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Springer Creek fire prompts evacuation alert – wind fans flames throughout area

by Jan McMurray

A fire five kilometres northeast of Slocan near Springer Creek was reported by members of the public on Sunday, July 29 at about 12:30 in the afternoon. At 10:30 pm, an evacuation alert was issued to 13 homes, affecting approximately 15 residents. Four of the homes are on Springer Creek Forest Service Road and the rest are on Hwy 6, south of Enterprise Creek.

On Monday, Corwin Odland from the Southeast Fire Centre reported that the fire was only about one kilometre away from houses along Hwy 6 and more homes could be placed on alert.

"The fire grew quickly to about 600 hectares because of high winds," said Odland. He said the fire moved downhill towards homes and the highway, prompting the alert.

A Structure Protection Unit was set up on Sunday evening to protect the homes. This consists of "large sprinkler heads that drench anything," according to Odland. Traffic control has also been put in place along Hwy 6 because the smoke has significantly reduced visibility.

An air tanker was dispatched on Sunday when the fire was reported. On Monday morning, there were 11 firefighters on the job – two three-person initial attack crews and five local contract firefighters – and Odland reported they were trying to get 40 other firefighters to join the effort. There were also five pieces of heavy equipment enroute.

Odland said the incident commander had described this fire as being "on ugly terrain," making it difficult to get large numbers of firefighters to the site.

The cause of the fire was unknown, and under investigation.

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) issued the evacuation alert and is asking residents to prepare their emergency grab-and-go kits, make alternate lodging arrangements, and ensure that family and friends know how to contact them in the event of evacuation. The checklist of items for the kits is posted at www.pep.bc.ca and was provided in residents' 2007 Freshet Public Information packages. Should an evacuation order be issued, local emergency responders will provide detailed evacuation instructions to affected residents.

Strong winds over the weekend of July 28-29 fanned fires all over the southeast fire centre. **The fire above Argenta** in the Hamill Creek area was estimated at 200 hectares in size on Monday. One helicopter was on site. Another helicopter and a crew were enroute. This fire was only three hectares on Friday, but in an area that was impossible to access, even by helicopter. The fire spread north away from the community over the weekend, but remains very visible.

The Regional District of Central Kootenay has issued an Evacuation Alert, for North Argenta due to wildfire. Currently four homes are impacted by the Alert.

The Sitkum Creek fire 13 kilometres northeast of Nelson was 700 hectares on Monday, up from 200 hectares on July 27 when it was reported. Most of the fire's spread has been uphill, and it is not a threat to any structures, communities or infrastructure. There were 30 fire suppression personnel, five helicopters and multiple pieces of heavy equipment on site. The cause is still under investigation.

The Needles fire, southwest of Nakusp and north of Needles, had grown to 220 hectares by Monday. It was 17 hectares on Friday, July 27 and because of power lines quite close to this fire, it was impossible to get crews or helicopters in. However, the fire spread away from the power lines on the weekend and into an area accessible to crews. There is a lot of smoke in Fauquier, Needles and on the ferry.

The Kemp Creek fire west of Kaslo was 200 hectares on Monday, but posing no threat to structures, communities or infrastructure. Crews and helicopters were enroute. On Friday, the fire was estimated at 28 hectares and was in an area too steep for crews to access.

The Schroeder Creek fire, 10 kilometres south of Lardeau, is contained. The Deer Creek fire near Kaslo is out. The Naumulten fire south of Burton is out, after burning 65 hectares.

To report a wildfire or unattended campfire call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on most cellular networks. For more information on open fire restrictions or for updates on current wildfire activity, visit www.bcwildfire.ca.

Smoke rises from the Springer Creek fire, burning on the east shore of Slocan Lake. The blaze has prompted an evacuation alert for 13 residences.

11-year-old Charlie Garton, of Perry Siding made a guest appearance with Ridley Bent at Littlefest, on July 29. The annual one-day festival was held at Little Slocan Lodge.

Slocan Lake Dance Camp was a great success again this year, attracting dancers from as far away as Pincher Creek, AB.

Carolynne Carrutthers (Oberon) and Ivan Nicholson (Puck) showed off the skills they learned at this year's Valhalla Summer School of Theatre Arts in an outdoor performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Silverton Gallery. Over the two weeks of the program, more than 40 students participated. There were three plays with a pirate theme as well as the rendition of the Shakespeare comedy.

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New Denver still on hold – waiting for Telus decision on cell phone service

by Jan McMurray

No decision has been made yet on cell phone service for New Denver.

Shawn Hall, Telus spokesperson, reported, "We agreed to step back for 30 days – it was not an absolute deadline – and we're still working through that. I think it will be fairly soon; we're making good progress on that review. There is a lot of interest in bringing the service in, and we look forward to meeting that demand. We continue to receive expressions of interest and we want to respond to those."

Telus had been installing cell phone transmitters on the CBC broadcast tower on the Carpenter Creek flats in June, when some local citizens got a petition going calling for suspension of the work pending public consultation. On June 21, Telus representatives and about 80 members of the public attended a special council meeting held at Knox Hall. At the meeting, Steve Jenkins from Telus offered to hold off on completing the installation of the service for 30 days, giving the company time to review the situation.

Hall said the review consisted of looking at all the phone calls and correspondence from New Denver residents that Telus had received on the issue, communication between Telus and Village council and staff, the two petitions being circulated around New Denver (one in favour and one opposed to the service), and the June 21 meeting.

"It was a one-sided meeting," commented Hall. "There were not a lot of people in favour there, but people are contacting us and we are addressing their concerns. There is a lot of misinformation out there about emissions from cell towers."

Hall reiterated that the emissions from the CBC tower in New Denver would "meet any code set out in the world." He said Health Canada was home to some of the best experts on EMFs (electromagnetic frequencies) and has established a level of emissions that is safe – and this level is 2% less than what scientists think is safe. Furthermore, "our towers emit signals that are generally thousands of times less than what's allowed in the [Health Canada] code," he said.

Hall went on to explain that CBC has a licence for 2500 watts on the New Denver tower, and the cell phone equipment on the tower will require only 15 watts. "That's the power behind the EMFs. The power speaks to the intensity of the signal. It is far lower than cell tower systems used to be. Analog [the old system] required a much larger signal, but the digital technology that is used now requires a much lower signal. I don't think anyone has anything to worry about as far as health goes. You'll get more electromagnetic radiation from a digital clock radio than living close to a cell phone tower."

However, Penny Bonnett, New Denver resident who has taken the lead on opposing the service, says the wattage is irrelevant to the health argument. She explained that 'watts' – the measurement used by industry and the government – refer to heating effects, but "this is not what's important. It has been discovered by international studies that all information carrying radio waves affect living cells. There are now published in the peer reviewed literature more than 300 statistically valid findings showing excess risk between cell phones and brain cancer. This is a major medical problem now worldwide. People living close to towers receive a continuous exposure to the damaging microwaves." She says that the heating effect, determined by wattage, is the only thing regulated and "we don't care about the heating effect – it's the effect of information carrying waves on living cells that concerns us."

Hall calls this "esoteric science" and reiterates that the Telus equipment will meet every code in the world. "As a responsible corporate citizen, what else can we do?" he said.

At the June 21 meeting, council passed a motion to advise Telus to consider installing the equipment at least 500 metres from residential areas – which would rule out the CBC tower. Hall assured that "our engineers are looking at all our options, including a different location," but added, "The challenge becomes whether or not it is cost effective." He said installing the equipment on an existing tower costs Telus about $100,000, whereas erecting a tower costs about $250,000.

When asked if it is worth it for Telus to offer the service to such a small market, Hall said, "One of the things we're doing now is focusing on providing the service to key corridors," and went on to say the company spent $7 million last year to provide service to a 25-km stretch at Rogers Pass. He added that the company always looks for cost effective ways to introduce the service in small, rural communities, and sharing a tower is a big part of that. The service in New Denver would cover the town core, highway and a bit on the far side of the lake, he said.

"We were really surprised by the opposition in this case," said Hall. "We receive dozens of requests from communities every year and countless requests from individuals to bring it to neighbourhoods." He said that in all his years at Telus, New Denver is the third community that has expressed opposition to cell phone service. The other two were Kelowna and Chilliwack, and in the end, "the towers were built as originally planned once the communities' concerns were addressed."

He said the demand for the service from New Denver was what made Telus start bringing it here. He added that there are 120 active cell phone accounts held by people living in New Denver.

The Valley Voice checked in with local petition organizers on July 27. At that time, there were 325 signatures on the petition in favour of the service and 234 signatures on the petition against the service. Both organizers said they had not counted the signatures from people who do not live in the 358 exchange area.

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NDP calling for public consultation on deep integration with US

by Art Joyce

MP Alex Atamanenko (Southern Interior-NDP) says he has been receiving a flood of letters and phone calls from concerned constituents about the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) agreement about to be ratified August 20-21 in Montebello, Quebec by Prime Minister Harper, President Bush and Mexican President Felipé Calderon.

The SPP has been touted by proponents in government and business as an agreement designed to heighten North American security while ensuring free flow of commerce across borders. However, the NDP and other critics point out that the agreement entails 'harmonizing' legislation concerning health care, immigration, energy, food safety, and environmental standards with American policy. It is also designed to merge military forces under US command.

The US Army will be patrolling the 25-kilometre 'security perimeter' at Montebello along with Canadian police forces.

NDP Trade Critic Peter Julian has described this as a "slow merger with the US." No public meetings with government have yet been held on the SPP and most MPs have not been briefed on the details of the agreement. The SPP was initiated by the Liberal government of Paul Martin in 2005, and supported by the Conservative government of Stephen Harper.

"My concern is that there could be consequences to our existence as a nation," says Atamanenko. "This could infringe upon our ability to be independent on economic, social and environmental policies. There have been no consultations with Parliament. We've already seen the ramifications of TILMA (Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement) on local government's ability to make their own decisions." Atamanenko says we've already "sold out our energy" to the US and he doesn't want to see the same thing happen with Canada's water. NDP leader Jack Layton will be sending a personal appeal by letter to Prime Minister Harper. Maude Barlow of the Council of Canadians has called for publication of all minutes of SPP committee meetings. The Council will be holding an SPP teach-in and family-friendly rally in Ottawa August 19-21. Other groups are planning protest demonstrations.

MP Peter Julian has tabled a motion at the Standing Committee on International Trade to be considered this fall, calling on Parliament to stop further implementation of the SPP agenda until there are real public consultations and full parliamentary oversight. The NDP succeeded in forcing the first-ever hearings on the SPP this spring at the Trade Committee.

A recently passed amendment tabled by Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur prohibits the use of federal funds by the US Department of Transportation in participating in the SPP working groups until the US Congress has an opportunity to review and assess the agenda of the SPP. Julian has been working closely with Kaptur to ensure concerns over the secrecy of the SPP on both sides of the border are a priority item in political circles. He says similar concerns have been raised in Mexico.

Atamanenko encourages concerned citizens to download and sign the petition calling for suspension of the SPP and return it to him at his office. The petition can be found at www.peterjulian.ca.

On the evening of Friday, July 27 a fire destroyed a residence at 331 B Avenue in Kaslo, leaving Jeff and Mavis Mayse and their three children without a home or possessions. The local family was not at home at the time. Unfortunately, the family's dog was lost in the fire. The Kaslo Fire Department attended; the cause of the fire was unknown at press time. Donations for the family are being gratefully accepted at Sunnyside Naturals (353-9667) and the BlueBelle Bistro & Beanery (353-7361).

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Protesters blockade Glacier Creek forestry road to oppose hydro development

by Art Joyce

A group of protesters are blockading the Glacier Creek forestry road in opposition to the run-of-river hydro project being developed by Purcell Green Power on Glacier and Howser Creeks. The blockade is being maintained by Gabriela and Mick Grabowsky, who live in the area, Eloise Charet of New Denver, Tom Prior of Nelson, and some others. They say the hydroelectric project is not really 'green' at all.

The protesters are concerned that too much water will be diverted from the creeks, endangering an already blue-listed species – the bull trout. They say the 91.5-kilometre, 100-metre-wide transmission line will cut through 23 kilometres of pristine habitat and thus endanger the grizzly bear population. They point out that the equipment needed to remove the waste rock from tunnel drilling will deposit huge amounts of carbon in the atmosphere while removing the forest necessary to absorb it. They also figure that power from the project is destined for the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort, which many oppose. They feel that recreationalists will suffer if the hydro and / or resort projects go ahead. They oppose the program under which the hydro project was accepted, which they call "the BC Liberal scheme for the privatization of BC Hydro and our water resources." Protesters are gathering signatures on a petition calling for Glacier and Howser Creeks to remain free of hydro development. "Almost everyone who has come up has signed it," reported one of the protesters.

