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Consumer group challenges WKPower rates

Are West Kootenay Power's rates rising too high in order to make "windfall profits" for its American owners? Or is the organization making those charges "attempting to compare apples and oranges"?

Earlier this month the Kootenay Okanagan Electric Consumers Association (ECA) issued a press release saying WKP customers are "paying the highest electrical rates anywhere on the provincial grid, and there's no end in sight to their price increases." The rates have gone from 60% of those charged by BC Hydro to more than 100%, says spokesman Don Scarlett, and will go up "at least five per cent per year forever."

WKP's Mike Bradshaw retorts that the ECA's press release is "self-serving...[E]CA exists to try and nationalize WKP so their interests are at best suspect."

The ECA says, "WKP's rates have skyrocketed because of electricity deregulation [and] the demands of its American owner...and WKP customers pay the price."

Not true, Bradshaw says. "To suggest that UtiliCorp is taking money out of the country is a serious misrepresentation of the truth...not one dollar has crossed the 49th parallel since 1987...They have all been poured back into vital system improvements."

Rates have risen an average of 2.6 per cent per year since 1996, he says, "some years zero, this past year five."

BC Hydro has had a legislated rate freeze for six years because the government decided they were charging too much and "our rate increase is what's closed the gap on paper."

"The reason for our gradual increase is to help upgrade the system and get it ready for the high-tech world we live in...when UtiliCorp bought us in 1987, the system was in dire disrepair. UtiliCorp made a commitment to fix it. Our major capital expenditure program will be pretty much complete by 2004."

"WKP is building facilities the



Dudley Do-right enthrals Nakusp

Winsome Claudette Beaucoup and Dudley-ish Sgt. Bob Sledd, along with a cast of heroes and villains, delighted audiences at Rotary's dinner theatre. Story and more photos on page 10

province doesn't need," Scarlett retorts. "Only West Kootenay Power needs them; they're duplicating BC Hydro facilities. If BCH was to take over WKP, we wouldn't have to build lines and we would save money."

"I expect that BCH will go for a rate increase fairly soon," WKP's Bradshaw says. "The legislated freeze ends this year and they've already begun to announce major capital projects."

"Once BCH begins to recover capital costs in customer rates, then the natural order will be restored and our rates will be lower than theirs again."

"Hogwash!" says Scarlett.

"BCH sold \$1.2 billion to the US last year. No matter how you look at it, BCH is making money like you

wouldn't believe...to claim rates will go up when BCH is rolling in cash is ridiculous."

"Everyone else is much more expensive than we are," Bradshaw says. "Based on that, to suggest WKP

be taken over by BCH when we've done a pretty good job of re-investing customer money in the system, kept reliability up and rates down, would be pretty shortsighted."

WKP's basic monthly charge,

regardless of usage, is \$9.32; BCH's is \$3.46.

WKP charges \$0.05857 per kwh; BCH charges \$0.0577.

WKP also offers a 10% customer energy discount.

Working forests to be designated just like parks, protected areas

The provincial government plans to introduce legislation this spring to "designate and secure" lands as working forests, just as parks and protected areas are designated and secured. The Ministry of Forests said communities involved in land-use planning worked hard to designate lands for development and "it's time to

respect these decisions with a law."

The working forest would be established as Crown land is added to the forest land reserve, once its zoning and resource targets were established through public land-use planning processes. Land not covered by a land-use plan would be added "where it is determined that it is in the public

interest to do so."

The designation would be made "without prejudice to aboriginal rights and title, and the Forest Practices Code would continue to regulate forest management." A discussion paper for public review and comment is on the MOF website at www.for.gov.bc.ca/pab/pc/wf/ or call (250) 387-5255.

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Mud boggers donate to community

John Cann (left) and Bob Cann (right) from the Nakusp Mud Bog Association handed out a total of \$1,400 in donations to community organizations last week. Chief Terry Warren got \$500 for the Nakusp Volunteer Fire Department; administrator Barb Chwacka received \$250 for Arrow Lakes Hospital; \$150 went to Sarah Harding and Melissa Miller for the Queens' committee; Jesse and Didace Wilcott (back row) accepted \$250 for the Midget Rep hockey team. There was also \$250 for the Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services food bank.

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Edgewood gets funds for community access

by Colette Beaulieu

EDGEWOOD—Beginning in August 2000, the people of Edgewood have had public access to Internet. Patrons of the site can 'surf the net' and set up personal e-mail accounts. This is part of a nation-wide project to connect smaller and isolated communities with the rest of Canada and the world.

The site is in the Inonoaklin Valley Reading Centre at Edgewood School. The facility is open a minimum of 20 hours per week including day and evening hours. Computer and Internet

training sessions are offered the last Tuesday evening of each month.

The money to start up was provided by the Columbia Basin Trust through the Edgewood Community Club and was used to buy computers, the networking, some software, a DVD player, a CD burner, and a web camera. This funding also covered connection charges to the Internet.

Industry Canada under the Community Access Program will provide \$20,000, which will be used to add more computers, a recording station, a digital camera and a laser printer. This project will be completed by January 31, 2002.

Partners in this undertaking are the Edgewood Internet Community Society, the Inonoaklin Valley Reading Centre and the School District #10.

For information contact Colette Beaulieu, Nina Ewings or Bill Penner.



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Our winning couple



It was very hard to choose, but Steve Kanigan from South Slocan is the winner of the Romantic Get-Away for Two contest, sponsored by Halcyon Hot Springs and The Valley Voice.

Steve and Lorraine will enjoy a night's stay in a luxurious chalet, a romantic dinner, and unlimited use of the hot pools.

Here's the winning letter:

Cinderella my sweetheart, I grant you a wish, away from your stay-at-home mom duties, away from your four demanding kids, (the girls, that we love so much). Put down your apron, your baking on hold, the rubber cleaning gloves in the drawer, and soak away those aching muscles and bones.

After 10 years of marriage and not one stinkin' break, of tending to all, and not enjoying a weekend escape: I wave my sceptre, granting you this wish, with the help of The Valley Voice and Halcyon Hot Springs Resort, of a much needed romantic getaway, with your prince.

Love you! Steve

Committee narrows down arena site

by Corrie Traenberg

SLOCAN—The Slocan Valley Community Complex (arena) location subcommittee met February 13 at W.E. Graham Community School. The committee eliminated one more of the original five proposed sites, which narrows it down to three, and will formulate a proposal to discuss service issues with the village in time for the next council meeting in March. Updates will appear in *The Valley Voice* as they occur. Committee members are Leonard Block (chair), Jamie Ingram, Steve Baal, Len Mortensen, Corrie Traenberg and Carla Cutler.

Avalanche warning

Be extremely careful in the back country—the avalanche danger is high, the Provincial Emergency Program warns.

Moderate temperatures and below-normal snowfall mean unusually weak snowpacks, and each new load of snow increases the instability. There have already been a number of fatal avalanches this winter.

If you're planning a skiing/sledding/snowshoeing trip, take some precautions:

- don't go alone
- obey safety signs
- check out avalanche conditions (websites below) and take warnings seriously
- dress for the terrain and weather
- check equipment before you leave
- know your limitations
- tell someone where you're going, and when you'll be back
- stick to your route and return time
- if lost or hurt, don't panic; stay put
- carry signalling equipment: whistle, mirror, or orange garbage bag.

Avalanche information is available at www.pep.bc.ca or www.avalanche.ca.

Less paper for woodlot owners

Woodlot owners will have less paperwork, the Ministry of Forests says, as a result of regulation changes. A press release gives no details but says the changes will "streamline administrative processes while maintaining environmental standards."

The amendments were developed in consultation with the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations, the Ministry of Environment, BC Environmental Network, Council of Forest Industries and the Association of BC Professional Foresters.

SPCA needs volunteers

NAKUSP—The SPCA is looking for volunteers to help with its yard sale, which will be held in May. It needs people to help both at the sale, and before-hand to sort, clean and price items. It's also looking for people who might be interested in providing a foster home for animals waiting for adoption. If you want to help, or if you'd like more information before deciding, you're invited to a meeting March 6, 7:30 p.m., at Allison Lillies' house, 609 - 10th Ave.

Edgewood water users reject logging

EDGEWOOD—Thirty-nine people have signed a petition that rejects a proposed 25-year plan for logging the Edgewood Face. A technical meeting was held February 5 and foresters were told by the group, mostly water rights licencees, that they feared their water supplies might be adversely affected.

A presentation from the Edgewood Watershed Committee said they had been told there could be 'no guarantees' logging wouldn't affect their water supplies.

"This being the case, we say 'No guarantees, no logging'."

One complaint levelled in the presentation was that "benefits to the local community" was a meaningless phrase. For example, it said, someone had been given a timber licence "on the understanding that he would start

a mill in this valley and create local employment. He did not build the mill, however, and ended up selling the logs to the highest bidder." In a later interview, the Ministry of Forests' Brian Simpson was asked to comment.

He said he hadn't seen it, and couldn't comment without specifics, e.g. the name of the man who got the licence. *The Valley Voice* was unable to reach spokesman Frank Appleton to get more details before this issue went to press.

P&T environmental system receives international standard certification

Pope & Talbot has announced that its woodlands operations' environmental management system in BC has met internationally recognized standards and received ISO 14001 certification.

P&T says the certification covers all activities including planning, road construction, timber harvesting, transportation and reforestation. The company says it's pleased to have met

the standards, and "will continue to upgrade environmental management systems and provide the certification of our management procedures and products to meet the needs of our customers."

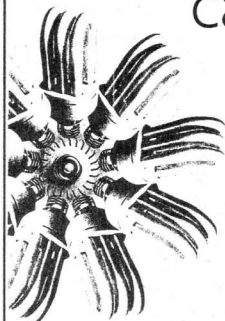
#63. How many loads per week do you run in your clothes dryer?

#5. How much insulation do you have in your attic or ceiling?

#11. Approximately in what year was your main heating system installed?

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Rapidly escalating electricity and natural gas costs and black outs in California have turned energy issues into "headline news" over the past few months. We receive calls everyday from customers



asking about the future of energy – its availability here in southern British Columbia and its cost. So we'd like a few moments of your time to shed a little light on a few things.



Rate Increases

– Please don't confuse us with the other guys

Some customers feel our costs are tracking natural gas costs. That's simply not the case. Over the past several years the cost of natural gas for home heating has increased by 100%. That compares with an average increase in our rates of 2.6% per year since 1996, just slightly above the rate of inflation. West Kootenay Power rates have consistently ranked among the lowest in North America. That's pretty good, but we're working hard every day to make sure you continue to enjoy the benefits of low cost, reliable electricity well into the future.



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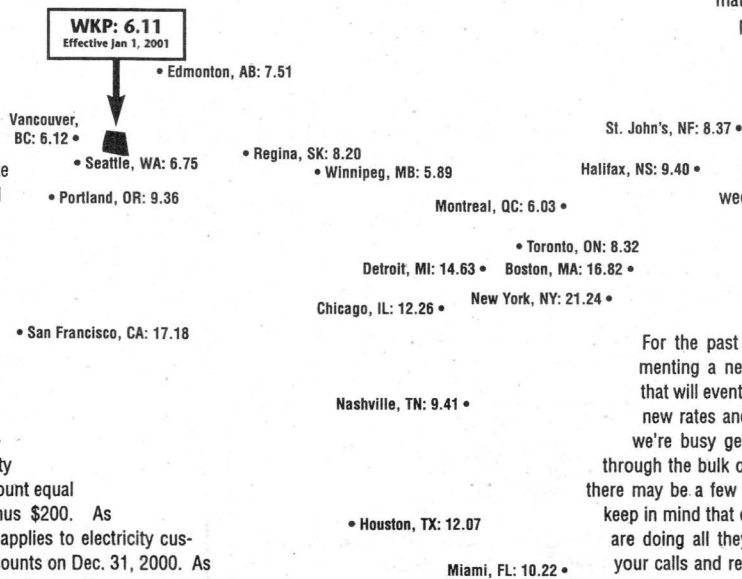
BC Government Energy Rebate

A \$200 provincial government rebate has been granted to all residential electricity accounts in British Columbia, including those served by the electric utilities of Grand Forks, Kelowna, Penticton, Summerland, Nelson Hydro, Princeton Light and Power, and West Kootenay Power. We expect the rebate will be applied to your electricity account within the next month. The \$200 rebate will be automatically credited to your electricity account and your bill will show an amount equal to your electricity consumption, minus \$200. As stipulated by government, the rebate applies to electricity customers who held active residential accounts on Dec. 31, 2000. As this is a government program, if you call our offices looking for more information we are not likely going to be able to answer your questions. However, when we know more, we'll do our best to let you know too.

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Kootenay Lake Levels – Power Supply



This winter's snow pack is very light, with natural inflows about half of normal levels and runoff forecasts for this spring at 65% of normal. While lake levels can affect fish habitat and navigation, they do not materially affect our ability to supply power. All our customers can count on a reliable supply regardless of Mother Nature. As always we're keeping a close eye on water flows and will continue updating Kootenay Lake residents through weekly ads in area newspapers.

