

Tired of 'crap', Buller quits LRUP table

WINLAW—There has been a change in personnel at the Perry Ridge LRUP table. Dave Buller has resigned as the rep for the independent water licencees, and is being replaced by Sam Simpson.

Buller's resignation came after an altercation with Area H director Eric Nygren at the September 20 public meeting the table members held to explain what they were doing.

"At the public meeting, Eric starts doing the soapbox thing. I just about hit Eric in the face," Buller said.

"I decided if I was going to get so emotionally involved, it was time to get out.

"I have no respect for that man. I listened to Eric, to the Valhalla Wilderness Society, to the Perry Ridge Water Users—I'm tired of hearing all the crap. The table is an excellent idea—I fully support it."

Simpson, who had resigned from the table in July, has rejoined in Buller's place. She said part of the reason for her previous decision to leave was personal, but her situation has changed.

"I feel very strongly that independent water users should be represented," she said. "It's great to be back at the table with such a great bunch of community-minded individuals. I'm very happy to be back."

Selkirk Paving gets nod for truck route

Selkirk Paving Ltd., was the successful bidder for the Nakusp truck route, with a low bid of \$2.165 million. Thirteen companies bid on the contract; the first five bids were within

\$100,000 of each other.

Selkirk manager Sante Pulice said in an interview that the company will use some of its own key people but expects to hire locally if there are qualified operators. The company also tries to purchase goods locally by giving local business a chance to compete.

Selkirk expects to have surveyors in this week, and to install signage and start clearing and grubbing next week.

"We expect to open an office fairly quickly," said Pulice. If people are interested in work they can fax a resume to 359-8164.

I want my mama!



Sometimes, just getting a bite to eat can turn into a traumatic experience, as this tiny cub found out when she visited New Denver. See story on page 2.

Happy Hallowe'en ...and fly safely!



from Bonnie and the staff of The Valley Voice

Forest tenure reform on agenda at workshop

A workshop on better ways to allocate forest resources is taking place next week in Nelson.

'Forest Tenure Reform: A Path to Community Prosperity?', hosted by the Kootenay Conference on Forest Alternatives, happens November 4-5 at the Prestige Convention Centre.

Speakers include MLA and former logger Corky Evans; Chief David

Walkem, RPF, chief of the Cooks' Ferry band; Doug Konkin, RPF, executive director of the Ministry of Forests' Operations Division; Dr. Peter Pearce and Dr. Patricia Marchak of the University of BC; and Dr. John Pierce, Dean of Arts and Simon Fraser University.

Panel discussions include participants from forestry companies and

from watershed protection societies, as well as local government, community activists, students, academics, First Nations, environmentalists and forestry workers.

Input from all participants will lead to a set of recommendations to be drafted towards the end of the two days. These will be passed on to the Forest Policy Review Board.

The event is sponsored by the Vancouver Foundation, the Real Estate Foundation, Kalesnikoff Lumber, the Suzuki Foundation, Forest Alliance BC, Ecotrust Canada, CUSO, EKES, West Coast Environmental Law, and RPF. For information or a registration package, call April Anderson at 226-7641 or log on to the KCFA website at www.kcfa.bc.ca.

BC Hydro to check out slippage on Arrow Lakes

NAKUSP—A house sliding towards the water in Burton has prompted BC Hydro to initiate a slope stability study on the Arrow Lake reservoir.

BCH Community Relations manager Mary Algar says there is no firm date set for the review, but it should get rolling within the next month. How many properties will be affected, and in what areas, is unknown.

"We have to first of all define the

scope of the work, priority areas, and terms of reference," Algar said.

This is an update and review, since a similar study was done in 1994/95, she added.

The slippage in Burton was reported by the property owner. BC Hydro is "taking it seriously" and is concerned about the homeowners' safety, Algar said, and has looked at temporary relocation as the home is "in a potentially unsafe condition."

Consulting engineer and geologist Doug Van Dine noted, "There were significant signs of movement on the property, such as land slides, as well as cracks in buildings. This movement appears to have occurred over a period of many years. It is not apparent if the cause of this movement is related to reservoir or slope conditions."

Algar agreed. "We don't have a determination that reservoir operations were responsible

for the slippage...it could have been related to a number of things," she said.

Time change!
Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend—put your clocks one hour back Saturday night.

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Those lovely leaves can be deadly

Jumping in piles of leaves can be a lot of fun, but it can also be dangerous. Consider this story that was sent to us from our Internet server:

"Last weekend, our editor was driving down a suburban side street when she noticed something moving in a pile of leaves in the gutter. She slammed on

the brakes and swerved away just in time. Two little girls were nearly completely covered in the leaves, oblivious to the danger.

"Parents: Please warn your children not to play in piles of leaves in the gutters or sides of streets.

"Homeowners: Don't sweep leaves

into the street! Children are drawn to piles of leaves to play in them.

"Drivers: Avoid any large piles of leaves - not all parents will read this warning."

And don't forget driving on wet leaves is like driving on black ice; slow down and don't hit the brakes.

Corporation of the Village of Slocan Notice of Election by Voting

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the electors of the Village of Slocan that an election by voting is necessary to elect a Mayor and four Councillors for a three-year term commencing December 1999 and terminating December 2002, and that the persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

Mayor - One (1) to be elected

CZELENSKI, Bernard	714 Hume Street, Slocan, BC
MORTENSEN, Len	603 Main Street, Slocan, BC
PATTERSON, Jean	512 Springer Street, Slocan, BC

Councillor - four (4) to be elected

DUBE, Don	803 Nelson Street, Slocan, BC
FREDRICKSON, Dave	615 Springer Street, Slocan, BC
OSWALD, Jan	515 Arthur Street, Slocan, BC
ROSHINSKY, Bernie	1118 Harold Street, Slocan, BC
VAN BYNEN, Burly	1001 Arlington Road, Slocan, BC

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be open to qualified electors of the Village of Slocan on Saturday, November 20, 1999 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the Women's Institute Hall, 602B Harold Street, Slocan, BC.

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the required application form available at the voting place. To register you must meet the following qualifications:

- 18 years of age or older,
- Canadian citizen
- resident of BC for at least six months immediately preceding voting day,
- resident of OR registered owner of real property in the Village of Slocan for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day, and
- not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Resident electors will also be required to produce **2 PIECES OF IDENTIFICATION** (at least one with a signature.) Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce a non-resident property elector certificate and two pieces of identification (at least one with signature) to prove identity.

For a copy of the regulation that outlines acceptable forms of identification, please contact the Clerk of the Village Office at (250) 355-2277. Please check your Driver's Licence to ensure that your correct street address is listed.

Non-resident property elector certificates can be obtained from the Clerk at the Slocan Village Office during regular office hours prior to 4:00 pm on Friday, November 19, 1999. On advance and general voting days, certificates may be obtained from the Chief Elections Officer at the Village of Slocan's designated voting places during voting hours. A copy of the title will be required. If there is more than one registered owner on title, written consent from the majority of the owners will be required, which will allow only one of the registered owners to obtain the certificate. Please contact the Clerk for additional information.

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

Advance voting will be open at the Village Office, 503 Slocan Street, Slocan, BC on Wednesday, November 10, 1999 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm, and on Friday, November 12, 1999 between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. The only persons permitted to vote at the Advance Voting Opportunity are those who, being duly qualified electors, sign a statement that:

- the elector expects to be absent from the Village of Slocan on general voting day,
- the elector, for reasons of conscience, will be unable to vote on general voting day
- the elector will be unable to attend a voting place on general voting day for reasons beyond their control,
- the elector has a physical disability or is a person whose mobility is impaired,
- the elector is a candidate or candidate representative, or
- the elector is an election official.

Bonnie St. Thomas, Chief Election Officer

Cub evades rescuers

NEW DENVER—A tiny bear cub caused a big ruckus in the village October 13 when it was treed beside the playschool. The conservation officer joined the RCMP and a number of spectators, trying to capture the little animal without hurting it.

BC Tel has new name

If you hear "Thank you for using Telus" when you next make a long-distance call, don't think that someone has switched phone companies on you.

BC Tel has merged with Telus, the Alberta company formerly known as AGT. The merger took place February 1 but it took four months for them to decide to use the 'Telus' name.