Because the Ministry of Forests and Range is mandated with maintaining access to the recreation sites up Glacier Creek forest road, Bruce Fraser, operations manager, Kootenay Lake Forest District, has been up to the blockade to speak with the protesters at least four times in the past two weeks. The road has actually been closed since spring, when a slide came down at the 13 kilometre mark. About two weeks ago, a rainstorm caused a washout at 14 kilometres. The ministry brought equipment in on July 18 to start repairs but the protesters refused them access to the road.

"We want to repair the road to provide access for people who want to get up to Monica Meadows, Jumbo Pass and the Macbeth Icefields – I think it's our most popular backcountry area," said Fraser. "I think they blocked us because somehow they thought we were linked to the hydroelectric company and we're not. I think they thought we were trying to facilitate their access into the valley and that's not true. We have no connection to the hydro company. Our sole purpose is to provide access to people who want to get into the high country."

Protester Eloise Charet confirmed that the protesters feel that Forestry is "colluding with" the hydro company to get the road in good repair for the hydro project. "Before the public comment period [of the environmental assessment review process for the hydro project] is even over, they are already tailoring the road for the project," said Charet.

Fraser said the Grabowskys were also concerned about protecting fish habitat from erosion from the road during repairs. He says he took a Ministry of Environment biologist to the blockade on Friday, July 27 to speak to them about the prescriptions the Ministry of Forests have to follow when repairing the road.

"The Ministry of Environment has advised us that the best time to do repairs is mid July to mid August in terms of protecting fish habitat, and that's why we want to get on with it," said Fraser. "We had a geotechnical assessment done of the slide and they provided us with a prescription for the repairs. The washout is more straightforward, but we consulted with the Ministry of Environment biologist on Friday on this as well," said Fraser.

He reported that the Grabowskys are aware of the timing issue, and added, "I think it's in the Grabowskys' best interest to get the road fixed as well. They need a serviceable road in to their property." The Grabowskys live just past the washout.

Fraser said the ministry was not looking into obtaining an injunction at this point. "Our objective is to try to resolve issues with the Grabowskys and proceed on that basis. We're in contact with them and their lawyer, so we're working diligently to resolve their issues and concerns. We've asked Andy Shadrack to act as a go-between for us, so he's been helping and we're very thankful for his efforts. We're making progress, but I don't think all of the issues are fully resolved."

Part of the Glacier Creek forest service road goes through the Grabowsky property, and the family is concerned about their liability if, for example, a rock from their property fell onto the road. Fraser said the ministry is looking into all the details of this issue, as well. Also, recently there has been an issue between the Grabowskys and the ministry about their horses grazing in trespass on crown land. Fraser said this was a separate issue, but the ministry was looking at the possibility of a grazing permit for them and was working with their lawyer on this.

Neil Murphy, regional project manager for Purcell Green Power, says the company has no interest in getting into a confrontation with protesters. Purcell manages the project for water license holder Axor Inc. of Montreal. But he says the independent power producer (IPP) remains committed to the Glacier-Howser project.

"We definitely don't want to get into a confrontational situation. That's not what we're about. But as far as this affecting the project, no, we're already committed to the environmental assessment process."

Murphy says the best case scenario for the company might see construction starting in the first quarter of next year, depending on Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) approval. If the road is still blockaded, the company will gain access by helicopter. Murphy says environmental consultants collecting the data completed most of their work prior to the blockade and thus aren't affected by it. Six environmental assessors have been hired by Purcell Green Power from local firms.

Mass and Miller Environmental Consultants, who specialize in hydrology, have done the harlequin duck and fish studies. Murphy says they won't be using a high water year such as 2007 as the basis for their water flow database. He says the database will include information from monitoring stations dating as far back as 1963, including one on Glacier Creek that was established originally in 1918 but has long since been removed. Glacier Creek currently has four monitoring stations that sample every 30 seconds, installed last summer. There are two temperature and barometric pressure gauges in place on both creeks.

"You're not going to spend $300 million without verifying your fuel source – which is the water. Our flow curves are exceptionally conservative – they have to be. An independent hydrologist also has to take our report and concur or not concur as to the accuracy of it before EAO can sign off on it. Many people are saying we'll take up to 80 percent of the water, which is incorrect."

Murphy says the water licenses allow for a maximum diversion of 14 cubic metres per second on Glacier Creek and 20 cubic metres per second for Howser Creek. Recent readings show Glacier running at about 43 cubic metres per second, and Howser at about 65 cubic metres per second. This compares with 35-37 cubic metres per second on Glacier in a more normal year. Glacier Creek will have three turbines that will be used only during summer and a smaller turbine for winter use.

"You wouldn't put in a turbine that has a maximum capacity above what's available in the stream," adds Murphy.

Murphy explains that the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) can set daily, weekly, or monthly limits of maximum stream diversion according to seasonal flows. Data gathering is sent weekly to DFO, which is why fibre optic cable will have to be installed with the new power transmission line.

The Environmental Assessment Office is receiving public comments on the project until August 20, asking what issues need to be addressed by Axor before they submit their final application. To submit comments go to www.eao.gov.bc.ca/projects/glacier_howser/index.html.

A critique of the proponents' original project description by Gary Diers of the Purcell Alliance for Wilderness can be found at www.inlandtemperaterainforest.org.

People protesting the Glacier/Howser independent power project are blocking Glacier Creek forest service road.

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I overheard a voice mumbling: we have been expropriated (it was not the voice of a visitor. The grumpy voice continued, foreign crosses, is Arlington cemetery close by, what are the crosses of the poor fallen American soldiers doing here? What next ? Foreign bodies on sacred land?

There is something smelly in Denmark; only it is closer to home, not in our lovely peace loving city, but a few miles away.

Peace loving people abound, but here where the Kootenay meets the Columbia a group of people fled their own country and found refuge here in our land, settled on the shores of the great river to practice what was closest to their souls, their own religion. They were pacifists. What one of us has made peace their life long goal? The Quakers, but in size and influence it is the Doukobour community that walks the walk. And yet there was not one Speaker on the three day schedule (and I counted 39 speakers.). Was there not one that could have been asked to share their experience, the long history of their community and speak to those at the 'Way Home.' (Perhaps they have gotten lost.)

Living beside an Elephant we tend to close up (a better comparison would be close to a mad dog). We keep silent for our own good. These people that came recently are more like Elephants, they have long memories, going way back to one of those wars.

Joking aside, why has this event made so many feel uncomfortable and muted? The history of 'Our Way Home' began with the idea of a reunion. And let's face it we are big on those; high school reunions in this town are as predictable as the flowers in spring.

Many began to grumble and the grumbling got louder when a sculpture was to be erected to give tribute to the war resisters of the Vietnam War. Our veterans of WWI & II wondered why those young fellows decided they would come to Canada instead of fighting. And where was their statue?

Like many I did not agree with that foreign war so in between hanging out diapers I wrote to every large newspaper in the States to protest the Vietnam fiasco. So why do I stay away from this event? I am not the only one. The poor attendance indicates the lack of support for a reunion that apparently will go on in perpetuity.

It is time someone looked at this event with a more discerning eye.

Those big names, and they were there and they were impressive (mainly from the States).. The carbon footprint of those celebrity guests flying here would be of some interest.

There were 3,000 crosses or more placed in the ground at the Brilliant Cultural Center in memory of the American soldiers who have died in Iraq. Where are the crosses for the the 700,000 innocent civilians dead in that same hurting country?

We all want peace. We cheered when our former Prime Minister refused to send our troops to Iraq. We are unsure of our position in Afghanistan. But to malinger on the foreign war in Vietnam is nothing short of bad taste. Is nostalgia healthy? Has it moved us towards a less violent world free of the scourge of war?

Why is America at war again? If terrorism is the rationalization for invading other countries, we know the consequences. Does anyone believe that we can save democracy by killing people? The iron curtain now divides east and west and two major religions. It will take us into a schism that will bring destruction to millions, bankrupt countries and seriously jeopardize our freedom. I am talking of the future, but it is already happening when citizens are jailed or put on a list without trial.

We cannot have peace without accountability. When we have exploitation veiled under the umbrella of peace and if the major part of a population boycotts the event we have to ask why.

When is a good idea a bad idea? Why is Nelson known as Resisterville? This event continues to act as a publicity magnet. For our benefit? For peace?

Give the last word to Holly Near. At the end of one evening she said, "We love these fellows but they do tend to go on and the women back here are about to mutiny."

Margaret Hornby
Nelson

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Hydro-Phobia

We, the little people of the Kootenays, are standing up for our water, our old growth and the wilderness that we so deeply love. We are camping on Glacier Creek Road in the north Duncan trying to prevent yet another tragedy: the construction of a 125 MW hydro project. Purcell Green Power, a subsidiary of AXOR, plans to divert two precious creeks into about 16 kms of underground tunnel and penstock, to suck the life out of these two valleys. I figure it's mainly to provide power for the Jumbo Resort project, yet another ski hill for the wealthy to flush their toilets with glacier water when the earth is dying of thirst.

This is only the beginning of Hydro-Phobia coming to a stream near you. All the streams' rights have been sold off in the last gesture to liquidate all the sources and resources of our country. This governing force values business over life and puts elders in jail who stand up for nature.

We are experiencing global warming, unusual weather, our glaciers are melting and still we cannot stop our overwhelming consumption. For the sake of convenience we are shortchanging our children's future. The earth is dying and we are allowing it to happen. Who will be the first to say no, this is enough! Who will stand for mother earth? For the children, the trees, the bears, the fish?

Eloise Charet
New Denver

Honouring Colleen's memory

I cycled past Colleen's house the other day and it'll be a long time before we stop missing her and her achievements will be here to remind us of her good efforts for always. Though I disagreed with some of her attitudes, I sure respected her ability to get things done. I thought that Richard Caniell's tribute to Colleen was most thoughtful and showed many of us even more of her fine qualities.

Though there may be ideas to name a future park after her, that may be a prolonged process, so I thought that for the present time in these days after her passing, would it be an idea to erect a monument on the shores of Valhalla Park to honour her help to create that dream? Also, could one of the peaks in Valhalla Park bear her name?

There are numerous distinctive peaks unnamed in the park and there's a lovely small rock bluff that may be a fitting place for a memorial monument or plaque. The bluff is across from Silverton and New Denver and such a location is passed often by people exploring those shores of Valhalla Park. Most likely BC Parks would be willing to play a role in the provision and placement of such a feature. naming a mountain peak should be only some paperwork and map notations.

These measures may offer rightful respect to the memory of our friend and neighbour Colleen McCrory and help in the grief we all feel.

Peter Roulston
New Denver

Nakusp Music Festival – how can it get any better?

I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to the organizers of this year's Nakusp Music Festival for a job well done. Although I was unable to attend, the reports that I am hearing about the festival are all positive. No doubt the organization of such an event is a tremendous amount of work, and it is a great accomplishment for a community the size of Nakusp. I am sure the town's businesses were pleased with the increased revenue generated by the festival.

I live next to Highway #6 near Edgewood and am aware of the amount of traffic that passed by all weekend long (not just cars and trucks but, fifth wheels, trailers, campers, and lots of motorbikes). It is probably the most I personally have seen in the four years I have lived here. I am sure that anyone trying to get on a ferry that weekend would agree.

Since Nakusp does not offer much in the way of public transportation I assume that the majority, if not all, arrived in town using private vehicles. This must have left a large environmental footprint. Perhaps next year the festival organizers might consider greening up the festival and show everyone that not only can they put on a great show but that they can do it in a way that doesn't impact the environment as much. Perhaps bringing in busses from other major centres, or for a really novel idea how about reverting to the days of the Lady Minto and bring festival goers in by boat from the north and south ends of the lake? Now that would be unique. How many festivals do you know that offer that?

Murray Rourke
Edgewood

Objects to comments about Colleen

The memory of the stature and humanity of the late Colleen McCrory can't be injured by the inexplicable descriptions made of her by Will Webster.

He describes her as narrow-minded and arrogant amidst his accolades. Strange, I've known her for 40 years and arrogant is the last thing one would associate with her, chiefly because she never lost a sense of her proportion no matter what world honours were accorded her. If Webster means she did not accede to positions by exploiters who claimed "they had their rights too," let me remind him that the US slave states asserted they had their own rights. Perhaps it was arrogant of those who opposed slavery, physical or economic, to express their opposition so strongly, which is what Colleen was noted for doing when it came to government exploiting natural resources and the weak and poor.