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For the past few months we've been implementing a new customer information system that will eventually allow us to provide you with new rates and services. Right now, however, we're busy getting it up to full speed. We're through the bulk of the implementation issues, but there may be a few more bugs to work out. Please keep in mind that our terrific customer service reps are doing all they can, as always, to respond to your calls and resolve questions to your satisfaction. Thanks again for your patience.

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Silverton Council:

Harrington speaks on life in the fast lane; water quality problems should Vanish

At the February 1 regular meeting of the Silverton Village Council the following business was transacted:

- New Denver RCMP Cpl. Ken Harrington spoke about the idea of a community-run 'volunteer speed board' as a means of raising drivers' awareness of how fast they really drive through the villages. Council is interested in the idea and generally supportive, and will rely on Harrington's reports to keep them up to speed.

- Marianne Vanish expressed her concerns with water being rusty or dirty due to the age of

many water lines. In an effort to alleviate Vanish's problem Maintenance Foreman Don Caissie will flush the lines to her house on a bi-weekly schedule.

- A new round of applications for green funds and infrastructure funding has started. The village is developing applications for both programs.

- A supportive grant was awarded to the March 26 anniversary dinner to allow organizers access to Memorial Hall the previous day to prepare for the dinner, without extra charge.

- The Gallery Society requested council's assistance to transport and return staging for the *Dr. Fun* benefit dance February 3. As proceeds went to the gallery's 'Raise the Roof' fund, council made the village truck and driver available to the society, subject to certain conditions. The weather co-operated and both the transport and the dance were successful.

- The village's application to BC Heritage Trust for funding an engineering feasibility study regarding Memorial Hall has been received and will be reviewed in March.

- Bylaw #399, amending Procedures Bylaw 388, was adopted. This 'housekeeping' bylaw rearranges agenda items for regular meetings, allowing for better scheduling of delegations and reports.

- Council and staff are planning for Arbor Day, which this year may also include a tree planting ceremony and general village clean-up.

- Council ratified R D C K Bylaw #1474, the 'Slocan, Silverton,

New Denver and Electoral Area H Regional Parks Extended Service Area Bylaw' which sets the taxation rate for this service.

- Council received and accepted from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, re-appointment of Bobbie Nesbitt to the Board of Variance for a three-year term of office.

Report Submitted

Slocan Council:

Tax increase, logging investigation proposed

At the February 14 regular meeting of Slocan Village Council the following business was transacted:

- Virginia Graham introduced Jordan Bates, who described a mural project funded by Selkirk College and Area H for eight unemployed youth to produce three murals based on valley history. They would like to place one in Slocan with a proposed theme of mining, the Arlington Hotel, and logging.

The mural is still at the drawing stage, but the choice location would be the tourist information booth. There will be tour signs on the highway and at the junction of Hwys 6 and 3A, one mural in Winlaw and another in Slocan Park or Crescent Valley. The free-standing 8' x 24' murals will be protected by a small trussed roof and a protective coating and have a life expectancy of 20 years with no repair. They will ask West Kootenay Power to light them.

Graham said the murals need to be erected by April 14, so time is short, but the village needs to plan RV park signage before approving a site. Councillors Jan Oswald, Dave Fredrickson and John Van Bynen agreed to form a committee to discuss planning with village foreman, and work with Graham to choose a location, with final approval at next council meeting.

- Council discussed a request from the Women's Institute to install a plaque by or on the oak tree. It approves in principle, but wants more information regarding design and fiscal responsibility. The Civic Properties Committee will meet with the WI to work it out.

- Bylaws #516, 517, and #518 were given four readings.

- Mayor Len Mortensen reported the RDCK has advertised for a recreation co-ordinator, but has extended the advertised deadline to ensure there will be no gap in service.

- Fredrickson asked about progress on investigating beach

and boat launch upgrades. Administrator Bonnie St. Thomas said she needed clarification of space requirements and a new license would have to be applied for, as plans will take up more space than is currently used. Fredrickson proposed a new boat launch, and working with the garden club to make some drastic changes to the beach and boat launch.

- Fredrickson suggested the village's investigation of SFP's proposal to log up to 25% of the timber in Upper Springer, Slocan's secondary water supply, would take about 25 hours, and asked for help from other councillors to attend necessary meetings with the Ministry of Forests, hydrologists and others. They will be looking into the rise and fall of the creek, and logging past and present.

- The RDCK requested a resolution to increase taxes from the current \$6,000 a year total to \$10,000 a year total, as some parks need upgrades, and there are safety concerns about infrastructure. Council referred this issue to next meeting.

- Council approved a request, subject to signature of licence, from the Royal Canadian Legion branch for a special occasion permit for a dance on March 17. They also approved a permit request from Lorna Morey for July 21 for the upper ballpark.

- Council supported Oswald's request to book August 3-6 (Centennial week) for special occasion and liquor permits and reserve the grounds. The village and fire department will join to host a picnic.

- Council will apply for funding for four positions through Tourism BC's Summer Career Placement Program, with one beginning in June and the others in July.

- St. Thomas will go to the West Kootenay Municipal Officers spring conference in Trail, with expenses paid.

- Council will withdraw its application to the Greening Communities Initiative.

- Budget meetings will be held February 28, March 28 and April 25, all to begin at 7 p.m. The first meeting, in council chambers, will be for public input on what is suitable to put in the budget, and will be advertised by public mail-out.


- Report on the RV park upgrade: All services are in place, including washrooms; all roads are built and gravelled with pit run; sites are levelled to grade.

To come: Road crush on all roads; cemented area at each site for picnic tables; construction of firewood storage building; improvement of water line to old sites with more taps installed.

The road in the old park needs to be looped to facilitate easier maneuvering of vehicles. Also needed: trash cans and picnic tables (some handicap accessible) for each site; sani-dump (cement pad and water stand with light); an entrance gate with a large sign and light.; topsoil and grass to be added in required areas; finishing for tourist info booth.

Cost so far is about \$50,000, and it appears to be coming in on budget.

Staff Report



**The Village Office will be closed for renovations
March 19 to 23, 2001**

During the closure, emergency calls can be directed to:
**Public Works at 265-3556
or phone 265-3689**

for more information on the answering machine.
**The regular Council Meeting of
March 22 will be cancelled.**

YOUR FOOD AND YOUR LIFE

A workshop on food
and agriculture for
West Kootenay/Boundary


The Rural Development Office is holding a workshop to discuss the future of food and agriculture in the Kootenays.

Join us to identify ways to ensure that West Kootenay/Boundary has safe, wholesome, abundant, nutritious food - now and in the future

Date: Saturday, February 24
Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Nelson Municipal Library,
602 Stanley Street, Nelson

To register or for more information, please contact the Christopher Spicer Centre for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Life in Winlaw at (250) 226-0021.





**Village of Silverton Public Notice
Notice of Disposal of Municipal Land**

Lots 9-13, Block 36, Plan 574, DL 434
 Dimensions: 125' by 105'

Sealed applications are invited for the purchase of the freehold of this property situated at the corner of Leadville and Alpha Streets.

Sealed offers must reach the
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 Box 14, 421 Lake Avenue
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 no later than 4:00 pm, Thursday, 29 March, 2001

The minimum acceptable bid will be \$36,500.
 The highest or any bid may not necessarily be accepted. Purchaser will be required to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale in a form approved by the Village.

Leah Main
 Deputy Corporate Administrator



Voices from the Valleys



Viewpoint

Could environmental mess be caused by some men not "right" in the head?

by Stan Rowe

Sitting at my open back door facing south, I'm soaking up the early February sunshine, blinking my eyes at the blue skies and snowy evergreens, wondering, "How come everyone knows we're tormenting this beautiful world, yet we can't seem to stop?"

Trucks and cars buzz by, warming the Earth as they trail the perfume of partly burned hydrocarbons. Eastward on the forested mountainside the first ominous, rectangular clearcut patches are visible. The uncomfortable thought comes to mind that soon, this year or next, the provincial health officer will be ordering the village to chlorinate the water supply.

Anyone who listens to the international news, or reads an international newspaper, knows that horrific 'environmental problems' are coming to a head everywhere in the world. Human wear-and-tear on the planet is global. Something's radically wrong and we can't seem to fix it. Why aren't Chretien, Dosanjh, Evans, and the New Denver Village Council doing something about it?

Smart women have been trying to educate me lately, pointing out that all our leaders are guys, a group that anatomically I have reason to believe I also belong to. They tell me that everyone's big brain is divided into two lobes, right and left, that give us different but important messages. In general women have a healthy balance between the two lobes, while men tend to be strongly left-brained. Because men run the political and economic show, maybe the root problem is that only half a brain is calling the shots?

The right lobe is the intuitive side, the artistic side, the gut-feeling side, giving emotional reactions to every experience. "Trust your intuition!" means "Listen to the right lobe!" The right lobe is always signalling likes or dislikes: this is good or bad, comfortable or uncomfortable, beautiful or ugly. It says to me, for example, "I feel there's something wrong with clearcutting a wild forest and putting a tame plantation in its place," to which the left lobe replies, "Feelings, schmeeings! Let's look at the facts!"

For the left lobe is the rational side whose job is to provide reasons for conscious experiences. It says, "Look, you can see that forests, and water, and people, are separate things. That's fact! So clearcut the forests, carefully of course, and it won't much affect the landscape, or the water, or that most important separate thing, people."

In expressing reasons, the 'look' and 'see' language is often used. Sight is our strongest sense, and sight works by separating the world into individual things. Put another way, sight breaks the entire world of interconnections into separate pieces, and the left brain says, "Yeah, them's real!"

Now it turns out that a lot of men, especially the smart ones, are away out in left field, short-changed on the right-brain side. There's even a name for the affliction in guys like Albert Einstein. It's a form of autism called the Asperger Syndrome and men are four times as likely to have it as women. Here are Bill Gates' symptoms: "poor social skills, lack of eye contact, a monotonous voice, a prodigious memory, and a tendency to rock back and forth during business meetings."

Maybe we need to trust our gut feelings more? Maybe we need more women running the country? I've been rocking back and forth, wondering which would be best?

OUR CUSTOMERS SPEAK: Ken Blackmore of Halcyon Hot Springs says:

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Corky can call home, but will anybody answer?

Corky Evans' election brochure has generated laughter, if not disgust, all over the Slokan Valley. Imagine him thinking this gallery of photos will get us to forget his actual history. Where's the photo of Corky taking bows when a cheaper alternate route for the chip trucks had been found (by barge)? Some solution; he left it up to Celgar to decide what it wanted to do. Now we've had several deaths amongst numerous chip truck accidents.

I recall the NDN opinion piece by editor Bob Hall (*Corky Call Home*, September 30, 1996) that stated, "Corky the self-proclaimed man of the people has become an out-of-reach bureaucrat in his walled political fortress."

Corky has substantially contributed to community divisiveness by his unrelenting insistence that our watersheds will be logged;

and by ignoring the citizens who were arrested for protesting prospective damage to their lives, water and homes. Now when he wants something from the voters, he arrives back in his riding, his pockets stuffed with taxpayer's funds for grants, ready to stand in front of every local achievement as if he's always been at work here.

Fortunately, the people of this riding don't have collective amnesia. Corky's 'Ah shucks folks' approach won't work anymore. He has shut out the Slokan Valley from any balanced representation in Victoria; he's maximized the strife here and then insults our intelligence with his brochure. It's much too late for Corky to call home.

Gene Parker, New Denver

Brash comments and rumours are not very responsible

Your last issue quotes a New Denver councillor on the vandalism of logging equipment at Airy Creek: 'Councillor Rob Reder added he feels the environmental community, like the Valhalla Wilderness Society, should be lending their hands to protect the environment. "Maybe some of these people should be funding the police."'

Councillor Reder's brash comment has made an untrue association of the Valhalla Wilderness Society with the vandalism. His inference that environmentalists did the damage is irresponsible enough, let alone that he should name an organization that has repeatedly spoken out against violence to persons or equipment. Even the police and SFP

have said in the press that it didn't appear to be related to environmentalism.

In the past two trucks belonging to logging operators have been blown up in the Slokan Valley. There were rumours that it was due to conflicts within the logging community. We shouldn't be operating on rumours, but on the other hand, let's not be too sure we know what happened at Airy Creek. Even Slokan Forest Products declined the opportunity to exploit this for political purposes.

Anne Sherrod, Chair
Valhalla Wilderness Society
New Denver

Let's put chips where they should be— among the fish!

Since writing in distress about industrial logging trucks on Highway 6, I found out that Corky Evans did get a full-cost accounting study done in the early 1990s, which showed that chips could most efficiently be transported by barge to Castlegar.

Apparently Celgar, the transnational that buys and uses the chips for pulp, then offered to use the barge option if the government would pass 'Pulpwood Agreement Number 9'. The NDP government refused this 'bargain', which would have given enormous pulpwood harvesting rights, and which had been widely opposed by local constituents.