"We are the same company to the extent that we are the same company the customers have been dealing with and still focused on customer service," says Telus' media relations rep Doug Strachan.

"It is really feisty, so I think it's a girl," said CO Terry Peck.

Their intention was to capture the cub and send it to Helen Jameson's wildlife rehabilitation centre near Nelson. There, it would be raised with a minimum of human contact and released in the spring. The cub was probably born in February or March. It's a runt, and could have been born as a twin.

Despite their best efforts, they could not capture it that afternoon. Conservation officer Barry Farynuk returned later in the week with a trap but the little cub had disappeared. If anyone spots it, Farynuk said, they'd appreciate a call at 265-3714 so they can rescue it and make sure it survives the winter.

• Terry Peck, the officer who was on the scene October 13, has just moved to Nakusp from Penticton, with his wife and four children. He asked to be posted here, switching jobs with Jim Beck.

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

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Cariboo Economic Action Forum, tel: (250) 992-6266
 - **North:**
Northern Development Commission, tel: (250) 565-6246 or 1-888-95NORTH
 - **Southern Interior:**
John McGuire and Associates, tel: (250) 851-0356
 - **Kootenays:**
Derek Murphy Consulting, tel: (250) 359-6691
- or call 1-877-777-1533 or visit our web site at www.cdsv.gov.bc.ca

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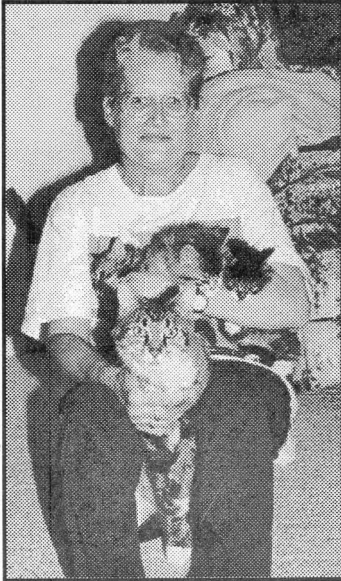
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Fire survivor needs homes for kittens



NEW DENVER—A mobile home fire in the spring of 1999 took the life of Christian Meder, his dog and two cats. One cat survived, although no one realized it at the time.

Months after the fire, tenants at the Valhalla cabins close to the burnt out shell heard a pitiful cry from a nearby shed. They investigated, and underneath the shed found a starving cat with a broken leg. She was terrified and would not come out.

They left food for her, and continued to feed her until they moved. Another tenant took over leaving food for the cat, until she too had to leave.

The cat wouldn't come near people and as a result the leg was never tended

to. It may be too late to ever fix it and she walks with noticeable difficulty.

Grace Power moved into the cabin, and took over feeding the animal. For some reason the cat took to her right away and followed her home.

Power started feeding her outside the door.

"The next thing I hear outside is [a tiny] 'mew, mew'."

The cat brought her five tiny kittens to Power. The Nakusp SPCA donated a bag of food for the new family, but they're growing rapidly and it's time to find them a new home. If you'd like to adopt one of the firecat's kittens, call Power at 358-2254.

SPCA seeks foster parents for pets

NAKUSP—The SPCA is looking for 'foster homes' for dogs and cats, until it can find permanent homes for them.

A good foster home must provide food, water, a secure place for the animal to stay, and lots of attention.

For more information or to volunteer, call Julie Gaudet (265-3356).

Sheila Seaton at the vet clinic (265-4442) or Florence Bargerly (265-4261).

Check those PowerWheels™

A communications problem between Sears and one of its suppliers has angered an Arrow Lakes man who bought a defective toy and then had trouble getting it fixed.

Last summer, Gordon Moore bought a motorized quad made by Mattel, but it started smoking so he disconnected the battery before anything more could happen. In October of that year, he took it back to Sears, which replaced it.

In November, his brother saw a TV show which mentioned a recall on the

toys but, according to Moore, no one at the Sears catalogue store in Nakusp knew about the recall, and when he called the head office in Richmond they were unaware of it as well. They called Mattel, which said it would send a package he could install and fix the problem.

Moore asked Sears for a refund, instead, as he was angry that no one had told him about the hazard. It was refused; Mattel would have to fix it, he was told.

An employee called and apologized

and said they had advertised the recall—in Saskatchewan.

The toy in question, a Fisher-Price Power Wheels vehicle, was recalled by the manufacturer October 22, 1998. All the recalled models were made before October 1, required 12-volt or Super 6-volt batteries, and had two gear boxes near the rear wheels. The regular 6-volt models with one gear box are unaffected.

Fisher-Price says it notified retailers to stop selling the vehicles until they could all be retro-fitted.

Legions remember on Nov. 11

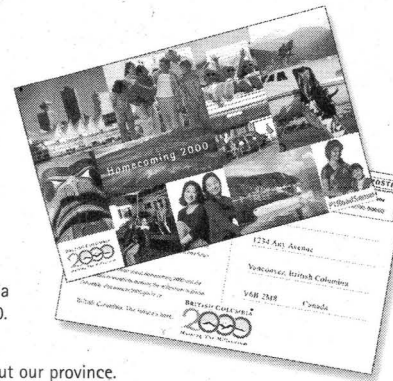
November 11 is Remembrance Day, and all branches of the Royal Canadian Legion will be holding services.

The poppy campaign is underway; your donations go towards many of the Legion's community service projects, from helping veterans and their dependents to sponsoring youth sports.

In New Denver, the Remembrance Day parade will form outside the village office at 10:50 a.m. and march to the cenotaph, followed by a service at Knox Hall.

President Agnes Emery reports that poppy campaign funds last year went towards a \$200 bursary for a Lucerne school grad, for prizes to students in the Remembrance Day poster contest, and to hospital patients and Pavilion residents at Christmas and throughout the year.

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For more information call (250) 356-2000, or check out the BC-2000 web site, www.bc2000.gov.bc.ca.

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Valley**

Sandon resident returns for a visit after 70 years



Corporation of the Village of New Denver Notice of Other Voting

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the electors of the Village of New Denver that other voting is necessary to establish if the electors of the Village of New Denver are in favour of establishing a special reserve fund for the maintenance of community heritage facilities as designated "Heritage" by the Council of the Village of New Denver. The question to be asked to obtain the assent of the electors on the establishment of the special reserve fund shall be:

Are you in favour of the Village of New Denver adopting Bylaw 522 to authorize the Council of the Village of New Denver to establish a Special Reserve Fund through the sale of the Bosun Hall property, for the maintenance of community heritage facilities as designated 'Municipal Heritage Sites' by the Council of the Village of New Denver?"

Yes
No

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be open to qualified electors of the Village of New Denver on Saturday, November 20, 1999 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following location:

Village of New Denver Council Chambers, 115 Slocan Avenue

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

There is no need to pre-register to vote, as the registration of all electors for this election will take place at the time of voting. You will be required to make a declaration that you meet the following requirements:

- 18 years of age or older,
- Canadian citizen
- resident of BC for at least six months immediately preceding voting day,
- resident of OR registered owner of real property in the Village of New Denver for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day, and
- not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Resident electors will also be required to produce 2 **PIECES OF IDENTIFICATION** (at least one with a signature.) Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce a non-resident property elector certificate and two pieces of identification (at least one with signature) to prove identity.

Non-resident property elector certificates can be obtained from the Chief Elections Officer at the New Denver municipal office during regular office hours prior to 4:00 pm on Friday, November 19, 1999. On advance and general voting days, certificates may be obtained from the Chief Elections Officer at the Village of New Denver Council Chambers during voting hours.

Non-resident property electors must provide the Certificate of Title and the Consent Form from all other owners of the property and two pieces of identification (at least one with a signature.)

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

Advance voting will be open at the Village Council Chambers, 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC on Wednesday, November 10, 1999 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. The only persons permitted to vote at the Advance Voting Opportunity are those who, being duly qualified electors, sign a statement that:

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- the elector has a physical disability or is a person whose mobility is impaired,
- the elector is a candidate or candidate representative, or
- the elector is an election official.

SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITY

A special voting opportunity will be open at the Slocan Community Hospital, 401 Galena Avenue from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, November 20, 1999. Only those qualified electors who are patients or staff of the Slocan Community Hospital at the time of voting may vote at this special voting opportunity.