As for a narrow mind, Colleen never had the time to expand her vistas much beyond her work, which consumed most of her life energies after raising three children, but she was open to new ideas and was always willing to consider factors outside her experience. In this connection she had just begun to explore classical music and the lives of important individuals who have contributed greatly to society. She didn't know it, but in her homey way, we thought she was one of them, and never more than when she was cooking and cleaning for those not well enough to do so for themselves.

I didn't recognize Colleen in Webster's language. When he says she "used" him for her own purposes, whatever does he mean – as a reporter to whom she gave material to reach the electorate? Webster has some true and relevant things to say about Colleen, but his inaccurate and inappropriate remarks, in a memorial to her, mind you, struck me like a spider hidden in a lovely bouquet.

Richard Caniell
New Denver

Eat local!

The 100 mile diet is not a new idea. For most of human history we didn't need a word for our very local eating habits. But why give up mangos, olive oil and fresh tomatoes in February? Because local is gourmet – fresh and tasty. Local food supports our community and security. Local food is an important and enjoyable way to reduce greenhouse gases.

To eat local (by growing your own, joining a CSA, shopping at the farmers' markets, asking for it at your grocery store) is a highly political act. When I learned where my veggies, milk, and grains (not to talk about the ice cream and dog feed) came from, I was amazed how long and obscure the road from field to fork is. Most meat and dairy animals live on corn (in North America) or soy (in Europe, imported from the Amazonas), grown with tons of pesticides, water and natural gas extracted fertilizers and then transported far. Do you know what's on your plate? Do you want to eat in ignorance? Do you want to make a difference?

As the climate change challenge is a crisis of consumption (large government-corporate-military-media power distorting our desires as to fulfill all needs through shopping), then local control of production is one important solution. Relocalisation is soon even the only way, when fossil fuel peaks in availability and price. Today BC only produces about half of its food demand and the government sees it as a problem.

There are things happening though. I'd like to thank and give attention to

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Voices from the Valleys

some inspiring projects on food choices: the 100 mile diets potluck in Nelson Aug 1st and at the Vallican Whole Aug 19th; the book *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan; the recent lecture by Julian Darley from the Post Carbon Institute, invited by the EcoSociety; all local growers, home gardeners, stores, markets, distributors and concerned citizens.

Let us work for government support for local food production, instead of promoting international trade agreements dumping prices and depleting both workers and the earth, both here and in poor countries. I wish to see more home gardens, commercial veggie, grain and fruit growers, and all restaurants buying local produce when in season (big hug to Sleep is for Sissies!), canning centres and educational institutes. Let's get local production of our staple food – wheat, potatoes, canola oil. Think if we could continue to slaughter our animals locally, if the feedstock was grown local and organic, if biofuel algae and clothing hemp grew in every corner of the valley. Still we can plant kale, basil, radishes, lettuce, peas, and share them with our neighbours.

And if you know where to get local flour and cooking oil, please let me know.

Malin Christensson
Winlaw

Open letter to RDCK

By receipt of correspondence of April 4, 2006, we were informed by the RDCK of its commitment (by way of a March 25, 2006, resolution) to review, in the context of the Area H Official Community Planning Process, our proposals for the protection of Perry Ridge.

Pursuant to the RDCK's commitment in that regard, we submitted documents and made presentations on July 12, 2007, to the Official Community Plan Area H advisory planning commission in support of our position, as follows:

1) Use of land should be compatible with the community's aspirations, as advanced by the Perry Ridge Water Users Association (PRWUA), for the expansion of Valhalla Provincial Park to include Perry Ridge as an ecological reserve under Section 3(1) of the Ecological Reserve Act [RSBC 1996] Ch. 103.

2) Use of land on or adjacent to Perry Ridge should be limited in accordance with: a. The history of mass failures on Perry Ridge and the mandate of the RDCK to give primary consideration to safety; b. The unpredictable hydrology and geological instability on Perry Ridge as verified by our documentary submissions; c. The refusal of residents to bear the risks associated with any further development on Perry Ridge; d. The demonstrated economic futility of development on Perry Ridge; and e. The unpredictable environmental consequences of climate change, including geological instability associated with increased rainfall and storm intensity.

3) Any planning decisions that impact on Perry Ridge should be preceded by, and should give weight to, reports arising from hazard mapping.

4) Any planning decisions that impact on Perry Ridge should be preceded by the diligent and demonstrated consideration by the RDCK of existing assessments, reports and studies with respect to the geological, hydrological, social and/or economic implications of development on Perry Ridge.

5) Use of land should be compatible with and reconcilable with the obligations of governments to the Sinixt Nation as per the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in Delgamuukw v. British Columbia, [1997] 3 S.C.R. 1010.

The above-referenced positions are broadly supported by the constituents of Area H in accordance with their comprehensive support for environmental and watershed protection as identified in your own June 2002 survey results.

We enclose for your file the documents and materials which were adduced in the context of our submissions on July 12, 2007, to the Official Community Plan Area H advisory planning commission.

It is in accordance with the facts and community values that we have identified in these materials that the PRWUA expects the RDCK to proceed with the greatest diligence in enacting policies which impact on Perry Ridge. We emphasize our position that the RDCK's responsibilities in that regard cannot be fulfilled by deferring to the Slocan Integral Forestry Co-operative.

It is with a view to ensuring the appropriate level of protection for Perry Ridge that the PRWUA is resolved to advance the community's aspirations for the expansion of Valhalla Provincial Park to include Perry Ridge as an ecological reserve.

Thank you for your attention.

Perry Ridge Water Users Association
Marilyn Burgoon, President

RDCK in the internet business

The 2002 Area H survey identified water quality as very important to the residents. RDCK has been approached by different water user groups for financial assistance in providing potable water for its users. Mr. Munro (Director, Area H) has informed them that there is no funding available for assistance from the RDCK.

Now Mr. Munro is prepared to set aside $80,000 of his BC Hydro grants in lieu for two years of funding "if required" for the proposed Area H internet service. (Actually the grants are not his. A portion of BC Hydro grants in lieu are allocated to Area H and as director, Mr. Munro distributes the monies on application to different organizations in Area H.) Further, Mr. Munro is prepared to commit Area H taxpayers with a tax burden of approximately $16.30 per $100,000 of assessed value to be collected over ten years, possibly using the AAP process and not go to referendum. (The AAP process is when the intent to borrow the $232,000 is advertised by RDCK and if less than 10% of the electorate register their dissent then RDCK will go ahead and borrow the monies. It is very similar to negative option marketing.)

I feel that my right to vote on issues in Area H is being taken away. It started with the OCP (Official Community Plan) when Mr. Munro was asked at a public meeting if the OCP once developed would be taken to referendum and he said "NO." Now the residents of Area H could be committed by Mr. Munro to pay off a loan of $232,000 without going to referendum.

This has to stop!!! The right to vote is important and should not be circumvented by anyone or any process. We still live in a democratic society and the right to vote on issues that will affect our lives should not be taken away from us. Whether we vote for or against the issue will be each individual's decision but we are entitled to make that decision and not have it decided for us by the Area H director or his appointed group of people.

Mr. Murphy has worked relentlessly in trying to provide high speed internet service for the Slocan Valley and is to be commended for his efforts. For the RDCK to build, own, and maintain the infrastructure is a decision that should be made by the electorate by referendum, as ultimately, if the users of the service are unable to pay for the loan, then it will be the taxpayer that will carry the tax burden whether they use the service or not.

If the referendum is not successful it does not necessarily mean no high speed internet in the Slocan Valley. There are organizations that can build, own and maintain the required infrastructure. CMON is a not for profit telecommunications infrastructure provider that has the experience and the experienced personnel to build the infrastructure required for the Slocan Valley high speed internet service. CMON, as a not for profit organization, would be in a better position to compete with the likes of Telus and Shaw Cable, if required. With the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund grant, Slocan Valley high speed internet could be a reality without any consequence to the taxpayer. (Coincidentally Mr. Murphy is on the board for CMON.)

Walter Popoff
Krestova

Setting the record straight

Three events have occurred recently that have brought me to the decision to make a public statement. I have not felt compelled to do so frequently, because I know that being a politician means you take the licks, and heat, and even misrepresentation of facts – it just comes with the territory.

First event: Recently a young boy and his mom came up to me in downtown Kaslo and asked, "Why are you trying to close the skatepark?" And his mom informed me they had just come from the Kaslo Youth Centre, and had heard that the Mayor was trying to close the skatepark.

Second event: The Mayor was not invited to participate in the opening of the Kaslo Skatepark on July 7. At the skatepark opening I stayed 'in the background' because I was concerned that some may take the opportunity to again make verbal attacks (as at the ground-breaking ceremony) and this would be very disruptive to the celebratory function. An irony of this is that I have been chastised by some for not participating in the event, even though I did contribute my labour and time in setting up the staging and other work, at the park, for the ceremony.

Third event: A councillor, while representing the Village of Kaslo, by invitation, at the skatepark opening, passed out a card that named individuals and businesses "that fought to kill this park." I believe this card to be defamatory and libelous, and certainly incorrect.

I still have never heard anyone speak against Kaslo having a skatepark.

Why all this negativity towards the mayor and others regarding the skatepark? Is it because there were concerns about the location on the beach, in a flood plain? Or because of the mandated approval from Ministry of Environment and Department of Fisheries and Oceans before work started?

The issue of the flooding was paramount in my mind, and I worked diligently and lobbied intensely with councillors, Kaslo and Area Youth Centre, and residents to resolve the flooding issue, to no avail. Finally, I took all the data, tables, etc. that I had accumulated and went to Castlegar to see the design engineer. The engineer stated the level of the park needed to be raised to protect the structure and he would change the plans. On the same day that the new plans with new elevations were presented to council, the mayor signed the agreement for the beginning of construction.

As it turns out, for the years 2006 and 2007, if the park had been built to the originally presented plans, it would have had water standing in it during the months of May and June.

The point of all this? Two things:

Number One – This development deeply engaged our children and youth in our democratic processes and served as an example of how we as adults carry on in the governance of the Village and ultimately in the way we get along with our neighbours. Passionate debates are essential to good democracy, but at the end of the day, we lay down our biases, negativity, and vengeful feelings and move forward to the next issue with respect, courage, and due regard for the process – because we all live here, and we all deserve our viewpoints, and we all want the best for our community.

Number Two – Attempts to 'hurt' those who have a different viewpoint on any issue will eliminate the possibility of having an atmosphere of open and healthy functioning governance in our community. How can we expect new residents, growth and investment if there is an atmosphere of retribution and revenge associated with just expressing or having an opinion about shaping our community?

In conclusion, I am very hopeful that these incidents can serve as an opportunity for the residents of the Village of Kaslo to do a little self examination, and maybe we all can grow a little bit and learn to treat each other with respect and dignity, especially those who don't agree with our own views, because ultimately our strength lies in our divergent views. Rooms full of people who all have exactly the same viewpoint are in danger of missing critical information and rooms full of people with divergent views that make a pact to respect each other and work towards a common goal are unstoppable.

Thank you for your time,

Mayor Jim Holland
Village of Kaslo

Memorial poem for Colleen McCrory

Consider Our Loss -

Lonely landscape lover;
Energetic eco-evangelist w/
Enduring environmental excellence;
Notorious nature negotiator;
Masterful messaging mentor;
Captivating civilian commentator;
Congenial caring coordinator;
Rampant rainforest reclaimer;
Omnipresent observer.
Right On!
Yes! Colleen McCrory!

The West Kootenay Coalition for Jumbo Wild salutes our friend and colleague, and grievously misses her among us.

Rowena Eloise
Argenta

Thoughts of an old cowboy

In reference to us seniors crippled by various afflictions, coupled with old age, I would like to share this poem written by an old cowboy poet. I find I can associate with it in a big way, as perhaps some of you can in your own way, as I am in a similar situation, afflicted with severe rheumatoid arthritis where I can hardly walk. The life described in the poem was what I was familiar with.

Sing Me a Cowboy Song

Listen to my cry for help, old friend,
and sing me a cowboy song.
Save me now from my tormented day,
sing one of times that are gone.

I once rode the mountains and out in the plains,
I once rode the desert and shore.
I once was a man, a heckuva hand,
now it seems that man is no more.

I wish for the times I was back on a horse
when my world was of cows and of grass.
Not a 13-inch screen on some danged old machine,
in a world all fenced in by glass.

Once more just to smell the earth cut by hoofs,
to feel a storm as it grabs at my soul.
The feel of the reins a balm to my hands,
please again, before I get too danged old.