Next, Corky succeeded in getting the NDP government

to guarantee a loan for a barge-building company that would transport chips at a lower cost to Celgar than Chambers, the trucking company, was charging.

Chambers responded by lowering the cost of trucking the chips. So Corky ran up against the bottom line of the multi-national corporate giant and gave up. Good effort, but no cigar.

Maybe this is an issue that residents, union members, and environmentalists could agree to work on. A united front could provide the support that government needs to GET THOSE CHIPS BARGED.

Laverne Booth
Lemon Creek

Nakusp Council:

One-way is no way to go for back alleys

At the February 8 regular meeting of Nakusp Village Council the following business was transacted:

- Councillor Len Heppner addressed the issue of one-way alleys for 3rd Ave. SE to 5th Avenue SE between Broadway and the lake. He asked council to sign the traffic one-way in a south to north direction.

"Poor visibility is the issue. People are now slowing down." Heppner brought this issue forward at the request of citizens and said he has witnessed some "near misses" in auto accidents. Councillor Sam Crockett was against the proposal because "people are creatures of habit and if it is changed now we're asking for trouble." Mayor Bill Cowan said speed bumps "would be quite sufficient."

The motion was defeated.

- Cyndee Morehouse attended to speak on building effective communities. A committee has been formed to provide solutions to issues by bringing service providers together "to provide a program no one could provide on their own." Their goal is to enhance the community, and community resilience, by building effective partnerships and developing a sustainable community. "It will be a great vehicle for communication for the community and council is a vital link missing." The group is also

interested in starting a Nakusp Foundation with the possibility of matching funding from CBT and the Vancouver Foundation. Morehouse invited a council member to attend the next meeting, at noon March 1 at the Community Services board office.

- Crockett reported the economic development board now meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month and is looking for new members. It is currently working on goals and objectives. Crockett also reported on concerns over the moratorium on hunting grizzlies and wants this brought forward to the Association of Kootenay Boundary Municipalities meeting in the spring.

"This will have a big effect on the rural communities. They are not looking at this properly. We really need to look at it." The mayor will send a letter to the premier on behalf of council concerning the moratorium.

- Bylaw No. 487-1 to amend tax prepayment received reconsideration and final adoption.

- Delores Buerge was appointed to Recreation Commission #4 as a village representative and Rebecca Cale's and Roland Hoyka's names were submitted to the Regional District of Central Kootenay as RDCK representatives to the commission.

- Council awarded the contract for

village office renovations to Interior Creations, a company owned by Teresa Weatherhead, for \$9,544.04. Two other bids were received for \$12,402 and \$15,515.

- Council approved a request from the Falcons hockey team for free ice time during the exhibition game against the Senior Falcons Men's team February 17.

- A letter was received from the BC Wildlife Federation expressing concern over a discussion paper produced by BC Fisheries. The concern centres around the issue of overcrowding on a lake and the expectation that "resident anglers will be last on the water."

"It appears that government is much more concerned about the tourist and business end of sport fishing than the well being of our 400,000 BC resident anglers. The economic clout of resident anglers, many of whom use guides and tourist facilities, is many times greater than that of non-resident anglers."

Council is sending a letter of concern to the Ministry of Fisheries.
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HIGH RISK TO HUMAN LIFE IF PERRY RIDGE IS LOGGED



School bus crossing active landslide from private land logging on Perry Ridge.

"Even the most careful planning of roads and cutblocks cannot guarantee that accidents (slides, debris flows, floods) will not occur. A single such event on Perry Ridge, where steep slopes and steep creeks descend to highly sensitive terrain with dense rural settlement, could have disastrous effects."

June Ryder, PhD, PGeo

In 1997 several scientific reports said there was extensive landslide hazard on Perry Ridge, and that logging would increase the risk to water, lives and homes. Even government reports said there should be no road building or logging on the ridge without additional studies. The Ministry of Forests (MOF) ignored these reports and began to build a logging road without doing the additional studies.

The content of the scientific reports was suppressed or mischaracterized when MOF applied for a court injunction against a citizens' blockade. The injunction was later set aside because the Supreme Court ruled it had been materially misled.

The MOF finally did a risk assessment, but it did not include the groundwater studies or the more detailed hazard mapping recommended by a government report. The risk assessment found extensive high risk to life, limb and/or water on Perry Ridge. However, many areas that would have been rated "high" or "extreme" by standard rating procedures were rated "moderate" or "low" by the risk assessment.

In 2000, three outstanding BC and US professionals met with the Hon. Joan Sawicki, Minister of Environment, to express their concern for public safety. They advised that there must be no road building or logging on Perry Ridge, and no planning decisions, until additional studies have been done. They advised groundwater studies and more detailed hazard mapping.

MOF intends to make a decision soon, following a "workshop" to discuss its risk assessment. The workshop will cost a huge amount of public money that could have been spent on the field work. Even if the government scientists call for more studies, MOF is slated to make a planning decision before that can happen. Professionals supporting the water users have contributed many pages of analysis on the existing information to the public record. They say there is no need for a workshop until new field studies have been done.

Nothing has changed since 1997. Nothing, except that the Passmore slide, only a few kilometres from Perry Ridge, blasted a huge hole in a mountainside and dumped the dirt and rocks into the Slocan River and onto Highway 6, missing a school bus by 15 minutes. It was caused by the same underground water problems that exist on Perry Ridge. Experts had warned the government that a slide could happen, but the government chose to save money by not doing groundwater studies.

"There has been no specific study of the piping hazard, and no attempt to look at the relationship between water supply and areas most affected by piping (hydrologic links) ... Thus the increases in stream flow ... that would very likely follow the proposed logging and road construction on the Perry Ridge will almost certainly accelerate this hazardous process. The results may well be destroyed or damaged homes, property loss (both physical and economic) and risk to human life and limb."

June Ryder, PhD, PGeo

"Information from the studies that have been completed on Perry Ridge shows that increased risk will occur. On that basis, logging should not go ahead. A true cost accounting shows logging Perry Ridge will result in a steadily growing economic loss. To do additional studies would simply increase the loss. On that basis, logging should not go ahead. In summary, either the whole process should be done with proper data collection, with the understanding that this could result in an economic loss, or it should be admitted that Perry Ridge is a unique area and not suitable for development."

Frank Baumann, PEng
Allen Isaacson, hydrologist
June Ryder, PhD, PGeo
Trevor Jones, PEng

FRANK BAUMANN, PEng, heads an engineering firm which has done hazard assessment and risk assessment for many logging companies, the Ministry of Forests and various BC municipalities.

ALLEN ISAACSON was supervisory hydrologist for the US Forest Service, where he worked for 23 years and approved millions of dollars worth of timber sales. As a college teacher, he now oversees the training of many young US hydrologists.

JUNE RYDER, PhD, PGeo, has been carrying out terrain mapping and slope stability assessments in British Columbia for over 30 years. She has taught courses in geomorphology and hydrology at UBC and SFU. She was a member of the Clayoquot Scientific Panel, the Forest Resources Inventory Council, and other provincial committees.

LESS wants to become community school

NEW DENVER—A steering committee is looking into turning Lucerne Elementary Secondary School into a community school.

The idea arose at a PAC meeting in January, and a steering committee of parents and teachers met again in mid-February to discuss the idea.

"The desire was to increase involvement of the school with the community," says LESS principal Peter Blacklock. The committee will "try a number of initiatives to have the school open for all members to use. There are a large number who see the building as the only one in town open for people to be involved in.

"The committee has started the process of looking at becoming a community school, in terms of official status."

Although the province used to provide funding of community schools, this was a limited program and was capped some years ago.

The committee has applied to the Columbia Basin Trust "grants for families" program for funding to do a study on whether or not LESS could become a community school. They would follow up with an application for a co-ordinator to run "the kinds of programs that make a community school viable."



Home ec students with teacher Trish Newgreen (right)

PHOTO BY KAREN HAMLING

Partners: NSS and Rotary

by Karen Hamling

The Nakusp Secondary School took another step in a partnership with the Rotary Club of Nakusp. On February 7, the home economics department from NSS prepared and served the first of what will be weekly dinners to the Rotary members. Presentation of the Rotary Crest by president John Moroz to vice-principal Kees van der Pol marked the historical evening and the official start of the partnership. The home ec department will benefit from the weekly catering, as the funds raised will support the resourcing and modernization of the department.

The students will prepare and serve the meals in the home ec room. Teacher Trish Newgreen says that the nine students (five male and four female) will also "rack up community services credits." The students, who

are in the last class of the day on Wednesdays, will start preparations during the class and continue until they complete the clean-up at the end of the evening. (They do get a 45 minute break.)

Newgreen will organize menus and shopping lists for the first few dinners, but then "the students will be in charge of the kitchen." They will do all the meal planning, shopping (after reviewing the plan with Newgreen), preparation and serving.

"Five of the students have been running luncheons for years. This will give them all a little bit more insight into the industry."

Student comments ranged from "I love cooking" to "It's all right" to "The bad thing about it is you don't get to eat it afterwards."

In a quiet whisper to this reporter,

Newgreen confided that if there were food left, the students would get to eat it.

The high school has worked with club in the past by students volunteering their labour on Canada Day, at the Mud Bogs, Cancer Society fund-raising events and the annual Rotary dinner theatre. This past year, the NSS band took over the 'Nut Drive' fundraiser.

One of the highlights of the relationship between Rotary and NSS is the Youth Exchange Program, during which one or two Nakusp students have the privilege of spending a year overseas and foreign students spend a year in Nakusp. This works well with the Rotarian concept of community members from all walks of life joining together for the benefit of the local and global communities.



PHOTO BY KAREN HAMLING

Nakusp Secondary band students raised \$1,600 with a bottle drive. The money will help pay for band trips.

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• Anyone eligible to make a contribution to an RRSP for 2000 has until March 1 to do it. To help you determine how much you can deduct, use Canada Customs and Revenue Agency's automated services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You will be asked to provide your social insurance number, month and year of birth, and the amount you entered on line 150 (total income) of your 1999 tax return. The TIPS (Tax Information Phone Service) number is 1-800-267-6999; online, it's on the website at www.ccra.adrc.gc.ca.

CBT offers business counselling

The Columbia Basin Trust is offering a business counselling program in Nakusp and the Slocan Valley. The 'Basin Business Advocates Program' provides free counselling to any established business interested in improving the way it works.

The program is free, easy to access and responsive to each business' needs. An advocate will meet with the owner or manager to provide advice and guidance. If the business needs specialized advice, up to \$5,000 is available to hire a consultant. Topics the advocates have covered in the three months the program has been running range from marketing and business planning to accounting and legal advice, inventory management and restaurant management.

Funding is in place until the end of August. The program is being managed by Steele O'Neil and Associates; anyone interested in getting help should call 1-877-894-5939.

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The Environment Youth Team is a Youth Options BC employment program administered by the BC Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks.

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Eligible employers include businesses, non-profit groups, First Nations organizations, school districts and local governments.

Sponsors hire youth aged 16-24 to work on environmental, conservation and outdoor recreation projects. At least 20 per cent of project time must include training for youth.

Projects must run at least 10 weeks.

Application deadline: March 16.

For application forms and information on how to get involved as an E-Team sponsor, call toll-free to 1-877-BC-YOUTH (1-877-229-6884) or visit the Youth Options BC Web site:

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Presented by Nakusp Outreach Employment Services - for more info, call 265-3318

Students present winter concert



The Nakusp Elementary and Secondary school bands, along with the NSS choir, performed their winter concert program at the Bonnington Arts Centre February 8. Included in the evening was a performance by vocalist Chris Drobot, pianist Brandon Shelley, bass guitarist Allan Orr, acoustic guitarist Jim Ryan and drummer Steffan Adams. Nancy Shelley joined son Brandon (who also did a spot as guest conductor) for a violin/piano duet. PHOTOS BY KAREN HAMLING

Duo performs five centuries of music

by Karen Hamling
 NAKUSP—Soprano Phoebe MacRae and guitarist Alexander Dunn put on a varied and interesting performance at the Bonnington Arts Centre February 17. Their music spanned five centuries and included pieces from Purcell, Mozart, Schubert, Britten and Rodrigo.

MacRae, a wonderful soprano whose facial expressions delighted the audience, explained the intention of each song before performing it. Whether the number was sung in English or German, the audience had no trouble following the varied characters in the songs as the vocalist took on a different expression for each character. Dunn, who accompanied MacRae on his classical guitar, also

performed two solo songs, impressing the audience with his guitar skills and his unusual playing style.

The Canadian duo, known as Cantarra, has performed at formal recitals, theatrical productions and informal music presentations. Both members are heard frequently on regional and national CBC.

They made their debut at the Vancouver Festival and have also been heard at the Salt Spring Mozart Festival, the Victoria Conservatory of Music's Fundraising Series, the Victoria Summer Festival and will soon perform at the 2001 Northwest Guitar Society. They will make their US debut at the 2001 Guitar Foundation of American International Conference.