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

As authorized by Section 100 of the Municipal Act, voting and registration may be done by mail for those, who being duly qualified electors, meet the following criteria:

- are persons who have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity.

Any elector qualified to vote by mail ballot should contact the Chief Elections Officer at the New Denver Municipal Office, phone (250) 358-2316. As provided under the Municipal Act, a mail ballot must be received by the Chief Elections Officer before the close of voting on general voting day in order to be counted for an election.

SYNOPSIS OF BYLAW No. 522

1. The Bylaw empowers Council and authorizes it to establish a special reserve fund under the provisions of Section 499(1) of the Municipal Act.
2. The reserve fund shall be established through the sale of the Bosun Hall property.
3. The principal amount shall remain unexpended, with only interest on the principal and future contributions being used for maintenance purposes.
4. Recommendation for disbursement of funds from the reserve fund shall be governed by "Heritage Advisory Commission Bylaw No. 523, 1999."

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a synopsis of the proposed bylaw and that this synopsis is not intended to be and is not to be understood as an interpretation of the bylaw. The full bylaw may be inspected at the Village of New Denver Municipal Office, 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

For further information on the bylaw or the voting process, please call Carol Gordon, Chief Elections Officer at (250) 358-2316.

Carol Gordon, Chief Elections Officer

A Sandon resident who left 70 years ago recently visited the area and reminisced about the old days. Frank Herdman lived in Sandon in 1927 for a year and a half when he was seven years old, then moved to New Denver in 1929. His father, the United Church minister for New Denver, Silverton, Sandon and Rosebery, held at least three services each Sunday. The family left the area around 1931.

Herdman has fond memories of Sandon.

"I remember riding Mr. Cunningham's horse. He was the caretaker of the Alamo Mine. I went to school in Sandon. The old school house was half way down the flume." His teacher was Miss Compton.

He also remembers the outhouses: there were two or three of them, leaning over the creek, "until we got automatics."

Herdman was quite the daredevil when he was young. He remembers sledding on a Swedish sleigh like the one on display at the museum, riding it from the top of the flume down to the bottom.

In New Denver the school was located on the same street as the United Church and the principal was George Street. Past the school, a block or two away, was the hospital, the movie theatre and the BC police station opposite, Bosun Hall and then the old hardware/general store. He remembers watching silent movies, while someone played the piano.

He also remembers with regret the town tearing up the old wooden sidewalks to be replaced with cement, because it removed a financial opportunity: "We'd go and pick up the coins between the boards when we were kids."

They had another source of revenue, though.

"We used to trap gophers up by the old grave yard. There was a provincial program and we'd get one cent a tail bounty hunting."

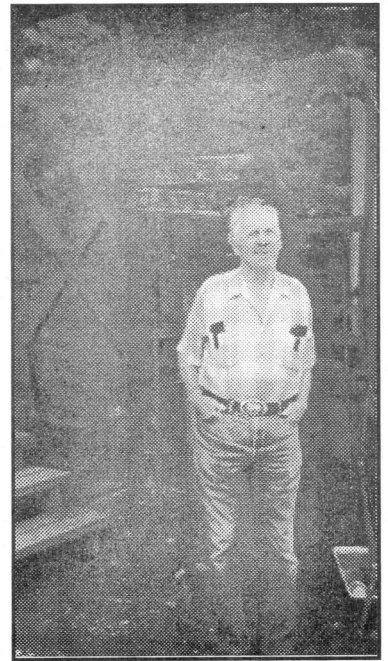
The train ride from New Denver to Sandon left quite an impression on young Herdman, as did travelling up the old Sandon Road in a 1926 Chev. He remembers the cribbing that kept up the old bridge.

"You'd look down and there was nothing there going down the pass at Alamo." He remembers running into a slide, his father backing up the car, and another slide coming down behind them.

"It happened at least twice as I recall."

And the winters were worse, too.

"The paddle wheeler was operating when I first moved to New Denver and I can remember skating on the lake for two years. It froze right over. Kootenay Lake had cars on it."



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Risk of Landslides on Perry Ridge: Ethics Report Failed to Address Crucial Concerns about the Risk Assessment

PARTIES IN THE DISPUTE

The Perry Ridge Risk Assessment was carried out by a scientific panel composed of a Ministry of Forests (MOF) geoscientist, a Ministry of Environment (MOE) engineer, and an independent engineer. It was commissioned by MOF for the Local Resource Use Plan (LRUP) process. Complaints were filed after a public meeting at which expert consultants for the water users revealed numerous deficiencies and flaws in the risk assessment. The MOF member of the scientific panel said that if, upon further consideration, the criticisms were found to be valid, the report would probably not be revised. Representatives of the Perry Ridge Water Users Association, the Valhalla Wilderness Society, the West Kootenay Coordinator of Forest Watch, and the Area H director of the Regional District of Central Kootenay filed complaints.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES SIDESTEPED

The ethics committee report did not dispute the findings of the water users' consultants. Instead it omitted discussion of the scientific methodology of the risk assessment, including the use of substandard risk rating criteria. The ethics report made no mention of the specific parts of its Code of Ethics which were the subject of the complaints. The committee acknowledged that the mapping was not detailed enough. However, it dismissed the issue on the grounds that the study was only an overview, and "public safety and welfare issues will be addressed in greater detail in subsequent operational planning ... in higher risk areas."

This response fails to acknowledge that the complainants had pointed out that the present, flawed Risk Assessment has already been used to plan logging and access routes. The LRUP

"(The complainants) are no strangers to forest management issues in the Arrow District. The (sic) have individually and collectively been complaining to the District Manager, Regional Manager, Deputy Minister, Minister, Ombudsman and Premier about forestry activities and management decisions for several years. Those who wrote to you under the signature of organized groups have a long history in the Arrow District of not accepting provincial legislation and policy implementation. Current ongoing litigation regarding Perry Ridge may have influenced the initiation of these complaints ... We consider these complaints to be completely frivolous and trust you will consider our background information during your deliberations."

Letter from the Ministry of Forests to the Deputy Director of the Ethics Committee July 6, 1999

"Professional Engineers and Professional Geoscientists shall hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public."

Quoted above is the first principle of the Code of Ethics of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists. Is this consistent with risk assessment that was recently carried out on Perry Ridge in the Slokan Valley? Consider that:

◆ When the probability of a landslide is rated at more than once in 500 years, many professionals and agencies consider that unacceptable where human lives and property are concerned.

◆ In the Perry Ridge Risk Assessment (PRRA), the probability of a landslide must be more than once in twenty years before the hazard is considered high. A probability of once in 20-100 years is considered only "moderate" hazard. A consequence of serious injury to persons or destruction of a single residence is considered only a "moderate" consequence. If a location has moderate hazard and moderate consequence, it is considered an "insignificant" issue for the planning table.

These issues were totally ignored by the Ethics Committee of the Association in a recent decision on ethics concerns.

table has used the risk assessment to recommend logging for half the Ridge.

MOF SENT LETTERS TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEE DISPARAGING THOSE WHO COMPLAINED

A quote from the letters is in the box at left. MOF called the complaints frivolous and portrayed them as part of a long string of complaints by a few individuals who don't accept government policies. However, the reasons for the long history of resistance (by hundreds of residents) include actual landslides on Perry Ridge and severe damage to a home and several properties. In spite of this, MOF once thought the concerns were so frivolous that it tried to build a logging road without doing a risk assessment at all. Slokan Valley residents stood on a logging blockade. Their concerns were ruled to be substantial by the BC Supreme Court, which also found that MOF suppressed or mischaracterized numerous technical reports when seeking an injunction against the blockade.

Under the excuse of defending its employee, MOF gained access and status in the ethics complaint process that is in no way befitting the chief party-in-interest in the logging. MOF also questioned the motives and ethics of the BC engineer whose review of the risk report showed that the risk-rating criteria were substandard.

With no analysis of the issues, APEG dismissed our conflict of interest concerns, stating merely that there was no conflict of interest because everyone knew that one of the panel members worked for MOF, and the appointment was approved by the LRUP table. MOF funds, manages, facilitates and holds a seat on the LRUP table. The MOF letters failed to inform APEG that an LRUP table member, as well as Perry

Ridge Water Users' Association, had opposed the appointment of the MOF employee on the grounds that the community would be unable to have confidence in the report. The LRUP member was over-ridden without discussion of her concerns. She resigned, stating in writing that this was one of the reasons.