This lump in my throat and this tear in my eye,
Lord, I wish they would just up and leave.
For I cannot escape this empty old heart,
from this aching I get no relief.

I wish for a tune, a melody sweet,
and words of the range, this I pray.
So sing me a song, a good cowboy song,
and in my mind, I can just ride away.

Pete Milton
Winlaw

14th annual Poker Float set to roll down the Slocan River

submitted

On Sunday, August 12 the Slocan Valley Recreation Commission will host the 14th running of their annual Poker Float. Inflatable craft of all sizes, shapes and decoration are expected to once again dot the meandering Slocan River along the 7-km float route from Perry's Siding bridge to the Winlaw Regional and Nature Park.

Participants stop at five stations along the way to collect a playing card at each. The best poker hand wins at the end of the day. Prizes are awarded for Best Poker Hand, Best Float and Best Homemade Hat.

Registration starts at 11 am. This year the fee for the event has been set at $5 per person. That figure is reduced to $3 with a donation to the Slocan foodbank. This is a no-booze event and this policy will be strictly enforced again this year. A shuttle service runs from the finish to start area between 11-11:45 am. It's strongly recommended that floaters take advantage of this service.

The float takes place along a relatively slow moving portion of the river, but floaters should be aware there are always risks and to keep an eye open for submerged obstacles and fluctuating currents. There is a legal requirement that floaters must have PFDs (personal flotation devices) with them. Children 12 and under require adult accompaniment. Sunscreen and a hat are recommended. Please respect the environment and leave no garbage in the river.

The launch gets underway to the stirring melody of David Hogg's bagpipes. At the end of the ride, floaters will be greeted with the music of Holly and Jon Burden. The Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society will be hosting the concession at the park for those tired and hungry floaters to take advantage of. Free hot chocolate awaits floaters needing a shot of warmth. The float could take up to five hours or as little as three hours, depending on weather conditions.

For more information call Slocan Valley Recreation at 226-0008.

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Valhalla Summer School of Music celebrates its ninth year

submitted

The hills are alive again with the sounds of music in the month of August, as the Valhalla Fine Arts Society pre-sents a wonderful array of programs. Beginning on August 5 and continuing through August 24, there will be a host of fine concerts and events to choose from.

Many concerts are free of charge, some request a donation and only one has a set fee. Please see the 'clip & save' ad in this paper for dates, times and event locations. Posters will be displayed in all the usual places and flyers are available for pickup at many local businesses.

This is the ninth year for the Valhalla Summer School of Music, which began in 1999 with Silverton's Heather Huether, a fine concert cellist and teacher. Originally a one-week camp for strings and piano, the program has now expanded to a total of six weeks throughout the year and now includes the Animation and Film and Theatre Arts programs.

The first of the three consecutive weeks in August is the Suzuki Valhalla Institute (SVI) beginning August 5 at Lucerne School in New Denver. The second week is the Valhalla Summer School of Music (VSSM), beginning August 12. Observers are welcome at both events. The final week is the Valhalla Intensive Performance Program (VIP) beginning August 20.

VSSM and SVI now draw music students from across Canada, many from all over the US and this year welcome international students from Scotland, Japan and Cambodia.

During the week of August 12, VSSM offers several programs and classes open to folks from surrounding communities. There is a Music Appreciation Class held daily from 3-4 pm. There are two community choirs. One is a Family Choir, held daily from 1-2 pm and an Adult Choir, held daily from 5-6:30 pm. Anyone who can carry a tune is welcome to join and share their talent with the community.

Also part of the VSSM program, and in its fifth year, is the Hands On for the Arts Silent Auction at the Villa Dome Quixote (New Denver) during the week of August 12 (see 'clip & save' ad). Featuring art, music, adventure experiences and services, Hands On proceeds support all VSSM programs. Anyone wanting to donate art or services to the auction can do so through August 10 by contacting Lynn at 358-7907 or Heather at 358-7196. Monetary donations to VSSM are also welcome throughout the year.

A Fiddling Workshop has been added to the VIP Program (August 20-24). This daily two-hour class is accepting any violin student (adult or child) at any skill level. All that is required is a love of fiddling or the desire to learn. This class is being taught by Brie Faulks.

Come and enjoy good music by exceptionally talented kids of all ages and experience first hand the Magic of Music in the Majesty of Mountains!

Anyone interested in purchasing a piano will be interested to know there will be pianos for sale from World of Music in Kelowna during the music school as well. A great selection of Yamaha, Samic and Kohler & Campbell pianos will be available at exceptional prices, with local delivery. Anyone interested should contact Heather at 250-358-7196 as soon as possible or visit Lucerne School in New Denver during the week of August 12-17.

Art in the Kohan

Wednesday 15th – Thursday 16th August
11 am – 5 pm
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Valhalla Fine Arts Society

Schedule of Events - August 2007

SUZUKI VALHALLA INSTITUTE

August 7th, 8th, 9th
Violin & Viola Student Solo Recitals
Lucerne School • 1 pm • Free Admission

August 10th
SVI Ensembles Concert
Silverton Memorial Hall • 4:30 pm
Suzuki Repertoire Concert
Silverton Memorial Hall • 7:00 pm
Admission Free to all concerts

VIP PROGRAM

Thursday, August 23rd
Cello Recital - NOT to BE MISSED
Silverton Memorial Hall • 7:00 pm
Admission by Donation

Friday, August 24th
Final Concert
Silverton Memorial Hall • 2:00 pm
Admission by Donation

VALHALLA SUMMER SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Monday, August 13th
VSSM Faculty Concert
Silverton Memorial Hall • 7:00 pm
Adults $12.00 Students & Seniors $7.00

Tuesday, August 14th
"Isn't It Romantic" VSSM Faculty Concert
Silverton Memorial Hall • 7:00 pm
Admission by Donation

Wednesday & Thursday, August 15th & 16th
Art in the Kohan
Kohan Garden 11 am – 5 pm with noon hour concerts

Friday, August 17th
Afternoon Student Chamber Music Concert
Silverton Memorial Hall • 3:00 pm
Admission by Donation
VSSM Final Student Orchestra & Choir Concert
Silverton Memorial Hall • 7:00 pm
Admission by Donation

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Silverton council, July 24: Memorial Hall review committee formed

by Art Joyce

•On the recommendation of the facilities and recreation committee, a new commitee consisting of Councillors Laktin, Provan and Wiseman has been struck to review the Memorial Hall renovation project. The committee will have a budget of $2,500 and will seek cost estimates, an energy audit, and more sources of grant funding. They expect to report back to council by the beginning of September.

"We don't want our taxpayers to have to pay for the project," said Councillor Provan.

•CAO Ida reported that she had issued a tax receipt for a Memorial Hall project donation from Chris Young in the amount of $2,000.

•Following the public works report by Leonard Casley, Councillor Wiseman asked whether the water line recently installed for watering plants at the Memorial Hall has a check valve. Casley said no, it's only a temporary line. Wiseman said he's concerned that back flow into the Village water system could cause contamination and said he wants to prevent pressure from the Province to chlorinate. Council directed Casley to install the check valve. In response to a question from Councillor Provan, Casley reported that the hydrant flushing has been done but that complete maintenance will require rebuilding of the hydrants.

•Information brought out of *in camera* disclosed that Tom Hughes has resigned from employment by the Village for another job offer. The council's annual report was also brought forward, with the added notation that Stephanie Masun resigned as councillor earlier in the year. The annual report will eventually be available at the Village office and posted to the website.

•In accepting the June 2007 financial statements for the Village, Mayor Everett explained in answer to Councillor Wiseman's concerns that some expenses have been prepaid for the second half of the year. Everett said this isn't uncommon, as in the case of BC Medical benefits for employees, which were prepaid. Under accounts payable, Everett noted that the company who sold the Village the garbage bin is willing to help re-sell it provided the Village authorizes payment first. Councillor Wiseman asked public works foreman Casley if any use could yet be found for the bin. Casley said it would require more expense to set up. Council voted to authorize payment on the bin.

•The Welch family garden proposal was discussed. Councillor Wiseman pointed out that there is an existing boulevard policy if council chose to apply it. Council decided that a letter will be sent to the Welchs asking them to confine their garden to their own property pending completion of a review of boulevard policies in the OCP.

•A motion was passed to arrange to meet with the Minister of Transportation about highway maintenance concerns at the upcoming UBCM conference as part of the delegation with New Denver councillors.

•A letter was received from Rory Pownall asking for permission to use the Silverton day park for Colleen McCrory's memorial services August 25-26. Council voted to grant permission.

•Three readings of Bylaw 449-2007, a bylaw to regulate building in the Village of Silverton, were given.

•Mayor Everett thanked the Capelles for the "many, many hours spent on the Village Hall and the many flowers planted. We've had lots of compliments from people passing through town." In his report he noted that council is co-operating with public works to ensure work is done on schedule, but complimented them on a job well done this year.

Bawdy, fun, soulful and intimate – Anna B. brings a truly unique medley to the stage. From sagey sambas to slack key laments to jazz with a lick from a cowgirl's whip, Anna's original compositions will transport you. Moons, skeletons, barstools! Don't miss the Queen of the Cantina!

Anna B. will be at the Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver on Friday, August 3 at 7:30 pm.

Memorial dates for Colleen McCrory set for late August

submitted

The family, friends and colleagues of Colleen McCrory are invited to come together to celebrate Colleen's life and her legacy. Events will be held the weekend of August 25-26 in Colleen's hometown of Silverton.

Two memorial events will be held to accommodate the vast number of people who knew and loved Colleen through her many involvements: as a loving and nurturing member of the large McCrory clan, as one of the leaders of the Valhalla Wilderness Society, as a neighbour, community volunteer and friend to many sick and elderly, as an international environmental and social justice activist, and as the BC Green Party deputy leader and candidate.

Please come and share a rich celebration of Colleen's life in our beautiful Slocan Valley – the valley of the Valhalla range. We hope you will also take some time to enjoy the communities and wilderness that Colleen so cherished.

Two memorial events are planned. A memorial celebration on Saturday, August 25 will be oriented toward Colleen's family and friends in the local community. A memorial celebration on Sunday, August 26 will be focused on the legacy left by Colleen's activism and will be oriented toward her friends and colleagues in the environmental and social justice community. People are welcome to attend whichever event they wish, or both.

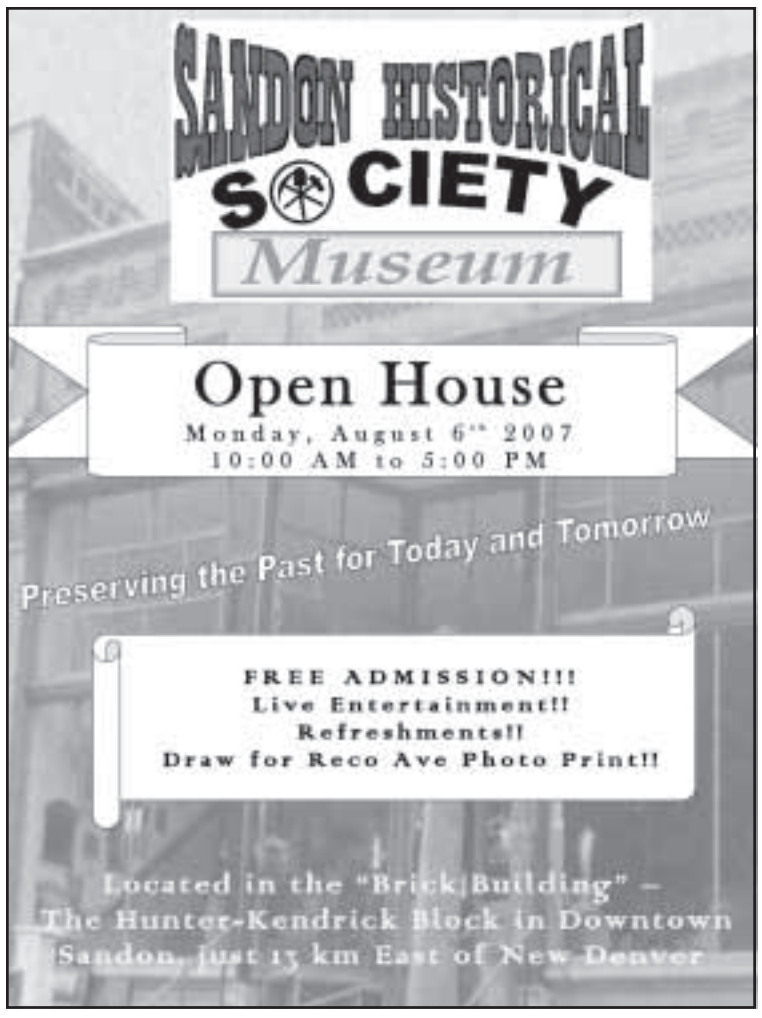
Each event will be held at the Silverton Day Park from 11 am – 1 pm. Light refreshments will be served after each ceremony at the nearby Silverton Memorial Hall. The Silverton Day Park is on Slocan Lake in a beautiful setting overlooking Valhalla Provincial Park. Signs will be posted on the main highway on the days of the events. Turn towards the lake on 4th Street in Silverton. Parking will be along the residential streets so please be considerate of local residents' parking, lawns and driveways.