Edgewood celebrates Burns

by Dorothy Pilcher

EDGEWOOD—One hundred and ten celebrants gathered in the Edgewood Legion Hall January 27 to pay tribute to the life, works and spirit of the great Scottish poet, Robert Burns (1759-1796).

The banquet room was adorned with tartans and the Scottish flag. Celebrants brought their finest home-cooked dishes, filling the 40 ft. dining table to overflowing. Host Millie McFarlane greeted guests with *ceud mille failte*—"a hundred thousand welcomes." The celebration began with the parade of the haggis. Spike Nesbitt piped it in, followed by chef Betty Heppner, with plate raised high. The haggis was made by Heppner and McFarlane. Frank Appleton gave the *Address To The Haggis*, followed by the traditional *Selkirk Grace*. Then came the *Toast To The Lassies* (Nesbitt), the *Toast To The Laddies* (Dorothy Pilcher) and Bill Penner singing *The Star O' Robbie Burns*.

The bad news is the celebration is over. The good news is it will be held again next year.



The Nakusp Secondary Choir at the winter concert.

An Evening with Heart will help to raise the gallery roof

SILVERTON—Celestina Hart—singer/songwriter, comedienne, facilitator and personal creativity coach—will be on stage with "a weaving of music, comedy, sound and silliness" March 9 and 10 at the Silverton Gallery. Her comedic characters take the audience on a journey "to get a life."

Hart has been involved in creating and performing original theatre since

Celestina Hart
An Evening with Heart
 Silverton Gallery
 March 9-10, 7 p.m.
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the early 70s, with a strong focus on music and comedy. She has

contributed to eight original shows, including her own clown/theatre musical *Where's the Net?* produced in 1993. Her work in theatre and music has included performance, writing and teaching.

An Evening with Heart was created and is performed by Hart, assisted by Andrea Wright, and directed by Cheryl Cashman. Tickets are available at the door.

Nelson Community Orchestra

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March 9 & 10 March 17
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Rodger "Skipalong" Newgreen watches as Pat "Dirty Jake Le Phew" Dion pushes Nicol "Claudette Beaucoup" DeVocht into the jaws... er... blades of death.

Song of the Mounties

A Rotary Club Hamfest



Mike "Sgt. Bob Sledd" Wicentowich stands alongside his faithful dog Andrew "Yukon Mut" Boxwell.



Linda "Miss Muchmoney" van Immerzeel watches Hetty "Matilda Dogwood" Gabriel as Gene "Tall Timber Tess" Nagy arranges his skirt in a ladylike way.

NAKUSP—A well-written and superbly performed two-act play delighted audiences February 9 and 10 at the Rotary Club of Nakusp's annual dinner theatre. Jim Ryan supervised the Nakusp Secondary band students as they served 250 people, the largest attendance ever, over the two evenings. Rotary members, spouses and other volunteers did a great job in the kitchen.

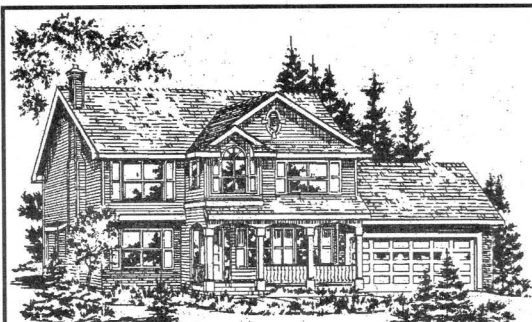
The Arrow Lakes royalty led the audiences in the appropriate booing and hissing of villains Dirty Jake LePhew (Pat Dion) and his henchman Skipalong (Rodger Newgreen) and cheering for the hero Sergeant Bob Sledd (Mike Wicentowich) and heroine Claudette Beaucoup (Nicol DeVocht).

Directors Joleyne Bus and Tricia

Newgreen, who also played the part of Sabrina, did a great job. Kudos to Pat Dion's set design and costumes by Jan Dion. Marilyn Massey was delightful on piano; Andrew Boxwell and Lee Burton set the mood with the lighting.

This is the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year. The support and generosity of the community enables Rotary to present a wonderful evening, while raising money for the club's community projects. All the money raised, about \$4,000, will go towards Phase 4 of the Arrowtarian Villa. The casino profits, almost \$600, will go to park improvements.

"I wish to thank all the people who contributed labour and effort, both Rotarians and non-Rotarians," said president John Moroz.



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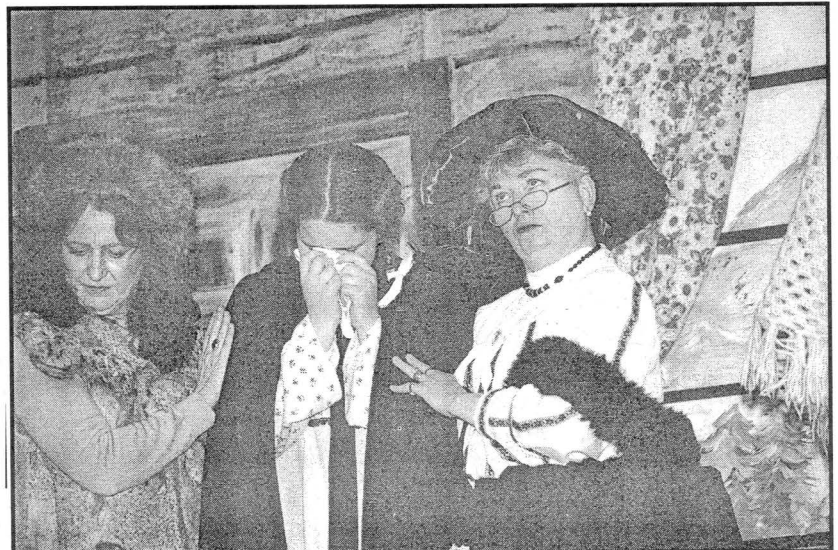
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Hetty "Matilda Dogwood" Gabriel comforts a distraught Amber "Lizzi Tish" Ens while Linda "Miss Muchmoney" van Immerzeel looks to the heavens.

Mural project will showcase the wide variety of history in the Valley

by Noah Ross

Preserving valley heritage is the intention of a series of murals currently being created by the Slocan Valley Mural Project. I am a local 18-year-old involved in the project. We have been interviewing elders from up and down the valley and have looked at a surprising wealth of written material. The amount of fascinating local history I have learned in the past two weeks working on this project is amazing.

We found that between 1910 and 1915, there was a huge fire that burned most of Perry Ridge and swept through the valley. No one seems to know what caused it. The forest that burned consisted of old growth trees, at least eight feet in diameter. Some escaped the fire and can be found hidden about the valley. The Winlaw Nature Park has some remnants of these giants.

European settlers and Doukhobors were drawn to the valley by the lure of cheap land and the dream of bountiful farms and orchards. They laboured for years, clearing the valley of the remaining trees and making it suitable for farming. At one time, orchards and farmland covered the entire valley floor, giving the area a much more open landscape. In the last fifty years the

trees have grown back, creating the heavily forested valley we see today.

The Japanese internment camps are another important part of the valley's history. In 1942, the Canadian government decided to remove all Japanese-Canadians from within 100 miles of the west coast. The government uprooted them from their homes, forcing them off their property and confiscating their belongings. A place was needed to put them, preferably a remote, easily contained area, ideally with abandoned structures.

The Slocan Valley with its steep mountains, one-road access and empty mining towns fit this need perfectly. Over 4,000 people were sent to Slocan and Lemon Creek, and more to New Denver and Sandon. A guardhouse with a gate across the road was constructed at Perry's Siding.

The internees were initially housed in tents and abandoned buildings, and later in poorly constructed shacks. Suddenly the quiet city of Slocan, population 200 at the time, was presented with thousands of new inhabitants, very different from themselves.

The men were employed in logging and road construction while families



Internee schoolchildren pose in front of their school with their teacher.

created wonderful gardens. They also formed a baseball team that played—and beat—local teams. At the end of the war, the Japanese were released and, although some stayed behind, most returned to what was left of their

lives. Among those interned in the valley were broadcaster and scientist David Suzuki and Joy Kogawa, the renowned author of *Obasan*.

These stories and their images will be included in the murals, along with much more of our unique valley history.

Roles reversed at 1904 Leap Year dance

by Milton Parent

It being a leap year, a rather novel dance was put on by the ladies of the Quadrille Club where the sexes were reversed. The men did the cooking and the women ran the affair, which included the right to ask a gentleman to dance and not vice versa.

The near debacle was described in the Camborne paper, the Miner, of 1904:

"...Wasn't that leap year dance a corker? I nearly froze to death waiting for a lady to ask me to be her partner in a dreamy waltz or any old thing. What was the matter with the musicians? They appeared to be on strike, or was it the 'coffee' they drank?"

"Well, I'll tell you, women are all right at making eyes at the boys or doughnuts for the kids, but when it comes to running a dance, it's out of their line. The boys baked some great cakes. They had rubber cakes, jelly-fish cakes, ice cakes and a new kind of cake

called kisses—I thought they were rather dry for the name—in fact they had every known kind of cake but fruit cake.

"They'd have had that, but their special consignment of fruit from our tropical suburb of Beaton, was forgotten by the stage driver in his haste to reach Camborne, the golden city of attractions. Anyhow, we had a good time, but we ought to be thankful that leap year only comes once every four years..."

A further description takes an even deeper dig at the ladies, for which the editor must have later paid a heavy price:

"...The leap year dance given by the ladies of the Quadrille Club last Monday, was well attended and was, in many ways, a decided departure from the usual run of dances in Camborne. The ladies were privileged characters, and selected their partners with a little timidity at first, which

vanished as the evening progressed. The ladies did not forget to pay back old scores of oversightiness, and several gentlemen experienced the wallflower state.

"At midnight a collation of edibles prepared by the gentlemen was served. Some of the cakes served were very nice, but some—well, guess the rest. Of course the usual friction and petty jealousies that are always present in an undertaking of this kind that is presided over by the weaker sex were present, and a deal of unpleasantness was caused by unwanted officiousness on the part of one lady in particular. But it is the same in all leap year affairs of this nature, and as they only occur once in a long while, can be overlooked. Otherwise, the dance was a success considering the short time in which the affair was gotten up..."

Excerpted from Circle of Silver, the Arrow Lakes Historical Society's book being published this year.

Tough times and homegrown fun in the "Dirty '30s"

by Nancy Anderson

When the depression years of the 1930s hit the Slocan, most of the mines and many businesses closed down, and what was left slowed down considerably. No longer were there prospectors in the surrounding hills trying to be first to discover more economic minerals. People who could afford to, moved away, and the frenzy of the initial mining years was over.

Jobs were scarce and men without work had to go on relief. South of Silvertown, a good-sized relief camp was built for men who ended up working on a road crew, using picks and shovels, for three meals a day, a bed, and a few dollars to put in their pockets.

My father, Sandy Harris, didn't need to look very far for work. As well as being the practical son who helped his father run the family farm, he also operated the New Denver waterworks

for two wealthy Englishmen, Reggie and Harry Angel.

Their grandfather owned a whole block of buildings in the centre of London and in order to keep the business in the family, had encouraged his offspring to intermarry with first cousins. This caused some very serious physical deformities in the grandchildren, but Reggie and Harry were fortunate to have good minds and a good education. Their family, however, were glad to have them go to the colonies and be off their hands.

The Angel brothers built a good water system for New Denver and hired my father to provide the physical and practical work of installing and maintaining it. The brothers' lives were to be relatively short, however. It was soon evident another of Grandmother Harris' duties would be to help look after them in her big ranch house when

they were unable to look after themselves.

Although the depression years were very hard on some people, others made the best of them. My parents, Molly and Sandy Harris, had a dance band. Before they were married my mother, who worked in the telephone office, had given my father violin lessons in the office's front room. Granny Harris told us those lessons started getting longer and longer, and more and more frequent...

In time they formed a dance band, consisting of my mother on piano, dad with his violin, Fred Angrignon on saxophone and clarinet, Turk Avison on the snare drums and often Gene Levesque, who likely could fill in playing any one of the instruments.

Sandon was always the place where the dances were most successful,

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A Public Notice to the Citizens of Slocan, B.C. from Slocan Forest Products Ltd.

Slocan Forest Products would like to thank the citizens of Slocan for their patience during the start-up of our new incinerator. As with any new equipment there are a number of issues to work out to ensure the system operates in the proper manner. Each of these issues is being addressed in a focused and progressive fashion. A high priority is being placed on the noise issue of the new system.

Some of the noise is generated by the belts driving the large induced draft fan, while the remainder is likely from other sources. We are currently working to isolate and muffle the noise created by the belts on the large drive motors. The installation of a wall to contain the noise was completed. This did reduce some of the noise from the drive belts, but did not eliminate it entirely. We will complete additional work on the wall to reduce the noise further.