APEG IGNORED THE RULE OF CLIENT CONFIDENTIALITY

The ethics report criticized the B.C. engineer, Frank Bauman, who revealed the substandard criteria. The committee said he prejudiced a public meeting for failing to make his report available to the risk assessment panel before it was made public. This was actually a decision of the client, not the consultant. To share the report might have exposed the consultant to intense government-industry pressures to back down on his criticisms. In addition such prior disclosure would have allowed the government to attack these critiques before the public had a chance to hear them. This is a risk that clients cannot take when the work they have commissioned has uncovered serious

problems.

Such pressures are one reason why we rely to a considerable degree upon US expertise, but APEG has now issued an edict that only its members are permitted to practice in BC. This was the excuse for dismissing the serious criticisms of J. Allen Isaacson without consideration of their scientific merit. Isaacson is the US hydrology consultant for the Perry Ridge Water Users Association. The APEG ethics committee knows very well that Isaacson is a hydrologist, not an engineer or geoscientist, and that there is no hydrology association in BC. The BC Supreme Court has recognized Mr. Isaacson as an expert witness, he is entitled to work in BC under the Free Trade Agreement, he has worked for the Ministry of Forests, and he created the ECA water yield model that was misused in Perry Ridge Risk Assessment.

WHO IS ACCOUNTABLE?

In the end, we can find no one who is accountable for the risks to which the residents are being subjected. The government has legislated itself out of legal responsibility in the *Forest Practices Code*. The LRUP table points to the scientific panel. Professional engineers and geoscientists cloak themselves in their Code of Ethics, but the committee which considers ethics questions points back to the terms of reference written by the scientists and to the planning table, which has no expertise and is stacked with logging interests. This is totally unacceptable in a province where people have died horrible deaths in logging-related landslides, and many homes have been damaged or destroyed.

A public information bulletin by the
Valhalla Wilderness Society

P.O. Box 329, New Denver, BC, V0G 1S0 Phone: 250-358-2333

Voices from the Valleys

Letters to the Editor

Re: Mr. Nygren's remarks "a bogus process of 'public input'": A rural director may establish an Advisory Planning Commission (APC). The APC can advise the director on local issues (see section 955, Municipal Act). The members are not elected and hold no power. They are chosen from various parts of the electoral area and should represent many different viewpoints. They receive no remuneration and offer only advice and information which the director may accept or reject. The director provides, in the annual budget, commission expenses, i.e. meeting space rental, gas mileage to meetings, postage etc. The APC is the way to get input from throughout the valley and have thoughtful discussion on issues including which groups receive grant dollars.

Many feel that Mr. Nygren's decisions are arbitrary and dictatorial. His recent newsletters reflect a negative attitude and a strange choice of issues. Mr. Nygren's strident criticism of the LRUP and the suggested use of the rail corridor is not appropriate for an elected representative and is offensive and embarrassing to those who are not among the radical fringe or 'vocal minority'. Mr. Nygren does not seem to realize he represents all valley residents, not just those who voted for him.

**Ann Barkley
Slocan**

Dear Nakusp,

As I travel around the world, I forgive myself for occasionally forgetting the names of the proliferation of towns that I travel through. This will not be the case with Nakusp.

I arrived a week ago with barely a backward glance as I raced off to some sublime hot springs north of the town. And then my van broke down, and then I was towed back to Nakusp. And then I was forced to get up close and personal with some individuals that have once again taken my hope for humanity to a new level.

To Debbie, my thanks for being the catalyst for a new love for chai tea lattes, and for showing me the hospitality possible when one attributes a warm, bubbly personality to their business.

To Warren, my thanks for selflessly aiding in the recovery of a rare spare for my van and your much welcome advice and assistance.

And to Helmut Gimble, I feel humbled by your generosity and feel honoured to be in the presence of one that gives so openly and honestly. Your

family is testimony to your values and I find myself leaving Nakusp with a sense of accentuated hope for the future. I hope that one day I can be given such an opportunity to repay the same to another in need.

Thanks again to everyone

**Darren Bell
via e-mail**

In response to the Burton Hall Board's letter in the Arrow Lakes News October 6: as a member of the Burton community I do not feel I am represented accurately. I am grateful to Hydro for installing wells, so we no longer have chlorinated water. Sure it would be nice to have fire hydrants (at whose cost?), training etc. But a 'please' and a 'thank you' is only common courtesy. Anyone knows a 'please' and 'thank you' will get you further than a demand.

I am concerned the community will receive nothing further from Hydro due to the rudeness and offensiveness of the letter. I only hope that Hydro doesn't think these individuals represent the whole community.

**Wanda Buerge
Burton**

In response to [Area H director Eric] Nygren's letter on "sour grapes" from former employees and volunteer staff of the Rec Commission: I'm sorry, Mr. Nygren, but your attempt to distance yourself from past deeds and confuse the issues by drawing attention to and discrediting honest people who worked very hard to give something to this community is a pretty low and mean-spirited action. And it won't work.

I am not a former employee or volunteer of the commission but I was a very satisfied customer using the rec services for my whole family. The range of activities was excellent and always well-organized and economical. It really brought this community together. Now, with all the politics of the RDCK involvement with Perry Ridge LRUP, Rails to Trails and the change of the rec co-ordinator position, I feel the spirit of the valley withering.

The opinions of Mr. Lawrence and Mr. McPherson are much more prevalent than you may think. Will you accuse us all then of "sour grapes"?

We need an honest, caring individual with integrity, who is not afraid to listen to the people and will admit to not being an expert on every sub-

ject. It's really time for a change.

That's what's going on.

**Victoria Carleton
Winlaw**

I have followed the exchange in your paper between Don Munro (September 30 issue) and Eric Nygren (October 14) regarding RDCK funding for local programs. Knowing Munro to be a person of integrity who is unlikely to publish statements without doing his homework, I did take the time to telephone and fax the treasurer of the RDCK, Barry McLean. Not surprisingly, Mr. McLean's information confirms Munro's statements.

According to Mr. McLean, at the end of 1998 there was a surplus of \$83,891 available for disbursement in Area H. Because there was no process in place to access Columbia Basin Trust funds until 1999, their '98 contribution of \$19,086 was held over for the '99 budget.

Adding the '98 surplus (\$83,891), Columbia Basin Trust's two year contribution (\$38,172) to the 1999 budget (\$72,984) nets a total of \$195,047 available for distribution by the regional director in 1999.

That's a lot of money. A lot of money to be sitting in a bank somewhere when it could be used here in the valley. A lot of money at the discretion of one person.

I would feel a lot more comfortable with Don Munro's proposed process for distributing this money. A process that includes planning, substantial public input and accountability.

Wouldn't you?

**Judith Ceroli
Winlaw**

Re: the Burton Community Hall Association letter in the October 6 Arrow Lakes News.

First of all, I don't appreciate the wording that the requests outlined are from the Burton water users. I don't recall voting to have the hall association represent the entire community of Burton in regard to our water system. We did vote on a committee to represent us—what happened to that committee?

I am very happy with the water system we now have in place. The water tastes good and has no chlorine taste as it had in the past. I understand the school and a few homes located near it do have a strong, foul taste [in their water] and I believe this should be investigated and steps taken to correct the problem.

I read the letter which BC Hydro sent to the hall association dated September 2. I think they have answered the questions which you again asked in your October 6 letter...you should perhaps start listening more instead of talking through the entire meetings which BC Hydro has with the community.

My husband and I will not attend

any more meetings concerning the Burton water system as it gets pretty frustrating listening to a couple of people repeatedly asking some pretty dumb questions. As my father says, "Sit down, be quiet and let somebody else talk for a change."

It would be nice to know what BC Hydro has planned, so please let others ask questions and do not monopolize the meeting.

**Ileen Dale
Burton**

With great horror I read Kathy Hartman's letter regarding the family pet that had been shot, presumably with a bow and arrow. It is extremely disturbing to me that there is a youth who is permitted by his parents to run around with a bow and arrow shooting bunnies at will, and heaven knows what else—perhaps Ms. Hartman's dog.