Please note that weather or other factors could cause us to move the venue to another location. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Valhalla Wilderness Society's website www.vws.org. There will be an up-to-date listing of all events and venues posted in the window of the VWS Nature Centre (main street, 6th Ave, New Denver), where there is also a special display on Colleen's life. We suggest you check this upon your arrival.

There will be an evening presentation on Colleen's most recent conservation work with VWS, the Inland Temperate Rainforest and the Selkirk Caribou Mountain Proposal. The presentation will be given by Craig Pettitt at the Silverton Gallery at 7 pm Saturday, August 25. The Silverton Gallery is located on the highway (main road through Silverton) at 4th Street. Space is limited so come early to get a seat.

A hike will be led by bear biologist Wayne McCrory (Colleen's brother) on Monday, August 27, leaving New Denver from in front of the Valhalla Society office at 307 – 6th Ave. at 10 am. Wayne will lead the hike to the Whitewater trail, one of Colleen's favourite hiking areas and an area where grizzly bears are frequently sighted. You will need a four-wheel-drive vehicle to reach the trailhead. The trail is moderately strenuous. Bring hiking boots, rain gear, binoculars, lunch and lots of water. Other events may be planned for Colleen's memorial weekend – check the society's website or Nature Centre displays.

To RSVP or for information about accommodation, contact VWS at 250-358-2333 or email: vws@vws.org.



Hidden Garden Gallery features *Days at Kohan*

submitted

The Hidden Garden Gallery presents *Days at Kohan*, an exhibition of paintings and drawings made by Tsuneko Kokubo and Boukje Elzinga. The show will be held from August 1-6 (gallery open 11 am- 4 pm).

In these new works, which the two artists began in June of last year, Tsuneko and Boukje were searching for inspiration and an artistic discipline by observing and recording the seasonal changes in the Kohan Garden. Regular garden visits throughout the season allowed them to discover the subtleties of its changing colours, forms, spaces and reflected moods.

Tsuneko studied painting with Peter Aspel and Jack Shadbolt at the Vancouver School of Art, graduating in 1961. Boukje was taught by, amongst others, Landon Mackenzie and Ian Wallace and graduated from Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design in 1996.

Tsuneko Kokubo and Boukje Elzinga's exhibit, entitled Days at Kohan, will show at the Hidden Garden Gallery August 1-6.

The Silverton Historical Society Archives now has a high quality archival printer, shown here with summer student employee, Sarah Bergevin. The SHS photograph collection is digitized, catalogued and stored, and with the addition of this printer, the archives can offer archival quality reproductive prints to the public. The printer was purchased with funding provided by the Columbia Basin Trust sponsorship program. For more information, contact the SHS at 358-2285 or email miningmuseum@yahoo.ca.

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A memorial celebration on Saturday, Aug. 25 will be oriented toward Colleen's family and the community.

A memorial celebration on Sunday, Aug. 26 will be focused on the legacy left by Colleen's activism for environmental conservation and social justice.

People are welcome to attend whichever event they wish. Both will be held at the Silverton Day Park (on the lake at 4th Street) from 11 am – 1 pm. Light refreshments will be served after each ceremony at the nearby Silverton Memorial Hall.

Related events on the memorial weekend will be posted on the Valhalla Wilderness Society's website www.vws.org and in the VWS office window on main street in New Denver.

Those who wish to contribute food for the luncheons, please contact Shelley Pentland (358-2756). Those who can billet out-of-town guests, please contact Lorna Visser (358-2722).

In lieu of flowers, by Colleen's request, donations may be made to the Valhalla Wilderness Society at Box 329, New Denver, B.C. V0G 1S0.

Nakusp hosts another fun-filled August long weekend

by Jan McMurray

Looking for some great family fun on the August long weekend? Nakusp would be the place to go.

The 21st annual Slo-pitch summer splash tournament happens all weekend at the ball diamonds, with 25 teams vying for cash prizes. First place takes $1,500; second takes $1,000; and third and fourth each take $750. The tournament begins Friday night, with the final game on Monday at 3 pm. There will also be a Home Run Derby, and a Bavarian Garden on site throughout the weekend.

The ever popular **Build, Bail and Sail** event organized and sponsored by Loma Lumber is on for Sunday at the public beach. Teams of two build their own boats and paddles with up to $75 worth of materials they've chosen from Loma Lumber, at no charge. The materials are dropped off at the beach on Sunday morning, and the building begins at 9 am. Teams must supply their own tools (cordless power tools acceptable), a bailing bucket and life jackets. The race is on at 1 pm. As if it's not a challenge enough to keep the boats afloat, team members have to switch positions halfway through! The minimum age is 15, and there will be a ladies category if there are enough entries. Call 265-3681 or visit www.lomalumber.com for more info.

Boats are not the only things being built on the beach on Sunday morning. Sandcastles and other sand creations will also be sculpted at the second annual **Sandcastle Contest**. To register, be at the beach with your tools and buckets at 8:30 am, when building sites will be chosen. Entry is free and open to all. There will be ribbons for the winners, and a trophy for the People's Choice winner. Hone your sand scultping skills at a **Sand Sculpting Workshop** with Winlaw's David Ducharme, who is a member of the Canadian Sand Sculpture Team, on Saturday, August 4 from 1-3 pm at the Nakusp public beach. Registration for the workshop is free, and can be done on location starting at noon, or by calling Beth at 265-0024. The number of participants will be limited.

Classic Cars and Country Music is back this year! Bands will start playing at the gazebo in the park at noon on Sunday, and the streets around the park will be lined with show cars. Registration is free, can be done on site, and there will be lots of prizes. Nakusp local band *Switchback* will host the show. Call Joe Williams at 265-4138 for more information.

There will be lots of food at the park concession on Sunday. A **pancake breakfast**, featuring blueberry pancakes with sausage and bacon, will be served 8-11 am by the folks from Robertson Memorial United Church. After that, the **Nakusp Rotary Club** serves hot dogs, hamburgers and other refreshments until 4 pm.

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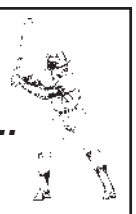

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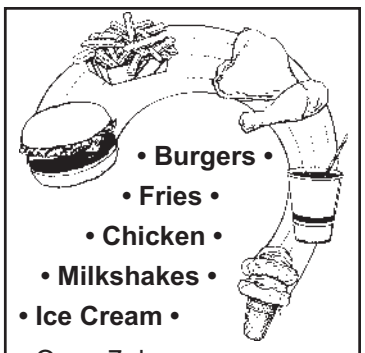

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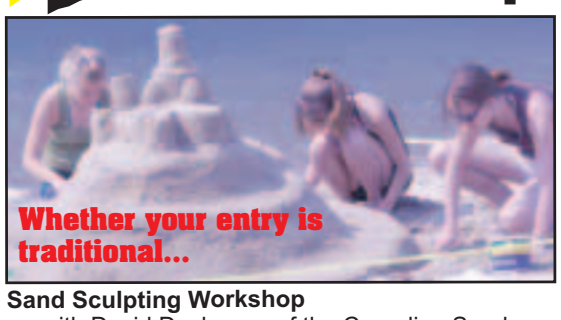

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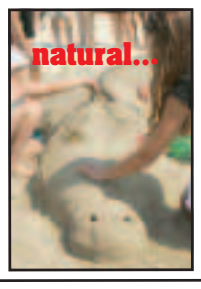

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Kaslo Jazz Etc. Festival celebrates 16th year with eclectic lineup

by Art Joyce

Music festivals seem to be sprouting across BC like roadside fireweed, but few of them have either the long track record or the spectacular setting of the Kaslo Jazz Festival. This will be the 16th year gorgeous Kaslo Bay will host the festival from August 3-5, and promises one of the most eclectic musical programs yet.

The 'etcetera' in the festival's name is key – there's something for almost everyone. If you're a hardcore jazz purist, you'll be enthralled by master bassist David Friesen, BC's own Jensen Five, and the up-and-coming student group from LV Rogers High School in Nelson, the Monday Night Jazz Band. Latin jazz enthusiasts – of whom there seem to be more and more these days – will do the hip-groove to the sounds of Rumba Calzada. For those who prefer their jazz drenched with shake-your-booty soul, check out some of the locals – Sarah McGlynn and the Rich Rabnett Quartet and Nelson-based perennial favourites What It Is. If you're looking for something more intricate and ethereal, try the jazz fusion of master musicians Swing En 4 from Costa Rica or Hungary's Djabe. Enjoy the old-time feelgood of big band jazz. Listen to the Vancouver Ensemble of Jazz Improvisation (VEJI) treat the genre with both respect and innovation. World music fans will enjoy the funk-reggae tinged groove of Mexico's Rastrillos, or the blues-roots stylings of singer Ndidi Onukwulu and Madagascar Slim. Rastrillos will also be the host band for the all ages dance Saturday evening at the Kaslo Legion Hall. Kaslo stalwarts Tom and Jerry will open for the festival Friday evening along with Big Bad Blu, featuring Nelson vocalist Simone Varey.

Kaslo Jazzfest offers a spectacular view, hot musical licks and a floating stage.

This year's headliner Bruce Cockburn needs no introduction to anyone of Canadian pedigree. Cockburn's 37-year career has produced 26 albums of finely crafted music that succeeds on both a lyrical and melodic level. Far more than merely an entertainer, Cockburn's humanitarian sensibility has taken him to the world's war zones, from Nicaragua to Iraq, resulting in eyewitness songs that aim to awaken global conscience. Cockburn will highlight the Saturday evening program.

American legend Blind Boys of Alabama were first formed at the Alabama Institute for the Negro Blind in 1939. Founding members Clarence Fountain and Jimmy Carter are joined by younger singers to bring their unique brand of soulful gospel music to Kootenaians. The Blind Boys have collaborated with Peter Gabriel and Ben Harper and were featured on the *Oh Brother! Where Art Thou?* film soundtrack. Wait for it – they'll be bringing the festival home on Sunday night.

Childrens' performer Mythmaker will be on-site all weekend, while adults will enjoy the beer garden and vendors. Mythmaker uses tribal and cultural myth to teach connection to nature and ancestry with costumed stilt-walkers and fire-dancers. The festival is aiming to be a zero waste site this year so please use the recycling stations or pack out whatever you pack in.

This year's Friday free stage will take place on the festival grounds rather than downtown. And once again, as at every Kaslo Jazz Festival so far, the ever exciting Spokane band Eh Trane, led by sax player Gary Edighoffer, will host the jazz jam at Fisherman's Tale Pub at Kaslo Bay Resort all three nights from 9 pm to 1 am. Eh Trane will be joined by many of the festival musicians. There will also be other musicians playing at downtown businesses throughout the weekend.

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Whatshan Kids' Fishing Derby gets big results from little people

submitted by Nina Ewings

The results are in for the 12th Annual John Maloff Memorial Kids' Whatshan Lake Fish Derby. There were 78 children registered this year in five categories: ages 0-4, ages 5/6, ages 7-9, ages 10-12, and ages 13-15. The 25 cent registration fee came with a free hot dog and beverage. Those under 5 registered for free. A total of 1,971 coarse fish – suckers, northern pikeminnow (squawfish) and other whitefish – were counted. The largest fish weighed 2 pounds 1.5 ounces and was caught by Jerry Antosh. Any fish under 6 inches was not counted.

Winners were as follows: ages 0-4: first prize Liam Coates (53 fish). Ages 5/6: first prize Gabriel Zarr (201 fish). Ages 7-9: first prize Isiah Zarr (231 fish). Ages 10-12: first prize Isaac Giffen (78 fish). Ages 13-15: first prize James Hockman (424 fish).

Every child that entered received a prize, thanks to the generous sponsors. There was a draw with kids' names on the tickets. Winners of brand new bikes were Mitchell Detta, Brooklyn Mackenzie and Thor Enge.