The noise from other sources is more difficult to address. An acoustic engineer has been contacted to help us resolve this issue. Decibel readings have been taken around the community to give us a base line to work from. Slocan Forest Products is committed to finding a solution that works. Any one with further questions or comments can contact Bob Wright at 355-2141.

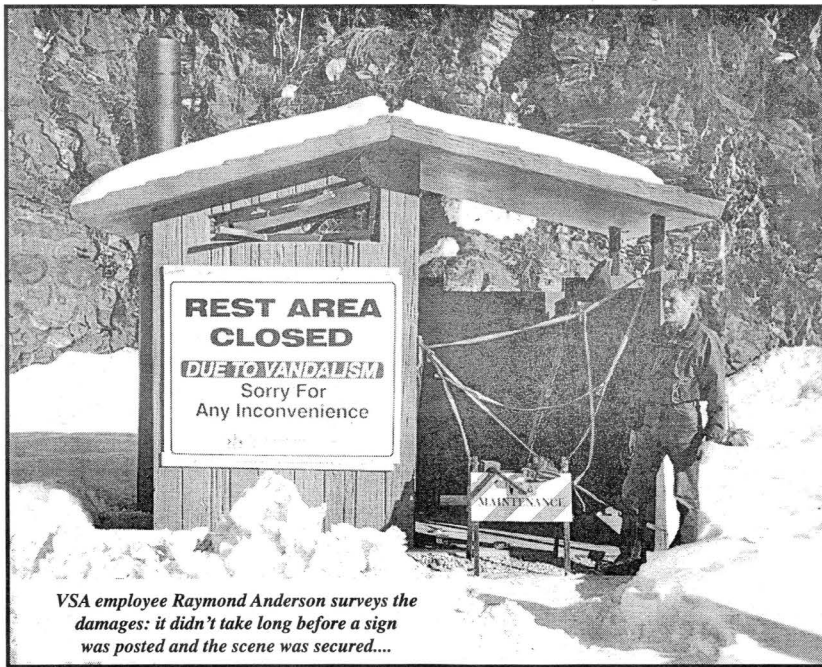
Once again thank you for your patience during this start up period.



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"Explosive device" blasts biffy to bits



VSA employee Raymond Anderson surveys the damages: it didn't take long before a sign was posted and the scene was secured....

A 19-year-old Nakusp man has been charged with using an explosive device to cause damage to property after a restroom at the Lone Creek rest area was blown up. Nakusp RCMP received the complaint February 5 from the Ministry of Transportation and

Highways. When they investigated, they found someone had detonated two sticks of dynamite inside the facility, resulting in serious damage. The dynamite had been stolen from a licenced contractor. Gabriel Koert Dieterman was

arrested February 8 and charged with using the explosives, mischief over \$5,000, and theft under \$5,000. He will appear in Nakusp Province Court March 14. RCMP may lay charges against three other Nakusp men in relation to this incident.

In the Provincial Court...



In Nakusp Provincial Court February 14 the following case was heard:
 • Earl Stubbert, charged with theft under \$500, received a three month jail sentence served conditionally.

Silverton man lucky to survive capsizing in frigid Slocan Lake

Silverton resident Jeremy Down is lucky to be alive after ending up in Slocan Lake February 15. Down's canoe flipped, throwing him into the freezing waters of Bigelow Bay. RCMP Cpl. Ken Harrington picks up the story:
 "Mustering all of his strength the man headed for the shore. Eventually, he was able to reach the rocky edge of the lake and pull himself out.

that may in the long run have saved him.
 "Not hearing from his partner, Dick Callison contacted the RCMP. This phone call put into action a series of events which resulted in the canoeist being reunited with his wife and young daughter.

"At about this time an eagle, which had been observed in the area for the last couple of weeks, called out and drew the attention of Barbara Yeomans and her partner Dick Callison. As they exited their home in an attempt to catch a glimpse of this reclusive visitor, they were surprised to hear the frantic calls of the canoeist who was now nearing the dangerous stages of hypothermia.



Who's gonna thank ME?!?!

"Barbara and Dick went immediately into action. They organized a series of whistle signals and while Dick remained at the residence in order to maintain a link with emergency services personnel, Barbara struck out, down the steep icy embankment, towards the lake.
 "On arriving at the lake's edge Barbara Yeomans discovered the canoeist. He was in a very dangerous state and the cold had affected his personality such that he had become frantic and appeared to be very aggressive. At this point Barbara decided that she needed to care for this individual. With the attitude that is consistent with residents of the Slocan Valley, she provided the nurturing aid

"The New Denver RCMP detachment wishes to commend Barbara Yeomans and Dick Callison for their perceptive, appropriate and kind actions. Further to this, the expertise and co-operative efforts of the local BC Ambulance crew, the New Denver Fire Department, the Slocan Lake Search and Rescue and the attendance of Dr. Brian Skrenes resulted in the complete stabilization and ultimate removal of the canoeist, artist, father, husband and resident of this community.
 "I wonder who will thank the eagle?"

"The detachment is thinking about changing its name, and would like (printable!) comments and suggestions. The members serve an area from Summit Lake south to Lemon Creek, east to the other side of Retallack, and west to take in part of Valhalla Park. They want the name to more accurately reflect the area they cover, and have received support from New Denver, Silverton and Slocan village councils. One suggestion for a new name is 'Slocan Lake Detachment', but they'd appreciate hearing from the public.

Did You Know?
 If neither of the brake lights are operating on your vehicle, it will be failed out of service, and cannot be moved other than by tow truck until repaired.
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 West Kootenay Highway Patrol

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Waste Management Advisory Committee
 Committee Members needed for Rosebery, New Denver and Area H

The existing Rosebery Landfill site has reached capacity.
 Alternate waste disposal options must be considered for the: Silverton / New Denver and Area H service area.



The Regional District of Central Kootenay is seeking residents within the Silverton / New Denver and Area H vicinity to become part of an advisory committee to the West Waste Management Committee.

If you wish to be considered for a position on the committee, you may:
 • pick up an application at the New Denver Village or Silverton Village office;
 • contact Reinhard Trautmann at the RDCK 1-800-268-7325
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Ray plays the Zone Arranger: says we're in zone 5, with micro-climate pockets

Several issues ago I mentioned that when you're purchasing plants you should be sure to get ones that are suitable for our zone. Since then I have been asked what is our zone, so I thought we might need some clarification on that point.

Agriculture Canada created our hardiness zone map in 1967, based on the average annual minimum winter temperatures. It has 10 zones with the coldest areas of Canada in zone 0 and small portions of coastal BC in the warmest zone, 9. To be more accurate, these areas are actually 9a; there are no 9bs in Canada. Within each zone there are both 'a' and 'b' sections to indicate colder and milder portions of the zone.

As well, within each zone small areas exist with micro-climates that can be colder or milder than the surrounding areas but are too small to mark on the zonal maps. These micro-climates can be affected by many things, including bodies of water, rapid changes in

elevation, or even metropolitan influences.

Now, to confuse things, there is also an American hardiness zone map with zones drawn from US Department of Agriculture maps which differ from Canadian hardiness zones. The map covers all North America and, as with ours, is based on average annual minimum temperatures, with the most current map recorded for the years 1974-1986.

The major differences to these maps lies with the colder zones; for instance, the prairie provinces are zones 1, 2 and 3 on the American map, while on the Canadian map they include 0a, 0b, 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 3a and a few spots of 3b.

With both maps the idea is that close to the international border is zone 3 and as you move north it is colder and a smaller-numbered zone. On the Canadian map there are more details of

micro-climate pockets, and just as the Inuit have many words for snow, we have many numbers for cold.

temperatures for each zone, but the two Canadian maps I have do not have the accompanying key, in order to do a temperature comparison of the zones.

Studying the maps, though, it seems that zones 4 through 8 were recorded in the same areas on both maps except for variations in detail on Canadian maps.

After all that—what zone are we? Generally I consider that we are a zone 5, which in the US key has an average annual minimum temperature of -20°F to -10°F (-29°C to -23°C), with some pockets zone 4b and as high as 6a. Because our area has moderating bodies of water and elevation changes, we have many micro-climate areas.

In New Denver, Silverton, and Nakusp I would try growing zone 6 plants, such as the *Pieris japonica* 'Forest Flame', in protected areas. In

other areas I would experiment first. In Hills I try many zone 6 perennials because we usually get a good snow cover on the ground before severe freezing, which moderates the soil temperature.

In the latest issue of *Canadian Gardening*, on page 24, is an article about a new book, *From the Ground Up: A Horticultural Guide for North-Central BC*. This guide was produced based on information gathered from local gardeners in what is primarily considered zone 2 and 3.

What staggered Barbara Rayment, the author and owner of Birch Creek Nursery in Prince George, was that people were growing gunneras, hebes and other plants from zone 8 or 9.

As for myself, every winter I've been putting my potted gunnera in my zone 10 greenhouse—maybe this summer I'll plant it in my garden.

Ray Nikkel is a landscape designer with Valley Landscape Nursery in Hills.



Another example: Vancouver Island in the US version has two zones, numbers 7 and 8. On the Canadian map along with the majority of 7 and 8 there are also pockets of 2 (in the mountainous areas) and 9a (along the coast), and 8 is subdivided into 8a and 8b.

All the US maps provided a key that showed the annual minimum

Dig out the ol' two-wheeler—bike-riding season is approaching... no really, it is!

Despite the current cold snap, the calendar suggests that the spring cycling season is not far off. I've done some road riding already on the better days, and a number of hard-core souls are out pretty regularly, battling the elements...

I avoided quite a few elements myself by spending six weeks in Costa Rica, travelling by bus to various tiny towns and seeing volcanoes, rainforests, and of course, lots of beach time.

I'm glad I didn't take a bike, 'cause the traffic is pretty frantic, the roads are narrow, and it gets awful hot. Besides, the buses are super cheap and fun to ride! Family cycling there means having Papa ride the bike, with Mama sitting sideways on the crossbar, and one kid on the handlebars plus one on the rear rack. Hope they've got decent brakes...

Back home here in the Kootenays,

the task at hand is to get out the bike and to get psyched up for some riding. Plan this process for a nice sunny moment when there is no chance (okay, little chance) of being distracted. Proceed out or down to the carport, woodshed, basement or

attic. Maybe you'll need to take a shovel to dig out that heap of snow under which the poor bike has been frozen in neglect.

Whatever the circumstances, lay the bike on its side in the driveway and give it a good sudsing up with a bucket of warm soapy water and a car brush. Do both sides of the bike (oh yeah—turn it over to get the other side) then rinse the thing off with a hose or watering can and bounce off the excess water. Pump up the tires hard and inspect them for cuts or thin spots.

Try a test ride around the block, and wave to all the sedentary neighbours. Before you set out, squeeze the brakes to be sure that moisture in the cables and pivots hasn't seized them up.

Dress warm, but dress bright! Cars have had it easy for four months with few bicycles or pedestrians to look out for, so be prepared to maybe not get noticed a lot. If you're coasting into an intersection turn the pedals or

execute waving hand signals to ensure that you get seen. A silent coasting bicycle can easily be overlooked by preoccupied drivers.

Beware of ice patches and sand and grit on corners, which will make you crash and likely rip up all that

colourful clothing I told you to wear.

And for sure, phone me up for help or advice or in case you end up needing adjustments or repairs.

Happy riding!
Peter Roulston owns The Bicycle Hospital near Nakusp, 265-4331.



