder feels that the assessment is preliminary and recommends more detailed geotechnical investigation and analyses. As the property is on a steep grade, slope stability is the main concern.

•Council received correspondence from Paul and Helen Woolgar and Larry Braley with concerns about the Procter Development Variance Permit application. As recommended by the Planning and Development Committee, council voted to grant the DVP, which allows the height of an accessory building to be increased from 14.76 feet to 23 feet. Councillors Jones and Vass were opposed.

Council also passed the recommendation by the P&D committee that all Development Variance Permit applications will be referred to the next regular meeting of the Planning and Development Committee following the public input process, rather than going directly to a regular council meeting.

•Mardi Grainger wrote letters to council with suggestions on village beautification, sidewalk maintenance and the Hire a Youth program. These were referred to the Public Works Committee. She also wrote about the need for additional public washrooms in the village. This was referred to the Planning and Development Committee.

•Council received correspondence labelled "Petition" from nine Larch Drive residents about the lack of maintenance of the road. This was referred to the Public Works Committee for recommendation to council.

•The Kootenay Lake Historical Society wrote to council to express interest in renting additional space in the Provincial building to have more room for the storage of its archives. The Village will inform the society that it has no status to consider the request at this time. The building is for sale and the Village has made an offer, with conditions, but nothing has been finalized.

•A long-time Kaslo property owner wrote to request to be linked into the Village sewer system. She will be advised that there will be no further expansion of the Sanitary Sewer Specified Area until the Village completes a Liquid Waste Management Plan.

•Village representative to the community forest, Robert Mitchell, wrote to inform council that he would not be able to attend the Kaslo and District Community Forest Society AGM on September 27. Councillor Leathwood will attend in order to report back to council.

•Preliminary layout approval was granted for the Lang's subdivision, subject to normal requirements.

•The Village will seek funding opportunities for planning through the Ministry of Community Services.

•The Village will submit a letter of approval to the Emergency Health Services Commission for the Kaslo fire department to continue to provide First Responder services to Kaslo and area.

•Expenses to send seven members of the Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department to a Basic Firefighting training session in Pass Creek were approved. First Responder instructor training in Kelowna was approved for Patrick Guy, subject to funding being available.

•The Village will provide a letter of consent to the RDCK regarding the appointment of Noreen Clayton as Kaslo and Area D Emergency Program Co-ordinator until December 31.

•Representatives from Interior Health and the Canadian Cancer Society attended as a delegation to present information on tobacco free initiatives. Council referred the consideration of smoke-free zones to the Planning and Development Committee for recommendation to council.

•Michelle Hargrave, ICBC, attended to ask council to proclaim October as Zero Crash Month and to participate in the program. Council made the proclamation.

•The week of October 16 to 22 was proclaimed Waste Reduction Week.

•Bylaw 1033, Subdivision Amendment Bylaw, was adopted.

•CAO Sawyer was authorized to attend a Ministry of Community Services Municipal Infrastructure Workshop September 27.

•Accounts payable of $22,804.89 were approved.

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Residents excited about high-speed internet service

by Andrea Dupuis

Lardeau Valley residents can now order high-speed internet. KiN (Kaslo InfoNet Society) held an information meeting at the Lardeau Valley Community Centre on September 13 to offer residents the chance to sign up and find out more about the new service. Over 30 residents attended.

Tyler Dobie, president of KiN, called the meeting a celebratory moment. "It is an exciting time, we have all the pieces in place for high-speed," he said.

The new network is community owned which means no one is making money providing the service. According to Dobie, the network follows a democratic process – there will be a board of directors and annual meetings where any issues residents have can be addressed.

The community has been involved in the process by volunteering time and materials to help make high-speed a reality. "I knew this community would not get high-speed if we didn't do it ourselves," says Dobie. "Anyone who will enjoy high-speed can thank the volunteers." Last month a volunteer helicopter pilot helped erect the tower; the materials used to house the solar system were donated by Boards by George; and local volunteers offered hours of labour.

Although it may take three weeks to work out any glitches, KiN is optimistic residents will be able to access the internet with no problem. The new service will be 400 times faster than dial-up service.

KiN expects about 100 subscribers in the first year, with the service reaching the areas of Meadow Creek, Cooper Creek, Argenta and Howser. Kim Larson, an eager Argenta resident who plans to use the service to do correspondence schooling says, "Dial-up takes up hours of your day to do one thing – it takes 30 minutes just to check email." She also thinks the internet will serve as a way to connect remote communities. "We are so disconnected and this totally connects us."

Subscribers are required to purchase radio equipment for their homes that transmits to the tower. The equipment ranges from $300-$600 depending on location. The more expensive equipment would be used if the home did not have a clear line-of-sight to the tower. Subscribers can also lease to own the equipment and have the cost added to their monthly bill on a three-year term. Service ranges from $39.95 per month for basic service to $79.95 per month for elite service.