A big thank you to the following sponsors who donated cash and/or prizes and made the derby possible: Arrow Lakes News, Barton Insurance, Mike and Rose Bilinski, CIBC (Nakusp), Crescent Bay Construction, Pope & Talbot, J & S Snacks, Fauquier Community Club, Wilf Hewat, Kootenay Savings Credit Union, Kal Tire (Nakusp), Dr. Norman Lea, Loma Lumber, NAPA (Nakusp), Lower Arrow Lakes Conservation Association, Nakusp General Store, Nakusp Esso, Overwaitea (Nakusp), Captain Jack's Sports, RDCK, Selkirk Realty, Nakusp Shell, KenKraft, Fauquier Senior Citizens, Hestar Farms, G L & T Logging, Edgewood General Store, Fisher's Hardware, WalMart (Vernon), and Columbia Basin Trust.

A big thank you to all the kids who entered and their parents or guardians, as well as the volunteers who organized the derby.

Roca Mine brings in drilling crews to explore Trout Lake mine site

by Art Joyce

Roca Mines has brought in diamond drilling team Hy-Tech Drilling Ltd. of Smithers to explore its Trout Lake molybdenum mine site for further prospects. The crew will take core samples in three locations at a depth of 700 - 1,500 metres. Exploration is likely to be completed by late August or early September. The company recently built a second construction camp to house staff and contractors.

Roca spokesperson Doug Fosbrooke says Roca hopes to have everything on-site ready to "turn over" for full production by the end of August. The mine capacity will be 1,000 metric tonnes per day, as stipulated in its permit. In the first couple of years the mine will produce 280,000 tonnes of raw ore from a deposit estimated to be 43 million tonnes.

Meanwhile a long hole drill for production is on-site and beginning to drill for blast holes. Roca will take advantage of past exploration done by Esso Minerals and Newmont Mines in the late 1970s and early '80s which established some drill stations and crosscuts underground. All the pieces must be in place, with power and plumbing connected, for production to begin.

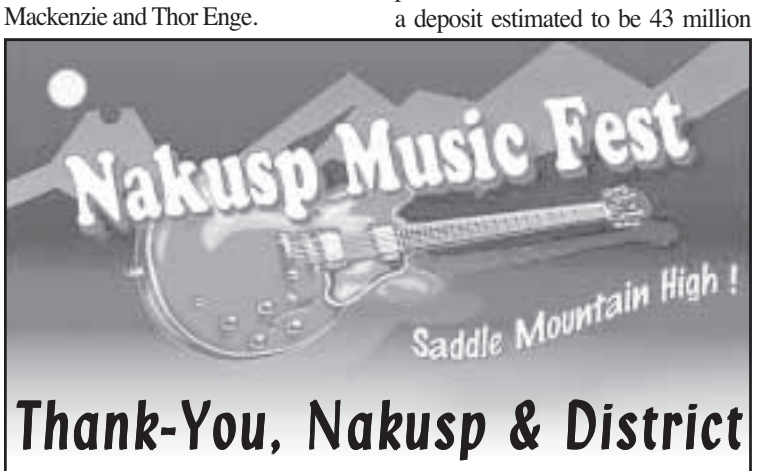
"Because Roca's footprint at the site is limited we have no room to stockpile ore on the site," says Fosbrooke.

The steel framework for the crushing mill is in place and in the process of being finished with metal cladding. All of the heavy equipment – crushers, feeders, primary grinding mills, regrind mill and thickener tanks — have been installed and are being wired to electrical controls. Galleries between the various buildings are being completed prior to the installation of conveyors. There will be three new diesel generator sets on-site, each with a 1,000 kilowatt capacity.

After producing and stockpiling crushed borrow and rockfill materials for the past four months, construction of the main (south) tailings dam is now underway. Starter dam elevations will be completed prior to production, with the ultimate dam height reached by early fall.

Phase 2 of the development – a second parallel tunnel to the deposit – is well underway. The second access will immediately improve ventilation and lower operating costs of the underground mine. The tunnels will also provide primary access for long-term development and planned expansion phases of the MAX Mine. The company has also acquired an additional ball mill, currently located in Spokane, Washington, for future expansion of the mill's grinding circuit.

Roca will use a flotation process in its mill to create molybdenite, a concentrate that is the precursor to the refined product known as molybdenum. The molybdenite will be shipped to a buyer in the UK. Molybdenum currently trades at about US $33/lb and is a key alloy in the manufacture of stainless and specialty steels, including pipelines and other energy-related steel infrastructure.



Thank-You, Nakusp & District

The Nakusp Roots Music Society has completed another successful Music Fest – the 4th Annual Saddle Mountain High, a true Summer Blast!

Time has come again to remember the many supporters who gave us encouragement and helped us with the production of the show. The biggest THANK YOU must go to the approximately 300 volunteers who invested their time to assure a smooth sailing; without you we could not put on the calibre of show we do.

A special recognition to our 55 corporate sponsors who believe in our project and put their name and money on the line by investing in our future. Thank you all so much!

All contributions were absolutely necessary to guarantee the successful outcome of this phenomenal show. This years production cost was almost $830,000.00. The Nakusp Music Fest has meanwhile become the biggest, most successful and most recognized Rock Festival in Western Canada and was ranked amongst the Top 10 open air festivals in North America.

Thanks go to our mayor Karen Hamling and all councillors who always believed in us and supported us all along. A special thank you to all Village staff, all the arena staff especially Mgr. Jason Chernoff, Richard Cann, 'Gator' Al; the Nakusp and Area Development Board, RDCK Director Paul Peterson, School District # 10 especially Pattie Adam,Gary Grout and Walter Poznikoff and the bus drivers. Thanks to the Arrow & Slocan Lake Community Services for providing us with a shuttle bus service.

Thanks to all the essential emergency units for their assistance:

The local RCMP, especially acting Corporal Doug Robinson, Constables Tim McDonald and Brendan Buliziuk,and the other RCMP members who came in to help assure a safe and good time was had by all, the Nakusp Volunteer Fire Department and the Ambulance Service.

Much assistance was provided by Steve Marks of OnTheMarks who produced all of our official merchandise, Bob Cliff of Tamarack Signs and our driver and sweeper Richard (The Hammer) Fahlman.

Last but surely not least, I express my sincere appreciation and admiration to our dedicated team which worked so hard and tirelessly for the last 12 months to make this project become a reality. We mastered all extreme challenges professionally and with pride. The many praises we have received from the musicians, professionals and our guests is the reward for the hard work we put in.

Our team is: Greg Craine-President; Dawn Devlin-Vice President; Sandi Scott-Secretary; Milton Parent-Treasurer; Wulf Mense-Director, Linda Henke-Director, Donna Rebman-Director; Bianca Neidhardt, Rose Parent, Colleen Matchett, Susan Gustafson, our Emcee Bill Johnston, Val Scott, Nancy Bone and Alan Niquidet.

A special appreciation goes to our administrator and producer Willi Jahnke of Octopus Music and his executive assistant Nadine Guthrie, Production Coordinator Michele Williams and our outstanding office staff Jaimie Rae Masson, Kelly Settle, and Bonnie Tourand. You all did an incredible job! Thanks to Cassia Parent who managed our backstage superbly.

An absolutely amazing job was done by our Green Team – The United Church of Nakusp. Thanks also to the Grads of 2008 and their families and the other parents who helped us with tear down and mopping up on Monday, your hard work was truly appreciated.

Thanks to the people of Nakusp and our business community for their great hospitality.

There are many more who helped us before and during the show, we truly appreciate your involvement. Forgive me if I forgot to mention your name.

See you all July 18 - 20 of 2008 for the 5th Annual Summer Blast - Saddle Mountain High. We have already started planning our next show.

We can promise you that the 2008 show will exceed any expectations you may have!

See you at the fest——
Greg Craine
President, Nakusp Roots Music Society

PALS offers spay/neuter program for local pet owners

submitted

PALS (Protecting Animal Life Society), with the assistance of a grant from the Nakusp and Area Community Foundation, is once again offering financial assistance for a limited number of pet spay/neuter procedures. The eligible communities include Silverton, New Denver, Hills, Trout Lake, Nakusp, Burton, Fauquier and Edgewood

This project will cover 75% of the cost to spay or neuter a pet. The remaining 25% is the pet owner's responsibility. All the procedures will be done at the Nakusp Veterinary Clinic.

The Spay Neuter Awareness Project begins August 1 and is offering the available spaces to pet owners on a first come first served basis. To apply, call PALS at 265-3792 and leave your name, phone number, date/time and type of pet (cat/dog - male/female).

A PALS representative will notify you of space availability and will provide you with the necessary information on how to proceed. The deadline for applying is September 1.

Every attempt will be made to have all procedures completed by October 31. This will be dependent on available clinic time as well as individual pet health information.

PALS's goal is to reach as many un-spayed and un-neutered pets as possible in an effort to reduce the spread of disease as well as the numbers of unwanted, abandoned, and stray animals in the communities.

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Music Fest weekend busy but manageable for RCMP

by Jan McMurray

Although the Music Festival weekend was busy for the RCMP, the Nakusp detachment reports that "it went well."

"All in all, the event was well managed, considering that there were 5,200 people there each day, plus the people who live here," said Constable Tim MacDonald. A news release issued by the detachment adds, "The Nakusp RCMP would like to congratulate both the organizers of the event and the Village of Nakusp for a well organized family event."

Over the weekend, 18 people were arrested, primarily for liquor related offences. Seventeen of those arrested were lodged into cells at the Nakusp detachment and "spent at least one night of free lodging, at the taxpayers' expense," notes the news release. Four criminal code charges were laid. Two of these were for impaired driving. Two 24-hour suspensions were also issued. Police wrote up 55 tickets for liquor related offences such as "Consumption in Public" and laid 42 charges for other infractions, mostly under the Motor Vehicle Act, such as "No Seat Belts" and "Speeding."

Constable MacDonald confirmed that two men were tazered at the festival, but would make no further comment as "that is before the courts."

Extra police from other detachments were brought in for the weekend.

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On Sunday, August 12, riders will leave at 9 am from the top of the Rosebery hill to battle for 75 kilometres in a triple-point road race. The road race offers an opportunity to follow in your car, watching the race develop from various points along the scenic route.

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Kaslo council, July 24: Councillor Vass censured for his actions at skatepark opening

by Jan McMurray

•Council received 14 letters from local residents, business owners and organizations expressing disapproval of Councillor Vass's actions at the grand opening of the skatepark. Vass was the Village representative at the event; however, acting on his own accord, he distributed a card naming "people and businesses that fought to kill this park." Jim Archer, Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce president, attended as a delegation and read aloud the letter submitted by the Chamber on the issue. "We all feel that council should immediately censure Councillor Vass for his actions and consider that a suspension is in order...furthermore believe that a public apology should be made to all persons mentioned on the card," states the letter. In some of the other letters, there were calls for his resignation from council.

Councillor Vass apologized for his actions, and stated that a further apology would be forthcoming.

Council voted to make a public notice that council had no prior knowledge of Vass's intentions, and does not support his opinions. Council also censured Vass for his actions.

•On behalf of council, Village lawyer Lorena Staples has sent an email to Charles Chan from the provincial government regarding the Kaslo provincial building. She asks for an extension of at least six months to finalize the deal, to give the Village time to complete its due diligence. She also asks for the re-structuring of the lease so that the Village would commit to doing only absolutely necessary repairs and tenants would be required to leave the premises in good repair. She informs Chan that the business case the Village had done by a professional concludes that the Province's share of the operating costs of the building should be 50% of the total occupancy costs, and that the tenants should agree to take care of their own janitorial service. Finally, she asks if the Province would agree to make the necessary repairs to the building before the completion of the sale or to deduct the cost of the repairs from the purchase price, as is standard in such transactions.

•Council decided to send the executive summary of the Dillon Environmental Report on the provincial building to Staples and Company for review and comment. Golder Associates will be engaged to review the Dillon reports for a cost of $2,500, in case Staples feels the Dillon reports are insufficient.

•Council received a copy of a letter to Anne Malik and Linda Cole from the Deputy Inspector of Municipalities in response to the two Kaslo residents' letter of June 29 regarding the public process involved in the purchase of the provincial government building. The reply from the government explains that the only requirement for elector assent in this case was to authorize the borrowing of up to $122,200 for the purchase of the building. It states that the leasing of the building does not require elector assent, as it is considered as disposal of property, which is not generally interpreted as incurring a liability for the municipality.