PEDAL POWER

With Peter Roulston

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The stars say...

by Michael O'Connor for the week of February 8, 2001

<p>Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) A dive into the deeper layers of your mind finds you sleeping in as long as you can. Dreams can be the best form of entertainment. You yearn to move mountains, but there are too many and you don't know where to start. The compass needle is pointing north. The future beckons and you are open to experiment with the prospects. Though it might hurt you just have to be real with what you feel. Affirm: "I am shazam!"</p> <p>Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) Merging with friends and lovers in body and soul is on your mind. Nothing new! Yet, nothing is really quite the same. Something sleek is slithering and everyone can feel it. Skins are being shed and it's not all pretty. Raw and real has its place too. Behind the shadows of repression lies the truth and everyone is beginning to see. Things are no longer as they were. Like it or not, change is in the air. So, what are you going to do about it?</p> <p>Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) Unexpected opportunities are coming your way. Others on your stage are pushing you to recognize that they see things as they do. Parts of you want to escape from it all in any possible way. Why stand up and face the music when you can dance? It is all a question of perspective and attitude. Life is complex and challenging sometimes. Breathe deeply, avoid reaction and focus on positive action that is within your power.</p> <p>Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) Communal gatherings, spiritual aspirations, cultural interests, even communications with the other side are all gaining your attention now. You want to be there for others. You feel pumped and passionate with plenty of drive. Old values are beginning to melt. You are prepared to acquire the new gear and skills. Something and/or someone has got to give and if that has to be you, then so be it. Its time to break on through to the other side.</p>	<p>Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22) Recent shifts and changes in your life are drawing you in to the passion pit. Who are you now and what is next? Things are no longer what they seem. The simple has become complex. You are in the mood to play, to be provocative, to gain some fresh perspectives. You are ready for a return. Goodness knows you have earned it. When was the last time you played the game simply for the fun? Let your imagination guide.</p> <p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23) Something new is being born in your relationships. Rather than being soft and cuddly it is more likely to be sharp and prickly. You are in the mood to make a few key moves. Something has got to go and it just may turn out to be you. You have been holding your tongue for long enough. You are much clearer about certain things than you have been. You are in the mood to be heard and you mean business. It is time to balance the sweet with sour.</p> <p>Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21) Isn't it the time for a little getaway? Somewhere hot would be nice but simply somewhere else would suffice. Some playtime is at the top of the list. The ball game on the tube will probably prove anticlimactic. A hike, a swim, a ski or perhaps all three might do the trick. Allow the prospects of flirting with the possibilities to whet your palate. The only thing that will put out the fire is the full satisfaction of your desire.</p> <p>Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20) A playful, imaginative, psychological and ambitious mood will send you to the cinema seeking entertainment this week. What else but Hollywood can satisfy such a varied appetite? Then again, you have plenty of tricks up your sleeve. Or is it to the retro for a foreign flick? In any case, you are ready for something exciting and new to match the hot colours of your zany mind. Whatever you do and wherever you go, you are worth following if only for sheer fun!</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) Okay, the gig is up. You can't hide that you are from another planet any longer. Something about the air down here works like laughing gas for your kind. Did you think you could hide? As you seek out others who share your DNA, you find yourself lost amidst the masses of mere mortals who actually take this dream to be reality. You can hardly wait until they all wake-up and the party really and truly begins.</p> <p>Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Beneath that conservative exterior is a wild imagination. You are tired of the same old thing and yearn for excitement. Something hot and spicy ought to do the trick. If psychedelic is no longer in maybe someone should bring it back, someone like you. Be open to the possibilities. Take a risk and be bold. You could bring back the future. You have been travelling ahead in your imagination, haven't you? Follow the spirit wherever it leads!</p> <p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) A search through the tickle trunk to find a new role or two will keep you busy. While you are in there, look for a few new perspectives and hidden talents. Oh yes, and grab that sword too. You will need it as you cut through the web of limiting beliefs and self-concepts that are entangling you and those around you. As you get into your imagination keep in mind that, whatever you declare limits you out there, are simply reflections of your own figments.</p> <p>Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) A determined effort to catch up with your imagination and get your mind back in focus should prove amusing, from the outside at least. Driven to learn new skills, others who deter your pace may find you impatient and reactive. Take the time to re-gain your centre before you start running in all directions. Waves of new ideas are coming in. Be ready to take notes or direct the inspiration in any way you can.</p>
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PETS OF THE WEEK

Can you give an unwanted cat a home? We need adoptive parents or temporary foster homes for the following:

Rex: Grey/white 10-month-old kitten. He considers himself quite regal. He's playful, healthy, neutered, with all his shots.

K.C.: Female tabby (right) about 1 year old. Enjoys being petted, and is affectionate. She's been spayed, had all shots & is healthy.

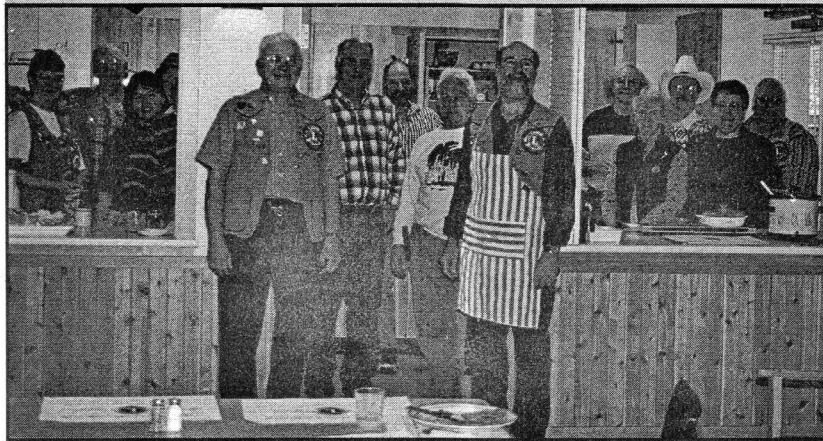



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Sunday Breakfast kickoff a huge success



The Kootenay/Slocan Lions Club pose after cooking the first Sunday Breakfast at the Passmore Lodge.

by Donna Radcliffe
PASSMORE—The first Sunday breakfast sponsored by the Seniors Outreach Program at Passmore Lodge was an unqualified success.

The Kootenay/Slocan Lions Club cooked pancakes, sausages, and bacon for more than 100 hungry folk. The lodge was alive with conversation

as old friends met and mingled with new friends, all enjoying an art show of paintings by valley artists.

The next breakfast is March 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will be hosted by the Brent Kennedy children's choir. Cost to adults is \$4.50, children eat for \$2 and under fives are free. Everyone is invited to

socialize, relax in the new seniors' lounge, enjoy the all-new art show and eat a good meal, while supporting our local school singers.

The plan is to hold a breakfast the third Sunday of every month. If your group is interested in hosting as a way of fundraising, contact Donna at the Outreach office, 226-6867.

Health Council Report:

Hospital houses may soon be part of village

At the February 5 meeting of the Arrow Lakes/Upper Slocan Valley Health Council, the following business was transacted:

- A letter will be sent to health minister Corky Evans, thanking him for meeting with the council and reiterating the difficulties it faces as a small, rural council.

- New developments in health care were discussed, including the BC Renewal Plan, BC Health Action Plan, and BC Palliative Care Benefits

Program.

- The council's meetings in 2001 will alternate between Arrow Lakes Hospital, Halcyon Community Home and Slocan Community Hospital on the last Monday of the month. Meeting dates and other information are posted on the website, www.ha10.bc.ca.

- Sam Crockett was to attend a regional governance committee meeting February 6 to discuss the Nelson Health Campus.

- The financial report was received,

with a deficit of \$50,854.

- The pharmacy contract with Kootenay Lake Regional Hospital has been renewed for services at both hospitals.

- A letter will be sent to the village of New Denver asking them to consider annexing the property on which the hospital houses are located, to bring it inside the village limits.

- The heating and ventilation projects at both Halcyon Home and Slocan Hospital are going to tender.

Almost \$300,000 for local health

The provincial government is handing out almost \$21 million over two years to deal with nursing shortages, and the Arrow Lakes/Upper Slocan Valley Health Council is getting its share.

Health minister Corky Evans announced last week the ALUSVHC will get a rural nursing grant of \$66,770, and a nursing workplace grant of \$232,816.

The money breaks down to:

- \$89,116 to hire two regular part-time nurses for Nakusp and New Denver, to reduce workloads and give nurses the time to upgrade their skills;

- \$132,000 to create unit clerk positions in three facilities, to

reduce non-nursing duties for nurses;

- \$11,700 to fund distance learning for 12 licensed practical nurses so they can handle added duties;

- \$48,830 to train RNs and LPNs in emergency, chemotherapy, obstetrics, neonatal resuscitation and advanced cardiac life support;

- \$17,940 to provide training for technical staff at Slocan Community Hospital to become X-ray technologists.

A hospital spokesperson said that, as of February 19, they hadn't received any information on the grants and nothing had been confirmed.

Residents want handi-doors

by Joyce Cook

The residents of the Slocan Community Hospital and Health Care Centre are preparing for a gigantic open house and fundraiser. Some of our residents no longer have the ability to physically open the doors to the patio because they are in a wheelchair or use a walker. This means they do not have the freedom to go outside and must always rely on others. The residents' council has taken on the

project of raising funds for two electric door openers, which will cost \$7,000.

On March 30 from 1:30–4 p.m., we will be hosting an open house, which will include a silent auction, a donation tea, white elephant table, raffle and bake sale. Donations to any of these will be gratefully accepted. There will also be door prizes and a prize for the best-decorated hat. Everyone is welcome: come and have fun!

Online seniors' services

Seniors looking for things to do or places where they can get help can now go online.

MOSAİK—More Opportunities for Senior Activities and Independence in the Kootenays—has a website at www.mosaik.bizland.com. It lists services for seniors in each community, a calendar of events, volunteer opportunities, caregiver discussion boards and much more. Hard copies of the databases will be

available next month at senior centres, libraries and other locations.

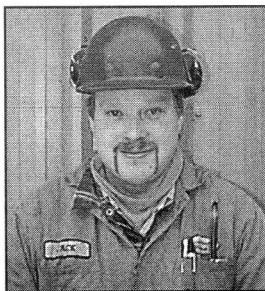
Reducing the social isolation and increasing the social interaction of seniors in the West Kootenays is the focus of the MOSAİK project. MOSAİK is a collaborative effort between seniors, non-profit agencies and health authority staff and is funded by Kootenay Boundary Community Health Services Society.

Grief support at Hospice

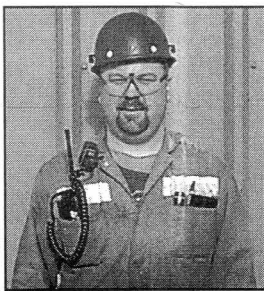
If you're grieving the death of a family member or friend, the Nelson and District Hospice offers an evening grief support group. It starts February 27 and will meet each Tuesday at 7 p.m. for eight weeks. There is no charge, although donations to Hospice will be accepted.

Whether the loss is recent or occurred some time ago, participants can benefit by gaining insight into grief and loss processes, and by listening and sharing with others, in a safe and supportive atmosphere.

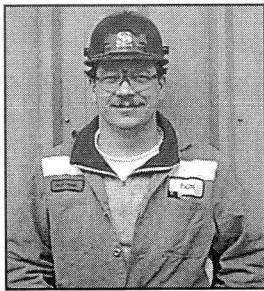
To register, call Nelson Hospice at 352-2337.



Jack Malakoff



Jack Sherbinin



Don Johnstone

Slocan Forest Products is pleased to congratulate three of its employees for achieving advanced trade qualifications. Last fall, after completing a two year apprenticeship, Jack Malakoff attained his certification as a level two Planer Mill Technician. Jack is the fourth Slocan employee to reach this level. Also last fall after a four year apprenticeship Jack Sherbinin attained his Certified Millwright Ticket. In February, Don Johnstone completed a four year apprenticeship and became the first Slocan employee to achieve certification as a level one Planer Mill Technician. All three men finished with extremely good test results.

Slocan is pleased to have Jack Malakoff, Jack Sherbinin and Don Johnstone as part of the team as they continue to contribute to the success of the company.



Last year we volunteered more than 1,500 hours and invested public money in the Valley, thus:

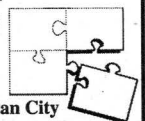
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| Shared-use Commercial Kitchen | ✓ planned, do-able |
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| Annual Megafestival | ✗ not sustainable, instead... |
| Marketing the Valley | ✓ planned |

Where to, from here?
What do YOU want to WORK on?

Do join the **SVCDS**
 (Slocan Valley Community Development Society)
 and meet your neighbours for an evening of information, collaboration and networking

7:00 PM, Monday, March 5,
Slocan Park Hall
Wednesday, March 7,

W.E. Graham Community School Library, Slocan City



Hills skiers bring home the medals

by Peter Collins

Last weekend more than 300 skiers assembled in 100 Mile House for the BC Cross-Country Ski Championships. Among the group were three skiers from Hills Nordic Ski Club, Alysia Garmulewicz (aged 13), younger brother Nicholas (9) and sister Annie Collins (4).

Saturday's race, held under cold clear conditions, was in the freestyle or skating technique. Alysia, racing in the Midget Girls category, faced some very tough opposition in the 3.5km race. With an individual start at 15-second intervals, she was the last to go in her category, and so had the advantage of knowing what her competitors were doing.

A slight mistake in a tough downhill section cost her some valuable time. Digging in deep for the second half, Garmulewicz slowly pulled back the deficit but Michaela Gutteridge from Sovereign Lakes club in Vernon held on to win by just eight seconds, with Garmulewicz taking the silver medal. Her win gave the Vernon girl enough points to rank first in the season-long BC Cup competition with Alysia in a very credible second place.

In the PeeWee Boys category Nicholas, previously undefeated in his age group, faced a very large field of skiers from around the province. Racing over a 1.5km course the Hills racer set a very strong early time, which no one

else was able to match. He won gold in just over six minutes with the second place skier a full minute further back. This win also gave Nicholas maximum points in the BC Cup and the title of BC Champion for his age category.

Collins had earlier started the racing in the Atoms category. As the youngest skier in the race, competing against children aged up to seven years, Collins showed excellent technique and finished in 13th place out of 18 starters.

Sunday was relay day and, in order to compete, all three Hills skiers joined to form a relay team. Due to the mixed team it had to compete in the Midget Boys category.

The mass start saw all the medal winners from both the midget boys and girls' races from Saturday's competition. In the mass start, it was Alysia who moved into an early lead, which she gradually built on in the 2.5km course. She handed over a lead of about 100 metres to Nicholas, but not before setting the fastest overall time of the day.