Whether or not he murdered the dog, it is equally disturbing to hear eyewitness accounts of this youth deliberately causing pain to innocent animals. It is a well-known, proven fact that people who abuse animals will and do abuse people, usually women and children.

SPCA personnel are trained to detect and report suspected child abuse while investigating allegations of cruelty to animals. It is also a fact that when one delves into the past of a serial killer you can find a history of animal abuse and torture before they turn their reign of terror on human beings.

Abusing and murdering animals is a criminal act and is punishable by law with penalties ranging from heavy fines to a jail term. On behalf of soci-

ety as a whole, I implore the parents of this youth to get him some serious counselling. He must be stopped now before it's too late. Perhaps it already is. Isn't that a comforting thought?

Ms. Hartman and Mr. Hyink, my deepest condolences on the loss of your loved one. May it be of comfort for you to know that there will be justice one day.

**R. Farrell
New Denver**

The Millennium Youth Centre Steering Committee is in the process of applying for grant money and land donations with the goal of opening a youth centre in New Denver by the year 2000. Our biggest stumbling block is access to a building or a room in a building that the youth can decorate and furnish in their own style.

We have received support from the Slocan rec commission and the BC Assets and Lands Corporation. What we need from the community are letters, essays or anecdotes on the subject of 'Why New Denver/Silverton needs a youth centre'.

The steering committee will use these as evidence when applying for assistance. You may drop your submission off at Anna's Oasis Country Store.

Please help. Your letter may be the clincher that turns a public official into our advocate.

The steering committee meets most Wednesday evenings and we are always looking for people who want to help. Call Lynn Simonson at 358-2383 for details.

**Kathy Hartman
Rosebery**

Council supports bike race

NEW DENVER—Bob Hennessy reported to village council that the Slocan Valley Cycling Club has scored a major coup by winning its bid to host a two-day "Cycling BC" major competition here next summer.

"This places New Denver and the Slocan Valley on a par with major venues in the lower mainland," said Hennessy, who is the club's president.

"Besides the excitement of having provincial—indeed, national—class races here, the economic spinoffs to the community could be substantial."

The event is expected to draw up to 150 cyclists to the community, in addition to support crews and sports media. Hennessy hopes that at least one of the contestants will be BC's 1999 Junior Women's Champions Nyree Caton, who lives in Hills. Council expressed its full support of the event, and appointed Councilor Jeff George as liaison to the cycling club, with instructions to work with the club, the Chamber of Commerce and the community on race details like traffic control and accommodations.

Staff Report

Area H may get emergency program

At the October 23 board meeting of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, the following business was transacted:

- Bylaw 1388, to establish Emergency Programs Extended Service Area (Area H) was given three readings. Forwarding for ministerial approval was delayed until February. Area H director Eric Nygren said this was because he wants to ensure the bylaw is sufficiently scrutinized. He wants to find out the cost implications, find out if the service could be partnered and if grant funding is available. He also wants to consult with the Provincial Emergency Program, the fire departments and other interested individuals.

- BC Hydro grants-in-lieu: \$2,500 to the Friends of Old Arrow Park for a picnic shelter; \$2,000 to Arrow Lakes Gymnastic Club for uneven bars.

- Grants-in-aid: Area H: \$300 for Slocan Hallowe'en Hoot; \$1,200 to Royal Canadian Legion, Slocan Valley branch, for stage lights.

- Area K: \$350 to Nakusp Minor Hockey Association for goalie equipment.

The Valley Voice welcomes letters to the editor on any topic of interest to our readers. All letters **must be signed and have a daytime phone number**. We will not publish anonymous letters, nor may you use a pseudonym, except in extraordinary circumstances. We will not knowingly publish any letter which is derogatory, defamatory or libellous.

Please limit your letters to **250 WORDS**; longer letters will be edited to that length. It is our policy to publish letters on any given subject for only two issues of the paper. **Opinions expressed in published letters are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Valley Voice.**

Smoke ban on the way

You won't be able to have a smoke with your beer or your meal in public after New Year's.

As of January 1, 2000 no smoking will be allowed in public places, including pubs or restaurants. Even private clubs will be affected. The Workers' Compensation Board says that the regulations affect all work places and that pubs and private clubs have three options: to prohibit smoking, to provide a safe area outdoors, or to designate a smoking area/room that is closed off and separate from the work place and break areas of employees. He said that workers cannot enter that closed-off area to serve customers, and can't go in to clean up until all smoke has been cleared.

The regulations were brought in April 15, 1998 but pubs and restaurants were exempted until January 1, 2000.

are curious and, most importantly for them, it's what their friends are doing.

The majority of young people have seen enough tobacco advertising that they can identify cigarette brands from pictures of packages without brand names. Tobacco promotion aims to proclaim the benefits of using the product as well as to promote positive lifestyle images associated with the brand.

Watch your kid's reactions to the ads, and check out Health Canada's website at <http://www.canadian-health-network.ca/tobacco>.

Anti-smoking ads for kids

Your teenage daughter's latest Hollywood heart-throb has a cigarette dangling from his fingers, and your son's favourite rock singer takes another drag—they see this as 'cool', but we hear alarm bells.

Watch their reactions to Health Canada's series of hard-hitting television advertisements, aimed at taking the glamour out of smoking. One of these features a woman smoking a cigarette from a surgical incision in her throat caused by cancer, hardly the stuff of which glamour's made. Another shows a young girl talking about her mother who died from smoking related cancer.

Why such an approach? Take a look behind your local middle school or high school, outside the corner store or at those groups of young people hanging out in a huddle at the park. Chances are that at least one of them's smoking, and the odds are increasing that they started the habit at a fairly young age. Of the kids between 15 and 19 who smoke, most say they started before the age of 14.

Most young people buy their cigarettes at the corner store, but those in the 10 to 14 year old age group will get them through another person: an older sibling, older friend, and quite often from their parents. In British Columbia, 29 per cent of young people between the ages of 15 and 19 were smokers in 1997. Why? They think it's cool, they

Bylaw back to drawing board

by Karen Hamling

NAKUSP—Bylaw 522 authorizing borrowing for lift station improvements has to be introduced all over again as a new bylaw. Village council has been advised, by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA), that a bylaw must be acted upon within 80 days from the time it is signed by the Inspector of Municipal Affairs. Bylaw 522, which authorized the borrowing of funds up to \$360,000, was given all three readings on March 26, 1998 and approved on April 9—more than 18 months ago.

On May 28, council passed a resolution not to proceed with the bylaw because it would have made all users in the village responsible for the costs, in spite of the fact that a large portion of the sewer system would not require use of the lift stations. Council then gave three readings to Bylaws 528 and 532, which set up specified areas for two separate lift stations. They were approved by MMA on June 18. On June 24, council filed a notice of intention.

An open house was held on June 29 to receive feedback from the public on the lift stations and bylaws 528 and 532.

Strong opposition to the two bylaws and the proposed method of payment was voiced at the public meeting. Council withdrew the notice of intention on July 16, knowing that Bylaws 528 and 532 would not pass referendum or a public assent process.

Council then received legal advice on a method of user payments for the lift stations and passed a resolution on October 8, to proceed with Loan Authorization Bylaw 522 (the original bylaw approved April 9) and authorized public notification on the three bylaws.

A counter-petition received January 8, 1999 requested the bylaw be submitted to referendum. On May 8, 180 people voted: 132 in favour of the bylaw and 48 against. On May 27, council re-

considered and finally adopted Bylaw 522. Mayor Rosemarie Johnson wrote to the inspector requesting a waiver of the 80-day restriction and outlining the various steps taken by the village. A reply from Andrew MacTaggart on September 7 stated "The 80-day limitation for timing between approval and assent cannot be waived. Under current legislation the 80 day rule applies for all votes taken, and is measured from third reading, approval or direction as set out in Section 162 of the Municipal Act."

At the regular council meeting of October 14, a new bylaw, #546, was presented and received three readings. On October 18, council set November 30 as the date for receiving counter-petitions.

BEACH AVENUE PHARMACY

Capsule Comments



The latest figures on the cost of bringing a new drug to market is \$750 million (Cdn). It takes from 12 to 15 years to get the drug released after all the animal and human trials have been completed and critiqued to ensure safety and efficacy.