KiN will also provide residents with on-call technical support and help with installation. Dobie also hopes service will eventually expand to cover Shutty Bench, Woodbury and Johnson's Landing.

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Four to be elected to community forest board

by Jan McMurray

The Kaslo and District Community Forest Society holds its AGM at 7 pm this evening at JV Humphries School.

Four seats on the board will be filled, as Gary Cockrell, Randy Simpson, Ken Wapple, and Donna Cormie's terms are up.

Cormie is running again. Other candidates are Stan Baker, Dick Martin, Suzan Hewat and Don Scarlett. Remaining on the board are Erika Bird, Kelly Abby, Steve Anderson and the two appointees, Robert Mitchell and Dave Russell.

Get Outta Town!

with Peter Roulston

Bridges to the other side

Our lives and travels here in the West Kootenay, also called the Interior Wet Belt, are governed, and limited, and enriched by many various waterways. Huge long lakes require the ferries that we bless or at times curse, and the crashing raging streams and rivers have all manner of culverts and bridges to allow us passage to necessary other places. This past week I seemed to keep encountering water crossings large and small.

Two Sundays ago I led a hike of several folks along the segment of the K&S rail grade between McGuigan Creek and the Payne bluffs. There's a portion of the trail that was well cleared out several years ago and includes an excellent footbridge crossing McGuigan Creek at a point where an immense rail trestle once stood until a huge fire destroyed it in 1910. This fine bridge serves little useful purpose though, as it is midway along a trail that is not at all improved at its beginning or end, but rather just upgraded at an area where it happens to be crossed by a driveable roadway, which seems kind of pointless.

In these steep mountain valleys, with thick vegetation and severe slopes, a bridge over a watercourse is a welcome break from tough going, generally being pretty level, with sure footing and some open views. Stream crossings can be hazardous, with slippery rocks, heavy brush obscuring any decent footing, and nasty log tangles as well.

The Kane Creek road which goes in north of Three Forks has a sign at the highway that implies that the bridge is out up at kilometre 2, but last fall when I rode up that road past the same notice, I found the bridge to be in fair condition, though blocked to vehicles. It's too bad that an aging bridge can't simply be assigned some suggested weight limit, then let the choice to use it be left to the visitor, but over the years I've seen lots of bridges that are okay for cyclists, quads, or sleds, be pulled out for liability reasons.

The trail building folks in Kaslo have built and excellent new bridge over the Kaslo River near Robb Creek, just east of Retallack to access some of the old K&S line there. These people are also in the process of bridging the river right near Kaslo to complete a loop trail that already gets much use to its current terminus. There's a lot of complex permits and engineering involved to pull off these projects, and their efforts are heroic.

The heat wave last May and resultant flood runoff that we endured for a week really scoured out some creek beds and has deposited a whole new delta at the mouth of Carpenter Creek in New Denver. There's a fine little sandy island in the middle and over the summer various people have been wading out to it across one of the three channels that the creek now follows. It would be neat and pretty easy to arrange a few odd logs over these channels and have a footbridge over the creek mouth for the use of autumn and winter walkers and people fishing the shoreline. Then in springtime, a whole new scenario.

The same hot weather and crazy runoff in May nearly blew out the shaky old bridge at Three Forks which is vital to the function of the Galena Trail. Water washed up to the log stringers and cut some of the end banks, but it survived and got the usual heavy use all summer by cyclists and hikers. This bridge was put in not many years ago and played a role in the installation of the cable car at Alamo, but is now too far gone and will need to be replaced at some point with something far better.

The Galena Trail Commission is the group that meets to oversee the upkeep of the trail and to work with the regional district to ensure that this regional park corridor stays viable. There was a meeting and field trip to Three Forks recently, and we directors and our maintenance contractor agreed that to at least apply some sturdy decking to the top of the bridge will possibly extend its function for some years to come until the details of an entirely new structure at a better location can be pursued and financed.

As commission secretary, I located a good supply of fir lumber, locally cut and priced quite reasonably from a neighbour who'd had to fall some huge trees. I hauled a fine load of 16-foot rough cut up to Three Forks, and a few days later Richard James of New Denver joined me to help and we got the stuff all spiked down in three hours, though I don't think this would be a real fun career choice! Hopefully this will keep the bridge functioning for some time yet and makes the crossing safer as well. It would be worthwhile to shovel this frail bridge clear of snow a couple times over the winter, same as you would an old shed that still serves good purpose.