Racing against boys up to four years older than him, Nicholas set off at a fast pace and only managed to catch him before the hand-over, again a great effort. Nicholas handed over to Collins, who got the biggest cheers of the day as she finished 12th out of 13. A definite team for the future.

The previous weekend the three made the trip to Kimberley for a

Kootenay Cup series of races. Saturday's race in the free technique saw Alysia win gold convincingly in the Midget Girls category. Nicholas, racing up a category at Mini-Midgets and over a longer distance than usual, was narrowly beaten into the silver medal position. Annie Collins won silver in her age group.

On the Sunday the Classic race brought high drama in the Midget Girls race. In a mass start Alysia quickly broke away from the field and caught the tail end of the Open Women's race sent off some minutes earlier. An official who had barred the shorter course then misdirected her onto the longer course. The problem was fixed by the time the rest of the field got to the junction and they completed the correct 3.5km course. Alysia was finally stopped but had completed over six kms by the time she got back to the starting area.

The Race Committee allowed her to race again in an individual start over the correct distance. Rising to the challenge, she comfortably took the gold medal in a time over a minute faster than the second place finisher. Nicholas, racing again at Mini-Midgets, took silver with Collins second in the Atoms class.

The Kootenay Cup finishes this weekend with races in Castlegar and Nelson.



PHOTO BY PETER COLLINS

The Hills cross-country team: Alysia Garmulewicz, Annie Collins, and Nicholas Garmulewicz.

Summit Lake skiers & boarders are having a blast on the slopes

by Allison Alder

Two ski teams and one snowboard team from Summit Lake competed at Red Mtn. February 18. Kids from age 6-12 competed to earn a 10th place finish for the Summit Lake Racers 'B' team and seventh place for the 'A' team. The snowboard team pulled off a third place finish.

Everyone had a blast in the rare fresh powder. When the sun peeked through the clouds it was very appreciated because, otherwise, it was cold and windy for the racers, coaches and parents. Coaches were impressed with the positive attitude of their skiers and boarders as they gave the course their best effort and cheered on the other racers.

The members of the 'A' team are: Dylan Douglas, Sara Greger, Elizabeth Waterfield, Camelia Wong, Jessica Bernhof, Paul VonSalisch, Neil Cavanagh, Michael Wanstall, Leon VonSalisch, Carolyne Carruthers, Meghan Brown-Dahl, Adam McQuair.

The 'B' team members are: Brent Wanstall, Amber Brown-Dahl, Jessica Cavanagh, Bryar McQuair, Tosh Brinker, Kristin Likness, Nadine Douglas, Tamara Beavin, Liva Niquidet, Marlowe Nicholson-Chodat.

The boarders are: Joe McDonald, Stacy Poznikoff, Carly Thorp, Jesse

McDonald, Alex Thorp.

Coaches: Doug and Brenda McQuair, Janet Quesnel, Tim Markholm.

• On February 10 in Salmo the Racers participated in their first team race of the season in the Nancy Greene league. Three squads of 6-12 year olds competed against teams from Red Mountain, Whitewater, Salmo and Phoenix Mtn. The Summit Lake boarders were split into two teams with four stragglers from Phoenix and placed second and fourth.

The two ski teams from Summit placed tenth and fifth in a field of 11.

• The Summit Ski Racers competed at Whitewater in Nelson when it hosted an E2 race January 20. In an E2 race, kids aged 9-12 compete individually in timed giant slaloms.

Jessica Cavanagh caught a second place finish, with Amber Brown-Dahl right behind her in third. Neil Cavanagh picked up the second place boys medal. In the snowboard course, Jesse McDonald took first place girls and Danielle Scott took third.

• Everyone is looking forward to Summit Lake Ski Hill club races this Sunday, February 25. The public is welcome to come out to try ski or snowboard racing, or come and cheer on your favourite Summit Lake Racer. All ages welcome to compete.

More big races in the valley

NEW DENVER—The Slocan Valley Cycling Club is gearing up for more top class races in the area this summer.

It has secured the rights to two major events: the Glacier View Grand Prix (July 21-22) and a BC Masters Cycling Association road race and championship criterium (August 18-19).

The grand prix will produce eight BC provincial champion titles as well

as two BC Cup titles. The individual time trial championships will be run on the New Denver-Silverton course the morning of July 21; in the afternoon will be the New Denver criterium. Later that afternoon the club will host a juvenile race for kids aged 14-16.

The following day is the marquee event—the road race on Hwy 6, the last of a five-race series and the one liable to produce the BC Cup champ

if the standings are tight going in. It's also the title race for the BC provincial road-racing champion.

The SVCC expects to attract 125-140 racers to the grand prix.

The BC Masters association will use the criterium course August 18 to determine its champions in each of its age categories. The next day they'll race on Hwy. 6 from Rosebery to Brouse Loop and back. The masters' events should bring 40-60 people.

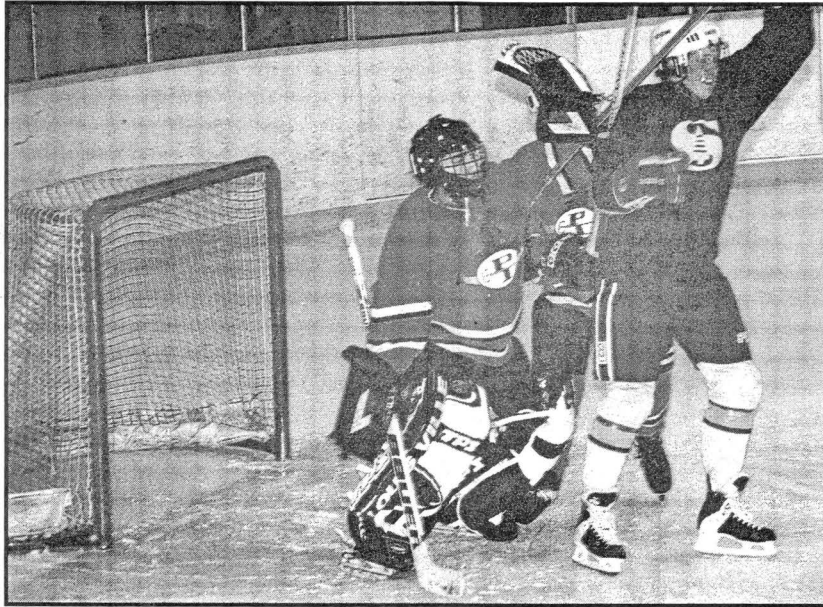
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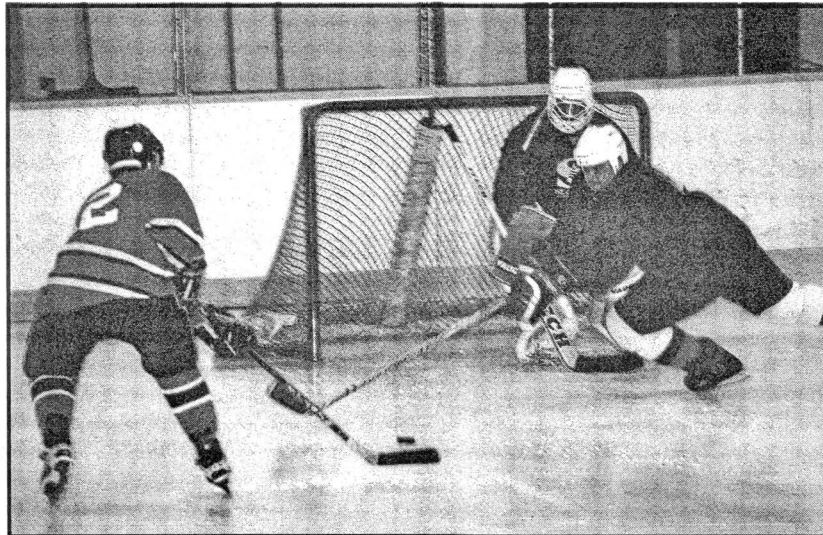
Thanks to Cam Leitch for organizing a great tournament—next year, be prepared to lose to Slocan Forest Products!



Pope and Talbot is top of the heap following 5-team blow-out



The P&T goalie doesn't take kindly to being screened by an SFP forward.



An SFP defenceman tries to help out his goalie against a P&T sharpshooter.

by Scoop Greensword

NAKUSP—Five teams entered Pope & Talbot's annual hockey tournament February 10-11. P&T's 'Screaming Eagles' came in first; Weyerhaeuser took second, Riverside third, Tembec fourth and Slocan Forest Products finished in fifth place.

In the final game, the 'Screaming Eagles' with a two wins out of three record faced off against SFP's 'Slocan Red Eyes' (who had maintained a perfect record of zero wins, three losses) and beat them 6-4.

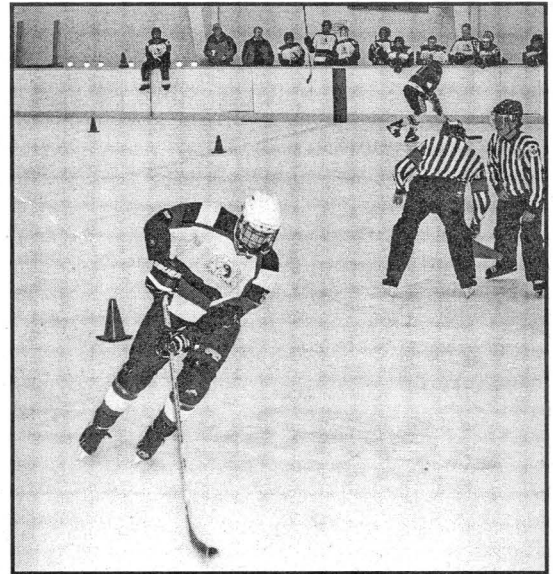
"We're consistent," said Alex Ferguson of the Red Eyes.

The game was tied 1-1 at the end of the first period, with Ron 'The

Rocket' Palmer scoring for P&T and 'Terminator' Todd Cutler scoring for the Red Eyes. They tied it up again at the end of the second period, with 'Rushin' Ron Last scoring the Eagles' second goal and Chris 'The Crusher' Longmore tying it up 2-2 for SFP.

In the third 'Smokin' Shane Cutler and Laurie 'The Flash' Card scored two for the Slocan Red Eyes but with telescopic vision the Screaming Eagles bore down on the Red Eyes' nest. The Eagles tallied four goals in the third period with goals from: Cam 'Bull Dog' Barlow, a second goal for 'Rushin' Ron Last, Dave 'Magic' Jackson put one in and Steve 'Dead Eye' Marks wrapped it up for P&T to take the game 6-4.

Sr. Falcons down Midgets



Brian Hewatt tears up the ice in the skills competition.

by Donna Rebman

NAKUSP—Saturday night, February 17, saw the North Kootenay Falcons Midgets take on the Nakusp Senior Falcons, comprised of Nakusp minor hockey coaches. The evening started out with a skills competition including puck handling, speed skating, and a three on zero shootout. After all was said and done, both teams were even with their total points.

Highlight of the event was an exciting speed race between the Midgets' Alex Winsor and Falcons' Kyle Weatherhead, with Winsor winning by a hair.

The game itself opened with Winsor (assist Jessie Wilcott) scoring 20 seconds into the game. According to the Senior Falcons, at this point they thought they were in real trouble; however, they quickly came back with a fast goal by Ray Hascarl (Rich Brown). Winsor (Wilcott, Travis Rebman) scored again three minutes later for Midgets, and the Senior Falcons answered back with two more goals from Hascarl (Brown) and Fergus Yano (Rod Zorn) making the score 3-2 for the seniors at the end of the first.

The second period had the Seniors showing exactly how much experience does count as they racked

up four goals to the Midgets' zero. Weatherhead scored a hat trick, with assists from Hascarl (2) and Zorn, and Cam Leitch (Brown) scored a single.

Period three opened with Midgets' Colin Anderson scoring, followed seconds later by the Seniors' Zorn (Weatherhead). One minute later Hascarl (Leitch) found the net again.

The Midgets' finished off the game with a final goal from Winsor (Jamie Coates). Final score—9-4.

Referee Guy Duchaine called 22 minutes in penalties for the Seniors, versus only six for the Midgets (a little bit of favouritism, perhaps??)

The coaches playing for the Senior Falcons definitely displayed their ability to practice what they preach and, even though a bit older and tiring a bit quicker than the younger Midgets, provided a very entertaining evening for the crowd and some great pointers for the Midgets.

Community support for this game netted the Midgets more than \$500 towards their trip to the provincials. They have a long, expensive trip ahead of them and all the support received to date has been greatly appreciated.

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A message from the BRITISH COLUMBIA LUNG ASSOCIATION

Initiation "B" Kings host successful tournament

Initiation 'B' Kings hosted a five-team, ten-game tournament February 17-18 in Nakusp. Teams from Trail/Rossland, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm and Kaslo entered. The winner of the autographed Canucks jersey was Cody Olsen of Revelstoke.