There are three herbal medicines that have some valid evidence of effectiveness. These are Ginkgo biloba, Saw palmetto and St. John's Wort. Although there are limitations on the evidence of efficacy, they do have some benefits in treating Alzheimer's dementia, benign prostatic hypertrophy (BPH) and depression respectively.

Continuing education programs are an important part of our pharmacist life. Our learning didn't stop with university graduation. It continues for a lifetime, and we feel it's important to serve you better.

Please talk to Hetty

265-4455 • NAKUSP

New Hours
Saturday 9:30 - 2:30



Interested in the health of our community?

Arrow Lakes/Upper Slokan Valley Health Council needs your assistance. You are invited to nominate yourself or someone you know to serve, as a volunteer, on the Arrow Lakes/Upper Slokan Valley Health Council (ALUSVHC.)

The Health Council area reaches from Edgewood to Enterprise Creek, including residents of Nakusp, New Denver, Silverton, Burton, Hills, Fauquier, Sandon, Area "H" and Area "K," and operates the Arrow Lakes Hospital, Halcyon Community Home, and Slokan Community Hospital and Health Care Centre.

For applications/nomination packages, or for further information, call Sam Crockett at 265-3555 or Rosemary Hughes at 265-3622 or 358-7911.

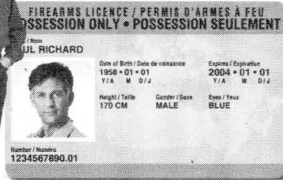
This is your chance to take an active role in health care decisions for our community!

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Don
MUNRO

RDCK
Director,
Area H,
Slokan
Valley

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1 800 731-4000

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Canada

Treasures at new store Fitting the system to the client

NAKUSP — Heather Maxfield will open her new upscale store *Treasure Trove Kitchen & Gifts* November 8 at 309 Broadway, the former Nakusp Drugs. With 2,400 square feet of space, *Treasure Trove Kitchen & Gifts* will be set up like a small department store. Customers will be thrilled with the selection of kitchenware: "everything you need for the kitchen and entertaining," says Maxfield, along with bath towels, tablecloths, candles, souvenirs and chimes.



What else will *Treasure Trove* carry? Children's books, watches, toys, puzzles and games, right down to baby gifts; the latest in make-up and an accent line of fruit glosses, fruit nail polishes, mascara wands for the hair and body glitter for teens and the younger set. Good quality perfumes and gifts for all age groups, male or female. Christian books and accessories, jewelry, tapestry, carry bags, bathroom accessories and beautiful soaps made from goat's milk. There are six stands

all-occasion cards to choose from, all for \$1; wrapping paper and gift bags are also only \$1. "There's lots of millennium stuff," says Maxfield. "I've tried to get as much in the shop as I can of items not already available in Nakusp."

Treasure Trove Kitchen & Gifts will be open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday through Friday until Christmas. Don't miss opening day November 8; there will be two draws as well as that trove of treasures.

NAKUSP—Jackson Rains has joined *Arrow Lakes Computers and Electronics*. The Nova Scotia native has an extensive background in networking and was a technical analyst at the Royal Bank, offering client support in trouble shooting and identifying computer systems that would suit business needs. He is a Microsoft system certified professional and is studying for his engineer certification.

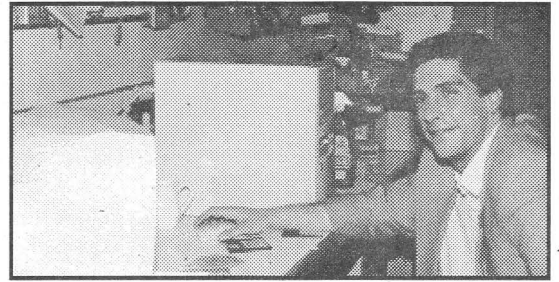
Rain's focus is now on home and business computer sales and support. Small and medium businesses considering upgrading can call him for expert advice.

"When upgrading I review the business's current process, anticipated growth and certainly their budget," he says.

Arrow Lakes Computers and Electronics provides service agreements for home and business. Rains also provides first time computer purchasers with set-up and basic training so the customer feels comfortable.

"We don't want them to feel alienated in any way," he says.

If you have kids into the latest games telling you the computer is too slow and you need a new one, Rains may save you a bundle. There may be a number of reasons the computer is suffering a bottle neck, such as "the video card, the RAM is not sufficient



to run the applications, or the processor is getting a bit old." He is also very knowledgeable about the requirements to run 3D graphics.

Businesses looking at upgrading will find it beneficial to talk to Rains; you may not need an entire new system.

"The biggest thing here at *Arrow Lakes Computers and Electronics* is to fit the system to the client. We don't

want to sell the latest, greatest thing to someone when they don't require it."

Rains is at the store Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Customers can book appointments for Mondays if they choose; in an emergency, leave a message at 265-0090.

Sales, service and support for home or business is at *Arrow Lakes Computers and Electronics* in Nakusp.

Chamber plans seminar

At the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce meeting October 20 the following business was transacted:

- Trevor Hall from the Silvertown Gallery Society advised that a 15 foot by 12 foot space would be available at no charge as a possible travel info centre when the gallery is renovated.
- Mark Adams will research the benefits of joining the BC Chamber including lower credit card charges and medical and dental coverage.
- The chamber plans a small business seminar to be held at Knox Hall at 7 p.m. November 10.
- The village has appointed Councillor Jeff George to liaise with Bob Hennessy regarding the anticipated Year 2000 bicycle race in New Denver. Bonnie Greensword volunteered to liaise for the chamber.



MELANIE LAKTIN, daughter of Allan & Linda Laktin, recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree from the University College of the Cariboo. Melanie is now employed at the BC Cancer Agency in Vancouver.

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New Denver planning millennium time capsule

At the October 12 regular meeting of New Denver Village Council, the following business was transacted:

- Zoning Bylaw #525 was adopted unanimously, following a year of development and public input. It consolidates previous zoning bylaws and incorporates a number of changes.
- The two proposals received for construction of Centennial Park washrooms were received and rejected. Both were beyond the approved budget. Council authorized councillor Jeff George and administrator Carol Gordon to meet with Gunter Reker to discuss the design and construction of a "more affordable washroom" to cost no more than \$36,000-\$41,000.
- Special long-lasting hemp paper will be provided to everyone in town

who wishes to write a message to future residents as part of the Millennium Time Capsule project. The messages, anything you want to say or draw or paint or ask, will be vacuum sealed and buried in a special vault, to be opened in the year 2099.

Lucerne students and Pavilion residents will have their paper delivered and picked up. Other residents can get their paper at the village office.

• Councillor Rob Reder reported that Mayor Gary Wright successfully led the village's submission to review fire equipment inspection regulations through the floor process at last month's Union of BC Municipalities convention in Vancouver. The 700 delegates voted to support New Denver's position that the rating of fire engines and major

equipment should be based on its "certified ability to do the job" rather than on age, and that the Municipal Insurance Agency, an arm of UBCM, look at funding fire insurance based on that principle, if private insurers don't.

Wright, Reder and Gordon Brookfield were the village's delegation

to the conference.

• Water rates will likely go up in 2000. Council gave three readings to a bylaw amendment that will see residential rates climb to \$83 from \$73 a year. Commercial rates will increase proportionately.

The administrator told council that, even with the increase, New Denver's

water rates will remain the lowest municipal rates in BC.

The fee hike is being considered in order to charge staff time spent on the water system to that system; in the past, it was charged to general administration.

Submitted Report

Nakusp approves skateboard park

At the regular meeting of Nakusp Village Council on October 14, the following business was transacted:

• **Delegations:** Jim McLeod of Insurance Advisors Organization Inc., spoke to council about their fire inspection program proposal. Fire Chief Terry Warren had recommended that IAO be hired to set up an inspection system. The reports produced identify where chemicals are stored and location of shut off valves, and improve safety as well as fire response. The company sets up inspection frequencies and identifies hazards. According to McLeod, this limits the village's liability.