•John Eckland from Kaslo Hotel, together with Randy Morse and John Addison of the Spirit Square group, will attend the August 1 Planning and Development committee meeting as a delegation. They will discuss the design of the property line between the bowling green and the hotel and the future development of Water Street.

•Council received a reply to its letter asking the Province to recognize Kaslo as a community impacted by the Kootenay Canal hydro plant and therefore eligible for BC Hydro grants in lieu of taxes. The reply from the Minister of Finance states that the pondage at the Kootenay Canal facility is mostly created by FortisBC's Corra Linn plant. It also says that the Kootenay system is operated based on International Joint Commission orders that existed prior to the Kootenay Canal plant being built. It says the Duncan and Libby dams have lessened the fluctuation of water levels on the lake, and points out that at their highest, water levels on Kootenay Lake are not caused by storage, but rather by the Grohman Narrows. It also notes that the ministry has advised that the RDCK board could redirect some portion of the Kootenay Canal grant it receives to services that would benefit Kaslo. Council voted to respond, advising that Kaslo's interest is not specifically Kootenay Canal, but the combined effects of all hydro operations on Kootenay Lake.

•Mayor Holland and Councillors Hewat, Jones and Leathwood were authorized to register for the Union of BC Municipalities conference in Vancouver September 24-28. Meetings will be scheduled during the conference with the Minister of Finance regarding hydro grants in lieu, and with the Minister of Community Services regarding the residential rebate program. MLA Corky Evans will be invited to attend both those meetings as well, and New Denver representatives will be invited to attend the meeting with the Minister of Community Services on the concept of a municipal homeowner grant and resident tax rebate. Council agreed to meet with the Minister of Transportation jointly with representatives from New Denver.

•On the request of Area D Director Andy Shadrack, the RDCK sent the Village an outline of actions needed to be taken on three items that Area D and the Village are working together on. Shadrack feels that progress on these items must go faster in order to tax for them in 2008. The three items are: the parks and recreation service review and expansion to include Ainsworth Wharf and the Kaslo River Trail; the fire service expansion (Fletcher Creek / Coffee Creek to Schroeder Creek); the McDonald Creek water contract.

•Peak Earth and Environmental Consulting Inc. submitted its report on the City Hall building that states: "No asbestos-containing building materials were identified remaining in this facility as asbestos floor sheeting was being removed during this assessment." The company did the site survey on May 19 and submitted the report on July 18.

•Bylaw 1038 will be amended to reflect an outdoor burning period of April 15-May 15 and October 1-31.

•A three-way stop will be set up at the intersection of Front St. & Third Ave.

•Staff was directed to undertake a review of water system rates in BC.

•The owner of the liquor store will be advised that council is re-evaluating Water Street parking and may eliminate the liquor store "no parking" zone.

•A genset will be purchased for the water treatment plant for a cost not to exceed $32,000.

•When the sidewalk on 4th St. adjacent to Kaslo Drugs is being replaced, a handicapped parking space will be installed on 4th St., at the corner of Front St.

•The CAO was authorized to contribute a maximum of $250 to campground security during Jazz Fest weekend.

•Berg Naqvi will be requested to provide a detailed accounting for their invoice of $7,632. Council had authorized only $2,500 to reconcile bank statements. CAO Rae Sawyer advised that the accountants had also worked on a payroll spreadsheet, other balance sheet accounts, and had done opening entries on the new software.

Kaslo Community Forest to start logging again

by Jan McMurray

After almost a year of no logging activity, the Kaslo and District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) has offered contracts for the road building and harvesting of two cutblocks. Local Kaslo company, CJ Contracting, has been offered the road building job at Shutty Bench, and Porcupine Wood Products out of Salmo has been offered the harvesting job for CP13 (Shutty Bench) and CP10 (above the airport).

Don Scarlett, board member, reported that contracts have not yet been written, but the board hopes work will get underway as soon as possible. He reported that stumpage had increased significantly as of July 1, but "it still looks like we can make some profit" on the recently awarded contracts.

Scarlett explained that when KDCFS receives its probationary community forest agreement (PCFA), it will have to pay only 15% of the full stumpage rate.

He said the recommendations from the ministry have been incorporated into the PCFA draft application. As per the resolution passed at the most recent AGM, the draft will be available for public comment during the month of August, with an open house near the end of the month at the society office in the provincial building. After the public comment period, the board has three weeks to finalize the document and send it in to the ministry.

At the July 11 board meeting, Dave Russell's resignation was accepted. Russell was the RDCK appointee. Director Andy Shadrack said he would likely choose Russell's replacement through an interview process with a committee. He said Russell was newly married and resigned because he could no longer make the time commitment.

Scarlett reported that the board was accepting expressions of interest until August 1 to fill the seat that has been vacant since the AGM.

Grants of over $12,000 made to Kaslo area community groups

submitted

$12,979 in grants were presented by the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake to Kaslo area community groups and individuals at its AGM, June 1, at the Langham Theatre.

With the help of a $1,000 Lead Grant from the Vancouver Foundation, the Community Fund was able to make grants of $8,633 to 11 Kaslo and area organizations. In addition there was $4,346 from the McKinnon Family fund which was distributed to the Kaslo Library, the Kaslo Victorian Hospital, and bursaries to JVH graduates Joe Wood and Chris Orr.

The 2007 grant recipients were: Kootenay Lake Independent School Society – $500 for the construction of new activity tables. Lardeau Valley Historical Society – $750 for the Bringing History Home project. Langham Cultural Centre – $1,083 towards a new sprinkler system. OPTions for Sexual Health – $300 for book and resource purchases. North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society – $900 to establish a Kaslo E-Link network. Kaslo & Area Hospice – $800 for updating information services. Kootenay Kids Society – $900 for updating and renewing pregnancy resource library. Kootenay Lake Historical Society – $1,000 for data entry of descriptions of archival photographs. Kaslo & Area Youth Council – $1,000 toward Phase II Landscaping for the Skatepark. RDCK Area D – $900 towards sending area youth to summer camp. Kaslo Concert Society – $500 towards the 2008 Jack McDowall Memorial Concert.

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Kaslo & District Community Forest Society Hires Management Team

The Board of Directors of the Kaslo & District Community Forest Society has hired a new management team for operational and forest management.

The management team in co-operation with the Board of Directors, intends to focus on enhancing benefits to the community through:
- integrated use of all natural resources of the community forest license area
- revenue for the community through optimal log marketing & efficient operations
- local employment opportunities, forestry-related education & skills training
- opportunities for Society & Kaslo community to participate in activities on license area.

Members of the forest management team include
Richard Marchand, RPF
Dave Karassowitsch, RPF
Rainer Muenter, RPF
Maureen Muenter, Administrative staff.

The management team is dedicated to developing a fully compliant safety system in accordance with enhanced WorkSafe BC safety requirements, and will be participating in the WorkSafe BC certification training program.

Regular forestry operations have resumed, and the Community Forest application for a Probationary Community Forest Agreement (PCFA) is ongoing. The KDCFS Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) will be advertised soon.

The forest management team will be working out of the Kaslo & District Community Forest office in the former Provincial Government Building in Kaslo

Telephone Contact No. 250-353-9677 Fax 250-353-9678
eMail: forestmanager@kaslocommunityforest.org.

The forest management team welcomes the community to contact them or drop by the KDCFS office for more information on the forest management activities.

Get Outta Town!

with Peter Roulston

Along the Bonanza Creek Trail

During the summer tourist season I often get asked how the rail trail to Summit Lake is and if, for example, loaded touring bikes can travel that route to avoid highway traffic. The rail grade parallels the highway and remains mostly beside Bonanza Creek, a distance of about 12 kilometres with a descent of some 250 metres in elevation.

I was pretty sure that the rail trail is usable but figured I'd better scope it out in case I was giving anyone false hopes. This segment of the rail grade is not part of the Galena Trail and may be used by anyone driving anything, though I met just one person walking it in Hills. As far as touring riders with gear or first time visitors to the valley though, Highway 6 is a great ride with little traffic, albeit kinda narrow, and offers broader views.

Driving north from New Denver I parked the truck at the pullout where Bonanza Road goes down off the highway at the south edge of Hills, the north end of Slocan Lake. It took me 45 minutes to pedal up the highway to the Bonanza Creek crossing at the south end of Summit Lake. This stretch is in good condition thanks to semi-regular motorized traffic keeping things packed down.

Anyway, to get back to the start of this loop you turn left before the crossing and take the muddy and alder choked trail along the creekside, which quickly gets better, so you can click up a couple gears and relax into the ride. After a few hundred metres you can stop at the concrete weir that was built in 1985 to prevent coarse fish from sneaking back into Summit Lake after it was poisoned and restocked in 1986. From here to Hills the trail is pretty good and kept open largely by the efforts and impacts of four wheeler riders.

I feel that this route from Rosebery to Nakusp needs to remain multi-use because the brush gets so awful and the ongoing effect of motorized traffic and people cutting firewood helps to keep it open. It'll be an awfully long time before these trails ever get crowded and in the meantime all trails suffer from neglect and weather events. The small local population of recreationists can help keep these trails usable for us all.

This is a really beautiful route and takes you near the base of Big Sister and Rugged Peak and Grizzly Meadows which tower to the west as you proceed south. Every year there are local bears roaming through here though I saw no signs last week. I keep my bear spray and also my hand-held boat horn handy in holsters on my bicycle handlebars.

Approaching Hills there are a couple of long flat sections and a couple of old meadows. At Hunter Siding a meadow on the left merges into an old road that can get you out to the highway past some residences. Farther along the trail becomes distinctly better where it is well kept by locals to allow for groomed ski trails that are track set by the Hills Recreation Society. Near the gravel pit the grade was cut right down to allow removal of a culvert draining Cadden Creek and after busting through there you soon emerge at the Bonanza Road crossing and can return to where you had parked.

Riding further will take you past Bonanza marsh and the private Leontowitz property and then you can ride the scenic but in places very brushy route along the lakeshore right to Rosebery, where you will again have to be considerate of private landowners. This entire loop ride is easy, family calibre riding and can take three or four hours. Take water, bike gear, bear gear, camera, lunch and such and enjoy this ride. Although on the map you may seem close to the highway, you really aren't and most of the time it'll be just you, your companions, and the winding course of Bonanza Creek.

Peter Roulston owns the Bicycle Hospital in New Denver and enjoys local riding, on and off road. 358-2133.

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with Jamie Barber

Penelope and I rose early Sunday morning so we could peruse the stalls at the main street antique fair recently held in New Denver. I just missed an original copy of the Ledge for $5, but was able to scoop up a pristine California Highway Patrol motorcycle helmet for a mere $30. I am convinced this helmet will immeasurably improve my image while riding my 38-year-old Harley Electro Glide.

One of the things that immediately strikes the observer, is how flimsy an antique helmet is compared to that of its modern counterpart. The shell is of thin fiberglass lined with about 3/8 inch of Styrofoam. There is a suspension lining that is a mixture of string and cotton webbing. While the helmet may be a slight improvement over the beanie I often wear, it is light years behind a modern full-face helmet with its construction of polycarbonate fiber and dense, impact-absorbing lining.

It's details like these that might lead the uninitiated to believe that the sport of motorcycling is getting safer. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the old adage that 75% of all motorcycle accidents are the other guys' fault, now rings hollow. The latest statistics from Ontario show that in over 50% of motorcycle accidents, the bikers themselves are at fault. It would be nice to believe that motorists are becoming more cautious of bikes, but I fear that the opposite is actually the case – the motorcyclists are becoming the authors of their own obituaries.

There are many reasons for this, not least the fact that many motorcyclists are what we term re-entry bikers - those that owned a small motorcycle when they were young and now go out and purchase a bike bigger than their capabilities. Their skills are often marginal and their reflexes too slow to meet the demands of heavy traffic volumes and higher speeds than they are used to. Now don't get me wrong. I am not suggesting that just because you are getting on in years, you aren't capable of piloting a bike. I like to cite the positive example of my old friend Walt Healy, (now deceased from natural causes, I might add), who rode his bike from Alberta to Columbia at the venerable age of 82. The difference is that Walt was a life-long, diehard biker who put more miles in the saddle than any 3 other bikers put together. He may have been old, but his reflexes worked better at 80 than most bikers do at 40.

The other factor in the climbing accident rate is the fact that bikes are much faster today than they ever were 40 years ago. Your modern street bike is capable of much faster speeds today than was the case with the fastest race bikes of the '70s. Most riders won't admit it, but even small sport bikes are way more capable than all but the most proficient riders these days. Riding a bike that is beyond your capability as a rider is a quick way to get into trouble, and so we see escalating accident rates. The problem is that buying a small bike that suits your capabilities is just not as exciting as purchasing that big bruiser that will make you look important in the group.