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

with Jamie Barber

Developing patience

I've been refinishing my wood floors in the house for the last week and the interminable time spent on the end of a sander has presented time for reflection. I have an interest in how people learn new skills – in particular, how people learn what are referred to as tacit skills. These are the skills that have more to do with the "feel" of how things should be done – how to apply paint on a painting to accurately reflect the picture in the artist's mind for instance, or how to start a nut onto a bolt in a confined space, for another example. These are skills that are learned in a different manner from those skills we pick up in school or learn from a book. If you can picture trying to learn to ride a bicycle from a written description, you can understand that some skills just have to be learned differently. In this case, the pupil must hop on the bike and wobble around until they develop the right "feel" to keep the bicycle upright – no amount of book learning or vocal description can pass this skill along – the learning is in the doing.

I don't want to get into this topic too deeply, but I do want to pass on an insight that came to me when I was contemplating some of the finer points of tacit skill development. While I was passing the sander over the floor for about the seventh consecutive hour, I realized that one of the important skills all technical people have to develop is the long-term patience that is required to complete a job satisfactorily. Floor refinishing doesn't only require an understanding of the various finishes and how to apply them – the methods of using the variety of sanders and finish applicators. It also requires the ability to not get impatient and hurry the job. There has to be a complete understanding of the time expected to be allotted to each of the various steps in the process, and the experience to know that you can't hurry from one step to the other.

Some might just call this experience. Others, such as Robert Persig, one of my favorite writers, calls it gumption. Whatever it's termed, this is a skill that clearly falls within the tacit learning milieu and is a skill that is enhanced with experience. Unless you've done the job before, it is hard to know how much time must be allocated to the various steps of floor refinishing. The temptation is to hurry the preparation steps and just get onto applying the floor finish – a recipe for poor results.

As a vocational instructor, I often get to see this skill developing. The young people I have working on cars are prone to rushing through a job, not taking the time to properly organize the parts as they are stripped from the engine, or not having the patience to go back to the toolbox to get the right tool to remove a stubborn bolt. You can often see them becoming frustrated as the job doesn't progress as they think it should. Sometimes there will just be swearing, other times tools will get thrown. Almost always they will abandon the job in frustration until I come along to help them over the rough part so they can carry on to the next hurdle. After decades of experience, most good mechanics understand that unless you have the patience to do the job exactly correctly, you in fact spend more time in the long run trying to fix up your mistakes as you go along.

How do you develop this patience? Like all tacit knowledge, doing learns it. No amount of book learning will teach it to you – no amount of lectures by an instructor will help you out. It seems you have to screw up a large number of jobs because of your impatience before you learn the value of gumption. We can facilitate its learning in the shop by giving students the freedom to screw up and then pointing out the way they can carry on, and by pointing out the advantages of looking at the job as a series of steps that have to be satisfactorily completed, but nothing but the experience itself teaches the lesson better.

Custom Biker Build Off competition has hit the Kootenays

submitted

No... Rodger Goldammer, Chica and Billy Lane were not there. Better, this build off featured Mount Sentinel Secondary students under the mentorship of vocational instructor Jamie Barber. He used to have the kids in his class do a complete V-8 engine rebuild as a main project, but last year they opted for custom building their own mini bikes. Jamie Kallin, 1990 Mount Sentinel grad and Gerhard from Playmor Power Products were the judges at the first annual Mount Sentinel Secondary Biker Build Off.

There were three entries this year. First was a combined effort by Thegen Rathbone and Griffen Beavnegsrd. They chose to use a 74cc dirt bike. Their biggest challenges were clutch and gear troubles. They did a great job on their rear fender and handmade seat as well as on a lot of modified parts like the extending the shifter and brake peddle. It was noticed that their rear brakes needed a little more TLC and they were missing steering stops, so they were awarded $25 cash, a first aid kit and a Doc Spanner T-shirt for completing a very cool working mini chopper.

Phil Jopiushi chose the road less travelled with a reverse trike design inspired by a Mercedes Benz prototype. Phil started with a Kawasaki 100 two-stroke, keeping only the motor, rear suspension and rear wheel. He did a sweet job utilizing some steering components from a riding lawnmower for the front end and fabricated a very functional hand shifter and clutch. When asked what the biggest challenge was Phil replied, "Lining up the chain stay and mounting the engine. Bending the frame was also a big challenge but it was overcome." Phil's trike does about 70 km/hr and turned out to be a very stable ride. Phil won $25 cash, a $25 dollar gift certificate for Playmor Power Products and a Doc Spanner T for the execution of an original design.

The third entry belonged to Sjoekie Barber. She made use of an 80cc Suzuki motor and front end for her ridged frame. The jockey shifter was a nice touch. "It turned out really cool if a bit kamikaze," said Sjoekie. Because the rear brake worked really well, she decided she didn't need a front brake. This really helped keep the chop simple and clean looking. Sjoekie's project also features a wide front tire and a custom bent exhaust. The frame on this mini chop took the most time. "Keeping the frame straight and symmetrical was a struggle but when it was finally done it felt amazing." Sjoekie's inspiration came from riding mini bikes from a young age. Her father's motorcycle obsession seems to have rubbed off on her. Sjoekie's bikes picked up $50 and a pen light for best overall fit and finish.