• Jan Leeson, representing Arrow Lakes Youth Venture, attended to speak to any remaining concerns with the skateboard park proposal. The group would like to gift the park to the village, which would then be responsible for liability insurance and upkeep including removal of garbage, site inspections and landscaping. According to administrator Martin Buckley, there would be no added expense to the village's current insurance. Council passed a resolution allowing the skateboard park to be built in the park.

• Gord Marshall attended to discuss the proposed mixed use slo-pitch soccer field.

The group was approved for \$45,000 in Columbia Basin Trust funding by the community and has \$17,000 in joint reserves. It presented a work schedule to council. The group will remove approximately 70 trees but will replant. Council passed a resolution allowing the building of the field and the group retaining the money from the trees removed.

• **Bylaws:** # 444-4 to increase council remuneration by one per cent was reconsidered and received final adoption. Councillors will receive \$3,491.57 and the Mayor will receive \$6,985.16.

433-13 to amend the OCP to re-designate a portion of sewage lagoon site lands received third reading.

436-38 to amend the zoning bylaw to rezone a portion of the sewage lagoon site lands, received third reading.

472-1 to amend the cemetery bylaw received first and second reading. The bylaw will restrict memorials installed after December 31, 1999 to flush-mounted tablet-style memorials. Existing upright headstones have been damaged and there is limited money in the cemetery perpetual care fund to cover the cost. The flush mounted markers would require less maintenance.

545 to allow tax exemptions was given three readings. The organizations that received exemptions are: The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 20, hall portion only; Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services Association; Arrow Lakes Hospital Auxiliary (thrift shop); Nakusp Child Care Society (day care); and Nakusp Launch Club.

546, loan authorization for sewage lift stations, received three readings.

• Council supports Ministry of Transportation & Highways acquiring ALR lands for roadway adjustments in conjunction with the proposed truck route.

• A budget amendment was approved allowing the purchase of water flow recorders to eliminate the need to install pressure reducing valves at Shakespeare Road. The existing system, computer downloaded monthly, is cumbersome to read. The new system will show flow variations on a daily basis and allow immediate response.

• A second budget amendment was approved by council in order to proceed with upgrading the Powell Creek culvert. \$28,000 will be transferred from the operating reserve to the general capital fund which would use up the funds received from MOTH in 1993 for road maintenance. According to staff, there is a substantial amount of water coming down either from highways or the RDCK area which will have to be dealt with in further meetings with highways.

• Council supported a draft proposal from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities which would allow communities to use infrastructure funds for community needs. At present, the senior levels of government decide where infrastructure money gets spent.

• A letter from the Arrow Lakes Hospital advised council a supply of medical oxygen at the Nakusp Sports Complex would not be appropriate. The letter said knowledge and performance of CPR is of the most benefit in a life-threatening medical emergency outside the hospital.

Staff Report



Corporation of the Village of New Denver Notice of Election by Voting

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the electors of the Village of New Denver that an election by voting is necessary to elect a Mayor and four Councillors for a three-year term commencing December 1999 and terminating December 2002, and that the persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

Mayor - One (1) to be elected

HUGHES, James Michael
WRIGHT, Gary Lee

916 Bellevue Street, New Denver, BC
323-2nd Avenue, New Denver, BC

Councillor - four (4) to be elected

BELL, Carol
BROOKFIELD, Gordon
GEORGE, Jeff
LAW, Donald Ross
Mc KAY, Joan Ellen
REDER, Robert Carl
REITMEIER, Roderick Allan

4525 Highway 6, Hills, BC
708 Josephine Street, New Denver, BC
1006 Bellevue Street, New Denver, BC
1206 Union Street, New Denver, BC
509 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC
513-7th Avenue, New Denver, BC
512 DeRosa Drive, Rosebery, BC

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be open to qualified electors of the Village of New Denver on Saturday, November 20, 1999 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following location:

Village of New Denver Council Chambers
115 Slocan Avenue

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

There is no need to pre-register to vote, as the registration of all electors for this election will take place at the time of voting. You will be required to make a declaration that you meet the following requirements:

- 18 years of age or older,
- Canadian citizen
- resident of BC for at least six months immediately preceding voting day,
- resident of OR registered owner of real property in the Village of New Denver for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day, and
- not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Resident electors will also be required to produce **2 PIECES OF IDENTIFICATION** (at least one with a signature.) Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce a non-resident property elector certificate and two pieces of identification (at least one with signature) to prove identity.

Non-resident property elector certificates can be obtained from the Chief Elections Officer at the New Denver municipal office during regular office hours prior to 4:00 pm on Friday, November 19, 1999. On advance and general voting days, certificates may be obtained from the Chief Elections Officer at the Village of New Denver Council Chambers during voting hours by presenting the **Certificate of Title** and the **Consent Form** from all other owners of the property (if applicable) and **two pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature.)

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

Advance voting will be open at the Village Council Chambers, 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC on Wednesday, November 10, 1999 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. The only persons permitted to vote at the Advance Voting Opportunity are those who, being duly qualified electors, sign a statement that:

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- the elector is a candidate or candidate representative, or
- the elector is an election official.

SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITY

A special voting opportunity will be open at the Slocan Community Hospital, 401 Galena Avenue from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, November 20, 1999. Only those qualified electors who are patients or staff of the Slocan Community Hospital at the time of voting may vote at this special voting opportunity.

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

As authorized by Section 100 of the Municipal Act, voting and registration may be done by mail for those, who being duly qualified electors, meet the following criteria:

- are persons who have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity.

Any elector qualified to vote by mail ballot should contact the Chief Elections Officer at the New Denver Municipal Office, phone (250) 358-2316. As provided under the Municipal Act, a mail ballot must be received by the Chief Elections Officer before the close of voting on general voting day in order to be counted for an election.

Carol Gordon, Chief Election Officer



Municipal Elections: Council races in New Denver, Silverton and Slo

New Denver:

Candidates vie for mayor's job and council spots



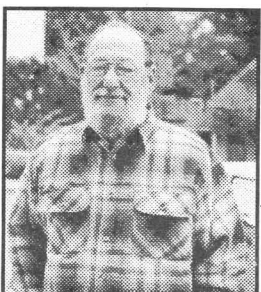
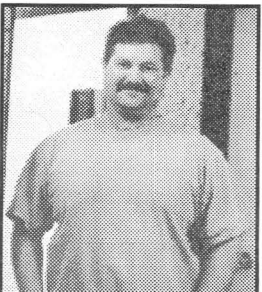
Seeking the top job: mayoralty hopefuls
Incumbent Gary Wright (left) and James Hughes (right)

Standing for re-election: the incumbents



Councillor Jeff George

Councillor Rob Reder



Councillor Roddy Reitmeier

Councillor Gordon Brookfield

Seeking a first term: the challengers



Candidate Joan McKay

Candidate Carol Bell

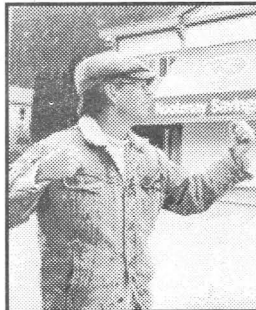


Candidate Don Law

**New Denver
All-Candidates
Meeting
and
Bosun Hall Debate
Nov. 2, 7:00 PM
Knox Hall
New Denver**



Fate of Bosun Hall and Special Reserve Fund to be decided by referendum



Gary Wright is in favour of the by-law, because:

1. Whether or not we build a community hall, the village will save at least \$20,000 over the next 20 years;
2. It is our lowest tax option;
3. the concept was supported by a consultant's study.

"It's the chance of a lifetime," Wright says.

NEW DENVER—The gloves are off and there will be a fight over the Bosun Hall.

Following presentation of a counter-petition from the legally required five per cent of village electors, council voted October 12 to send Heritage Facilities Maintenance Reserve Bylaw #522 to referendum on general election day.

The bylaw would allow the money from the sale of the Bosun Hall property to be put into a trust fund, the interest from which would be earmarked for the capital maintenance of the museum, Knox Hall, the Nikkei Centre, and such other public buildings as may be designated as 'heritage sites' in the future.

Council introduced the bylaw following the failure earlier this year of an area-wide facilities maintenance bylaw.