Anyway, the summer is for fun and we are just getting ready for a motorcycle trip out to the coast at Bella Coola, down to the island, and back along the Sunshine Coast and the Duffy Lake road. I'm taking along my new California Highway Patrol helmet, but I hope I won't have to put its structural integrity to the test.

Cool Eateries of the West Kootenays

with Andrew Rhodes

Guinness-infused cheddar cheese in Nakusp

Hello all you food fans. Here's the latest.

Judy Hatt, her son-in-law David, and David's wife Stefanie (Judy's daughter) have moved to Nakusp and taken over the restaurant and bar formerly known as Picardo's and Wylie's and turned them into Chumley's and the Three Lions Pub – two new and inviting establishments in downtown Nakusp. It's all good news!

These fine and friendly folks bring a world of experience in the restaurant biz with them. They are indeed 'restaurant people.' Judy has been in the biz for 14 years, during which she owned and operated a chain of four Chumley's Fish & Chips places in Penticton, Vernon and Kelowna. David has 13 years experience in the 'food distribution' side of the industry, supplying restaurants with food, equipment, pop and 'everything else' restaurants need. He understands the biz. His wife Stefanie has worked in many fine dining establishments in places like Banff and Lake Okanagan Resort. After selling food and equipment to Judy for years, David met her daughter and married her. Now all three have joined forces, relocated from Kelowna to Nakusp, and are the new owners and staff of the Three Lions Pub and Chumley's – located next to each other in the heart of Nakusp.

They are all happy to have left Kelowna behind. They are a family business that is, as Judy says, "here to stay." They also brought chef Mike Gibbling with them from the Okanagan. He brings over 20 years experience to the mix. These folks are very happy to be in this part of the world, and their two new establishments have taken off. They've been open less than a month and they're already experiencing line-ups of customers anxious to enjoy their food and service. Judy says: "People love to eat, and if the food and service are good, and folks are happy when they leave, they'll come back. That's why we serve only the very highest quality food."

The Three Lions Pub has a relaxed English feel with couches and a fireplace, dart board, and a large and fantastic B&W print of the Beatles that I've never seen before. Next door, Chumley's has a very open and bright feel. It's easy to feel good in both places. Three Lions Pub seats 86 inside and 32 on the deck. Chumley's seats 35 inside and 20 on the patio. 173 seats all together. Wow. They often feature live entertainment. David says: "Things are going extremely well. We're very happy!"

Their food is fantastic. I ate there last week. Judy reduced my menu stress by insisting that I have the NY Steak, preceded by some fantastic Halibut and Chips. The Halibut is from the Bering Straight (cold water means better fish!) and it was delicious. The batter is from a secret family recipe. It was light, crunchy and scrumptious – and that's the truth. The NY Steak is Certified Angus Beef – the best you can buy. It comes with fresh seasonal veggies and choice of garlic mashed potatoes or rice. I had the garlic mashed. Heavenly. And the steak – I asked Mike to cook it rare – was juicy and nothing short of succulent. I kid you not!

Other appies include Mini Yorkshire Puddings, Calamari, Nachos, Quesadillas, Roasted Garlic and Brie (oh yes) and more. Entrees? How about Homemade Shepherd's Pie with 'Guinness-infused cheddar.' There's also their Famous Fish & Chips, Penne Alfredo, Ultimate BBQ Ribs and, of course, the NY Steak.

Yes, food fans, there are burgers. Top of the list is the Lion Burger, also with Guinness-infused Cheddar. (How do they make that?) Other burgers: Classic, Chicken, Fish, and Veggie.

Soups and salads abound, and there is a list of classic sandwiches. Side orders? Try the 'Mushy Peas' (very English), Sauteed Prawns, Sauteed Shrooms and several more treats.

I loved my meal, and I admire Judy, David, Stefanie and Mike for what they've brought to Nakusp. They're great folks who aim to please their customers and know how to do it. I'll be going back soon for the Homemade Shepherd's Pie and some laughs with Judy and the gang.

My advice? Go there!

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Thank you so very much to everyone for your kind concern and caring thoughts. I'm fine now – good for another 20 years. The helicopter ride over the Valhallas was awe-inspiring. Not so much the flat line on the heart monitor.

-Lorna Obermayr

COMING EVENTS

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VANCOUVER MUSICIAN ANNA B. and her partner play at the Hidden Garden Gallery Friday August 3 at 7:30 pm. They play a mix of guitar, percussion and vocals on latin, jazz and alt. country tunes. Anna's album *Heartbones* attracted musicians from Sarah McLachlan, Mae Moore and Michael Kaeshammer's bands — very high praise. Don't miss it.

SANDON MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE - Monday August 6. Come enjoy, free admission, refreshments, and live music at the Sandon Historical Society Museum's 2007 open house. Bring the whole family!

YOGA - There will be no yoga at the Domes for the month of August. Yoga will resume September 6, Thursday. The community is welcome to join morning yoga classes at the Domes during a retreat from August 26th to August 31st from 8-9:30 am.

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OBITUARY

Zane Gregory Kushniryk, 1942 -2007

On Wed. July 18, 2007, at the Arrow Lakes Hospital, with his wife by his side, Zane quietly passed on to his next journey.

After first moving to BC in 1979, and after many roads travelled, the community of Fauquier was where he finally chose to set roots, call home and with Marney, in 2001, established the business he loved, An Inn for Two.

In passing, Zane will be dearly missed by his wife, partner and best friend, Marney, his brother Walter and partner Susan, his loving aunts, his father- and mother-in-law, Doug and Audrey Delaney, sister and brother-in-law Nancy and Brett Porth, as well as extended family members and many cherished friends.

Special thanks are extended to Dr. Kelland for her appreciated and wonderful care that was given to Zane over the last few months; to nurses Chris, Jennifer, Karolina and Lee for the kindness and compassion in his final days and to the community of Fauquier who from the beginning, was there for us, every step of the way.

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International Honda VTX riders take over New Denver for the last weekend of July

by Jan McMurray

New Denver was taken over by a group of more than 100 motorcyclists on 72 motorcycles July 26-29, and everyone was more than happy about it.

"We've got your town booked," said Maurice Dutchak, whose biker name is 'Joe Racket.'

Had they ever. They had booked just about every bed in town – the Valhalla Inn, Villa Dome Quixote, the Glacier View Cabins and Sweet Dreams Bed and Breakfast were full of them. The Valhalla Inn set up a buffet for breakfast and dinner for the duration of their stay.

The group, called the Canadian X-Riders, is internet based and is "a fun-loving, law-abiding, wonderful group of people," according to Carol-Ann, Dutchak's wife. They are of all ages, and from all walks of life.

The website was launched in 2001 as a place for Honda VTX riders to meet. "But we welcome others with open arms," explained Dutchak. "It very quickly moved to friendship rather than what you ride."

This is their third annual get-together and is by far the biggest yet. In 2005, the first event was held in Winnipeg and was attended by about 30 riders. The second, last year, was in Wassaga Beach, Ontario, and about 50 riders showed.

"This will be the first time in Canada that this many VTX owners have gathered together to meet. The meet in New Denver will also be recognized as the first international VTX meet as we have X-Riders from the USA who have confirmed their attendance," said Prince George member Scott Cudney in the online *Motorcycle Mojo Magazine* before the event.

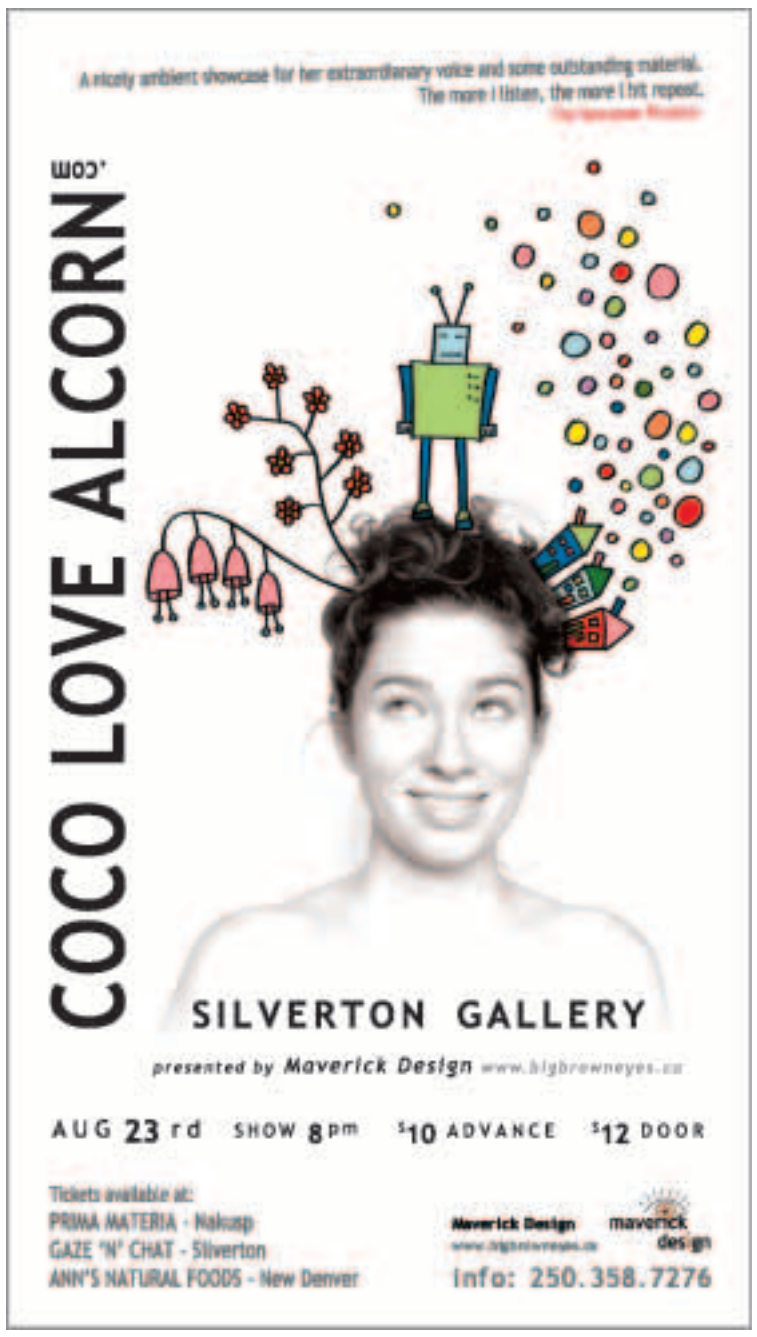
More than 100 people came to New Denver at the end of July to participate in the Canadian X-Riders' third annual event, 'Rocky Mountain High.'

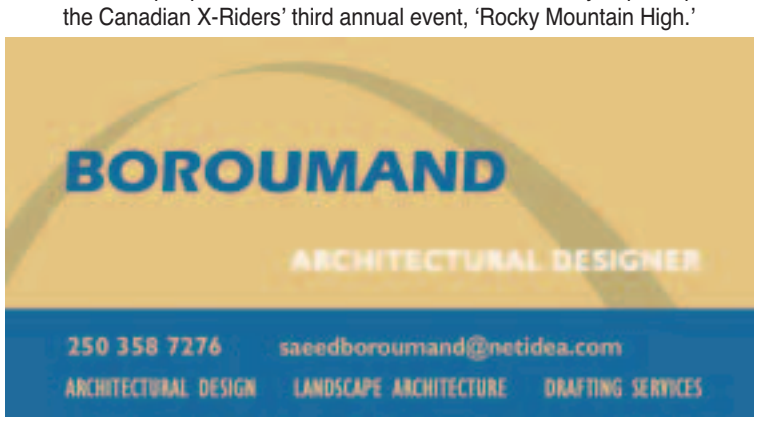
Riders from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, and from Michigan, Mississippi and Idaho all came to the 'Rocky Mountain High' X-Rider event. "A couple from Colorado was supposed to come, but they hit a deer on the way, so they couldn't make it," reported Dutchak.

The group chose New Denver because its BC/Alberta contingent came out last fall and met Joan McKay at the Valhalla Inn. "We liked it so much, we decided to come back," said Dutchak.

"Everybody loves it here in New Denver. The lake is so beautiful, the merchants have been great, and everyone is so friendly," said Carol-Ann.

Next year, the fourth annual will be held in Laval, Quebec. However, Dutchak assured that the BC/Alberta group will be back to New Denver next year.





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