Sjoekie Barber's project features a wide front tire and a custom bent exhaust.

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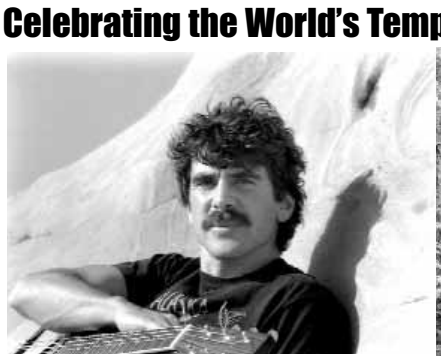

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CARD OF THANKS

On September 7th, there was a motor vehicle accident with multiple patients. Four ambulances responded - Edgewood, Nakusp, Nelson and Lumby. Three off-duty members of the Edgewood ambulance station and one off-duty member from Nakusp station also responded. We want to thank the following people for their assistance: Ariel Stinson, Bill Penner, April Shula, Frank Appleton, Jamie Coates, Don Olson, Susan Bampton, Jean Bassett, the Espersen family (Whitney babysat the children of the off-duty crew members), the Edgewood Clinic RNs - Jan and Patrice and Ryan who picked up all the medical litter. I'm sorry if I missed naming anyone else. The following off-duty paramedics who assisted were Peter Giffen, Chris Davidson, Chris Bampton and Sarah Ward. The BC Ambulance Service and hospital staff are dedicated health care professionals that work in partnership to provide timely, quality patient care for all British Columbians. BC Ambulance and hospital staff, along with members of the public, demonstrated exemplary community spirit by providing assistance during a time of great need. Your commitment to the public and each other is commendable.

Donna Murray, Unit Chief

COMING EVENTS

BOOK SIGNINGS by Dr. Ken Morrow. LEAVING NELSON, Beyond Toad Mountain. Saturday, October 14, 1-3 pm at Otter Books, 398 Baker Street, Nelson, BC. Sunday, October 15, 1-3 pm at Nelson Museum, 502 Vernon St., Nelson, BC. *Ken's first book was A Boyhood in Nelson, Growing up during the Depression.

SLOCAN VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND starts its 23rd season at 7 pm, Wednesday, October 4 at the WE Graham band room in Slocan. Thanks to a $500 grant from the Slocan Valley Arts Council, $500 from BC Hydro and $3,000 from the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance, we have a new TUBA. Bob Old is delighted! We are recruiting new members and invite you to drop in and try us out. We enjoy creating music. For further information, contact Jill Faulks 358-2463, Gail Elder 355-2459, or Ken McDougall 226-7284.

HIDDEN GARDEN GALLERY: Kay Costley-White's trip to Kenya. Friday, September 29 at 7:30 pm.

THE LANGHAM GALLERY in Kaslo presents "We Stand Together," paintings by John Cooper and Kathleen Pemberton, September 29 to November 5. Opening reception Saturday, October 7, 7-9 pm.

If you are interested in participating in a **WELLNESS FESTIVAL IN NAKUSP**, you are invited to come and discuss the opportunity Thursday Oct. 5 at 7 pm at Selkirk College in Nakusp (409 Broadway St). For more info, please call Beth McLeod at 265-0024.

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Come see Dan Nicholson, Publisher of The Valley Voice have a Close Shave!

At long last, in preparation for his turn as "Celebrity Waiter" at The Apple Tree Sandwich Shoppe, Dan will have his beard of 20 years shorn from his face at 10:00 am on October 6, on Main Street in front of the Apple Tree Sandwich Shoppe by local hair stylist, Niekitah Donnet.

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More 'Food for Thought'

submitted

As part of the Hidden Garden Gallery's popular *Food for Thought* series, Kay Costley-White of New Denver will show pictures of her recent trip to Kenya, Friday, September 29 at 7:30 pm.

Kay stayed with old family friends in Kenya, saw big game animals on safari, attended non-government organization meetings, taught at Nairobi Hospice, and visited an ancient Arabian city on the Indian Ocean.

The next event in this series will be on Wednesday, October 11 when Roger C. Lewis will speak on Anarchism at the Silverton Gallery.

"We've all seen bumper stickers with phrases like 'Question Authority' and 'There's no government like no government'," says Roger. "I will address the underlying issues behind these popular sayings and give some history on the anarchism movement."

These events are by donation, begin at 7:30 p.m., and are co-sponsored by the Silverton Gallery and the Hidden Garden Gallery. Please note that each of these talks is at a different location.

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					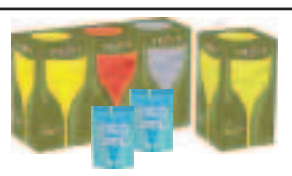	

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