Game #1: Kaslo downed the Kings; Kaslo goals came from Danica Semenoff (Jacob Rempel), Angus Collier (Lindsay McKinnon), McKinnon (Cam Settle) and Shawn Sicotte (Travis Surina).

Trail won game two against Revelstoke.

Salmon Arm beat the Kings in game three. Kings' goals came from Andrew Likness (Connor McKee) and Bryce Cann.

Kaslo faced off with Trail in game four and won. Rempel got a hat trick, with two assists from McKinnon, Cam Settle and Leah Aasen), and so did Spencer Davie (with one assist from Semenoff); McKinnon picked

off two goals (Settle, Rempel, Aasen) and singles from Jasmine Karr, Settle, Shawn Sicotte and Semenoff (Davie).

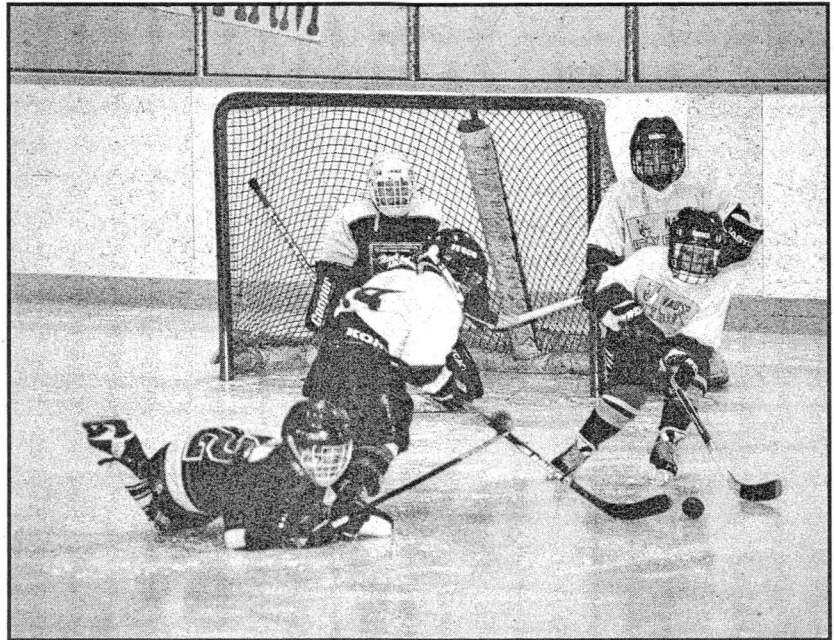
Salmon Arm took game five against Revelstoke and tied Trail 3-3 in game six.

Revelstoke beat the Kings in game seven. Brett Roberts and Cameron Carruthers scored for the Kings.

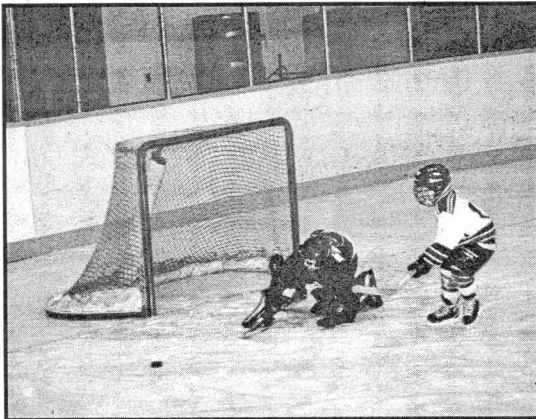
Salmon Arm beat Kaslo in game eight. Davie scored once, and Rempel picked off two goals (Karr, McKinnon).

In game 9, Nakusp met Trail, losing 6-4. Kyle Trotter (Likness, Kristopher James), Carruthers, Ross Zeleznik (Danielle Hascarl) and James (Carruthers) scored for the Kings.

The last game went to Kaslo, who downed Revelstoke 7-2. Davie scored a hat trick, with one assist from McKinnon. Settle (Semenoff) added two more, and McKinnon (Rempel) and Surina scored singles.



The Kings put the pressure on at the Trail net in the ninth game.



The Kings goalie scrambles for the puck against Revelstoke.



Kaslo's goalie couldn't do much from this position as a Salmon Arm player sailed by.

Bantams double Nelson

by Debbie Roberts

NAKUSP—The Bantams played their last league game of the season on February 17 in Nelson, winning 6-3.

Bryce Roberts started the scoring with an unassisted goal halfway through the first period. A minute or so later Dallas Sinclair (assist Roberts) scored to put Nakusp up by two.

Halfway through the second period, Sinclair scored his second of the game. Nelson then scored to come within two. Roberts (Sinclair, Curtis Poznikoff) scored his second of the game to put Nakusp up by three.

Nelson netted its second goal with just seven seconds left in the period.

The third period was half over when Roberts (Sinclair, Posnikoff) scored his third goal of the game, followed by one from Jamie Coates (Anthony Cowan). Just before the end of the third, Nelson managed to find the back of the net once more to make the final score 6-3 Nakusp.

Due to an injury to Nakusp's regular goalie Nathan Robson, Kris Scott stepped forward and put the pads on to mind the net for Nakusp. Job well done!

The Bantam playoffs will be held in Grand Forks March 3-4.

Blazers down Ice Dogs

by Lauren James

NAKUSP—The two Atom teams met February 17, with the Ice Dogs hosting the Blazers in yet another entertaining game. These two home teams continuously put on a great exhibition of hockey with end-to-end action. The outcome—Blazers triumphed over Ice Dogs, 4-2.

After the first period, Ice Dogs were up 2-0 on goals from Darrin Hicks (Jarrett Burke, Havill Leitch), and Leitch (Burke) who made a good rush to the net.

After an ice clean, the Blazers took over, scoring four unanswered goals. Levi Dupuis (Colten Derickson) with a great shot from the blueline, started it late in the second.

Blazers came alive in the third with goals from Joel James (Kalum Stevens, Ben DeWit), Owen Scott (James) and Anthony Watson (Dupuis).

Both goalies, Laine Weighill and Lucas Krbyla, played extremely well in net.

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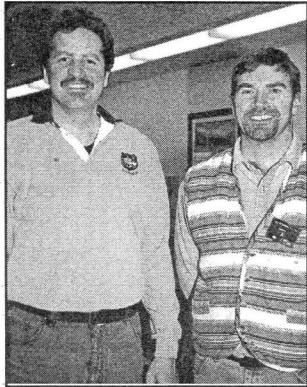
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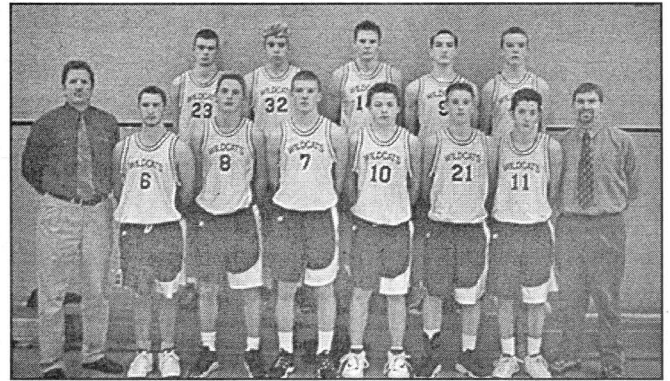
Mt. Sentinel set to host provincials

Five senior boys single 'A' basketball teams from the area are vying for a spot at the West Kootenay playoffs in Salmo February 23-24. The winner will compete in the provincials, hosted by Mt. Sentinel, starting March 7. Nakusp, New Denver, Kaslo, Salmo and Boundary Central will play off; Mt. Sentinel is guaranteed a position.

Sixteen teams from throughout the province will compete in the tournament which will be played at Selkirk College in Castlegar. It starts March 7 with the final game Saturday night March 10.

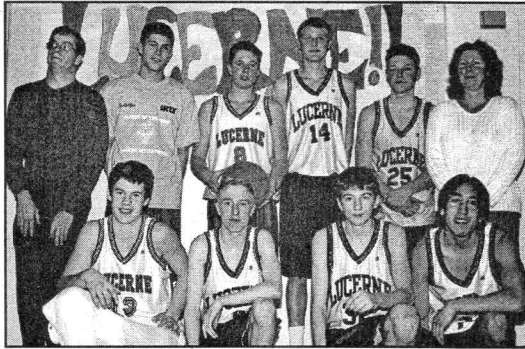
Coach Ed Nielson applied to host the tournament. "It's going to be great basketball," said co-coach Ken Wiens.

Local merchants have donated merchandise for prizes and raffles, and 50/50 draws will help with the cost of the tournament.

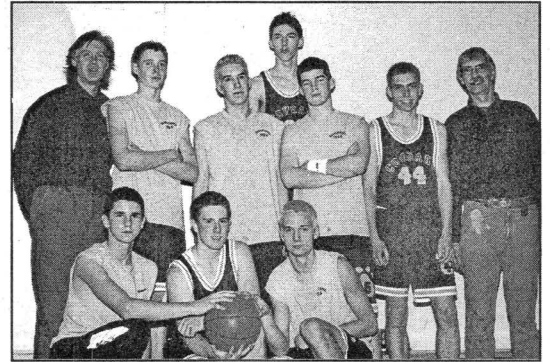


The Mt. Sentinel team.

PHOTO BY MIKE MYSKO



Left—the LESS team. Back row: Coach Jeremiah Wocknitz, Dale Hashimoto, Tony Mark, Sasha Strebchuck, Keith Dagostini, assistant coach Barb Mark; front: Jared Simpson, Dale Welch, Steven Bergevin, Rob Murphy.



Right—the NSS team: Back: Coach Clark Dennill, Jade Dennill, Geoff Grout, Graeme Orr, David Craine, Sebastian Bender, coach Gary Grout; front: Blaine Volansky, Tyson Volansky, James Inglis.

Riding the plank, and noxious Swedes in the '30s... WHAT depression?

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especially in the depression years when it was pretty quiet up there with nothing much happening. In summer, the band would drive to Sandon on the very narrow, single lane road high above Carpenter Creek, on which they had to drive home in the wee hours after a long night's work.

Once in a while, Dad would fall asleep at the wheel, but always ended up on the inside of the road, scaring his passengers—also asleep and likely waking to the thought they were going over the side of the road into the canyon.

In winter, when the road was closed, they would travel on a CPR excursion train especially put on for the dance, and return on it in the early hours of the morning. My mother told of once having to come home on a speeder after missing the train because the crowd didn't want them to stop playing. There was just enough room on the speeder for the band and their instruments; just as they started off, a somewhat inebriated John Nyman Jr. tried to hop on.

Dad found a plank for him, and

shoved it into the back end of the speeder, hanging over the rails. John sat on the end of the plank and was told to hang on tightly. Off they went, gathering speed; the plank started to sway up and down, more and more, until they hit a bump and John flew up

into the air. When he came down, the plank had left him behind. The speeder was going too fast to stop; all the band could do was laugh at poor John running after them.

This reminds me of a story of John's mother and dad. Mrs. Nyman, a hard

worker, looked after a big garden, as did most people during the depression. One day the policeman walked by as she was working and her husband, John Sr., lounged in a hammock. The police were supposed to enforce the noxious weed act, so when the policeman

stopped to chat he noted, "I see you have a noxious weed in your garden, Mrs. Nyman." Hands on her hips, Mrs. Nyman said very firmly, "Don't you call my Yohn a noxious Swede!"

This is a bit of what life was like here in the 1930s.

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Proposed 2001-2005 Forest Development Plan TFL 3 - Little Slokan Arrow Forest District

Slocan Forest Products Ltd. is making available for public viewing their proposed 2001-2005 Forest Development Plan for operations in Tree Farm License 3 (Little Slokan) in the Arrow Forest District.

The Forest Development Plan shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting, road development and deactivation. The plan also includes information on the maintenance and protection of other resource values in the area. It is available for review by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests.

The Forest Development Plan will be available for review and comment from February 7, 2001 to April 9, 2001.

The Forest Development Plan will be available for review at the following locations:

Location	Date	Time
Slocan Forest Products office 705 Delany Ave. Slocan	February 7, 2001 to April 9, 2001	8 am to 4 pm
Slocan Legion Hall	Open House March 5, 2001	2 pm to 7 pm
Arrow Forest District, Castlegar	February 7, 2001 to April 9, 2001	8:30 am to 4 pm

To ensure that a representative is available to discuss the proposed plan and receive comments, for review at SFP's office we would request that you make an appointment by contacting either Kathy Howard or Grant Thompson at 355-2100.

If any interested parties are unable to review the proposed plans during these times, arrangements can be made to view the plan at a mutually convenient time. Please contact either Grant Thompson or Kathy Howard. Comments and concerns must be provided in writing by April 9, 2001 to Slocan Forest Products, 705 Delany Ave., Slocan, BC V0G 2C0, Attention: Kathy Howard, RPF.

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