Petitioner Leonard Casley said "the general idea is great" but he is concerned that the money would then not be available for a future community hall. A second concern of some petitioners, said Casley, was that a non-elected trust com-

mission would have the power to spend the interest without council's approval. The relevant portion of the bylaw, however, says that this is not the case: council would authorize all expenditures.

Until hearing from the voters on the future of Bylaw #522, council postponed consideration of Knox Hall Designation Bylaw #524, Heritage Advisory Commission Bylaw #523, and a resolution to sell the Bosun Hall property.

In addition, council endorsed an "old-time debate" on the subject between Mayor Gary Wright and Councillor Gordon Brookfield. The debate will be part of the November 2 all-candidates meeting at Knox Hall, and is intended to inform the public in an entertaining fashion about some of the pros and cons of the matter.

Staff Report

Nakusp: Meet your acclaimed candidates



by Karen Hamling

NAKUSP—Janis Dahlen decided to run for village council after being approached by members of the community. Her involvement in a number of community functions over the years helped Dahlen in her decision to run. Formerly employed at Overwaitea for 26 years, she was their employee representative as well as the customer relations rep.

Dahlen misses the contact with people. "Dealing with people, you need to have an open mind and open communications."

She is thrilled to see the Memorial Park going ahead. "Anything the community can do for the youth is great. It keeps them off the street. I think the village should back the parks in any way it can."

One area where Dahlen would like to see progress is the North Road water and sewers. "I'd like to see it happen eventually. I'm not sure, at this time, what the financial implications are."

She would like to see the village retain ownership of the Nakusp Hot Springs, not sell them to private enterprise. "It is an asset to our community and I would like to see it continue to improve."

Dahlen says she could see a hotel or restaurant as a private enterprise at the springs. Again, she states that she is not aware of the financial implications.

A sixth generation Nakuspite, Dahlen says "I would prefer to wear a 'P' on my forehead for proud of my community and proud to represent it."



NAKUSP—Some of Len Heppner's concerns at the by-election a year ago have been resolved, but he still has concerns over snow removal. Although there is a plan in place he is concerned at how it will be implemented. "It's important that the fire trucks and ambulances can maneuver," he says.

A second issue that is close to home for Len is the by-law dealing with vicious dogs, not just because of the attack on his mother, but because it affects the community as a whole. "There are a lot of vicious dog attacks throughout BC and I would like to see the authorities be able to cross private property to take vicious animals."

Diversification of the economy is also on his list; he does not want to see Nakusp depend solely on logging and tourism. Cost of garbage is a concern along with the recycling. "We were promised that if we recycled, it would be cheaper for garbage. There has been no break on costs. We need to look at other possibilities."

Heppner is interested in activities for area youth, including employment opportunities and recreation. He sees himself as a "fair minded person" and says it is important to represent the community as whole and not just interest groups. "I'm not going to ride in there like a knight in shining armour. I know it's going to be a learning curve. You change what you can."



by Karen Hamling

NAKUSP—This will be Herta Ross's second term as councillor. "I've learned a lot being on council," she says. "There's so much to know about operating a village that you aren't aware of as a member of the general public."

Ross is interested in bringing more to Nakusp for the youth; she would like to see the rollerblade park a reality and is excited about the proposed slo-pitch/soccer field. She would also like to see more walkways and bike paths. Ross feels the community is moving towards more activities for the youth and elderly. She would like to see some low-income housing because "it's hard for young people to own a home these days."

Issues forthcoming are upgrades to roads, sidewalks, the arena and the cenotaph. According to Ross, plans are in the making for these issues. She does not want to see tax increases and would like to keep taxes as low as possible.

Ross has enjoyed working with the present mayor.

"I think Ross has been an excellent mayor and has donated her life to the village and improvement of it. I want to see things move forward, not come to a standstill or move backwards."

Meet the new Council and mayoral candidates Nov. 9, 7-9 PM at Nakusp Arena



can; only Mayor's chair up for grabs in Nakusp

RDCK: Peterson challenging Klughammer for Area K



HELMUT KLUGHAMMER

by Karen Hamling

NAKUSP—Helmut Klughammer has served for three terms as the regional director for Area K and has decided to try for a fourth term. Klughammer, a retired teacher and active community worker, enjoys the work associated with the directorship.

"I told my wife we are celebrating on the night of November 20 either way."

Klughammer would like to see some industry come into the area. He feels that something more stable is needed; the timber should stay in the area and manufacturing be encouraged to employ people and give spin offs.

A second issue is access to the lake. Klughammer has met with the water control officers and has been fighting for launches at Burton, Fauquier and Edgewood. He would like to see launches suitable for high and low water.

"I'd like to see it in Nakusp as well, but that's not my area."

A pet peeve is the deactivation of logging roads.

"I have no problem with water bars as long as they are driveable. Even the Forest Act says the roads should be driveable. We're trying to promote tourism and yet we can't get off the main highways."

According to Klughammer the more

driveable the water ditches are, the more water is dissipated.

He would like to make sure that money is available (within reason) for the small hospitals in outlying areas, is concerned about costs and wants to see the overall picture before deciding where hospital funding goes.

"We still have approximately \$12 million to pay back to the old health board, the Central Kootenay Hospital District. It will take to the year 2011 to pay it back."

Garbage, waste disposal and recycling are also issues that Klughammer is unhappy with. He feels they are too costly.

"We don't really have recycling in BC. The glass from the recycling depot gets crushed and used as fill at the dump and the tin cans end up there as well because there is no market. There are markets in the US but not in BC."

The director is unhappy because the government is putting the regulations in and there are no facilities. He sees it as a case of government downloading.

"Communities are forced into issues on a local level but the government doesn't give any money."

Klughammer would like to see access to the Valhalla Park from the Burton side.

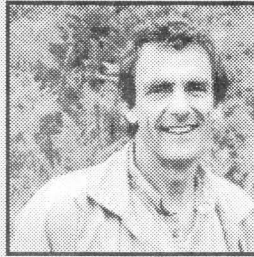
"It is a beautiful park and we should be using it to improve our tourism industry. There are so many potentials and no one is using it."

Klughammer also wants to see a PEP (Provincial Emergency Program) coordinator in place for Area K and Nakusp.

PAUL PETERSON

by Karen Hamling

NAKUSP—Concerns over recently imposed zoning in the area is one of the reasons that Paul Peterson has chosen to allow his name to stand for Area K Regional Director, challenging incumbent



Helmut Klughammer.

"The zoning makes things more bureaucratic and difficult for growth," Peterson says.

"A lot of people don't go to meetings and a lot of property was put into Agricultural Land Reserve. Anything that had the tiniest bit of ALR, it all went into ALR."

A second concern in relation to the zoning is what he sees as "exorbitant fees" now charged to anyone who wishes to apply for a zoning change. Peterson would like to see a moratorium placed on the fees for a year until it all gets sorted out, considering it is brand new.

Peterson is also bothered that "the past directors, save one, have all come from the Nakusp area. What about Edgewood, Fauquier & Burton? The whole area is important and I'd like to renew a sense of community for the whole, not just the parts."

Peterson is not new to the political arena, having served two terms (six years) as a councillor for the Village of New Denver. He served as the village RDCK representative for three of those years, then was a school board trustee.

"With my energy and dedication, along with my past experience, I will be able to bring a positive change to Area K in the new millennium."

Slocan: Candidates outline priorities and concerns

In 1996 the Village of Slocan was the winner in its category of the Voter Turnout Award when 90.52 per cent of eligible voters turned out at the general election.

Don't forget to vote November 20!

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR



Dave Fredrickson would like to see the completion of the RV park and village water system. He also wants to explore the possibility of building the fire hall in partnership with the regional district.

"I'm looking forward to working with the centennial committee for the village's centennial in 2001."

Bernie Czelenski would like to see the RV park completed to allow the expansion of tourism. He would like the village to get off the boil water order and explore the possibility of assistance through a provincial government grant. Although the year 2000 is important, "Our centennial only comes around once in a hundred years."



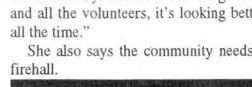
Don Dube would like to see the RV park brought to a usable state. He also wants to investigate the possibility of bringing the original CPR land back within the town boundaries for a trail, allowing people to walk from the south road right into town to the beach, and to extend the beach to the downtown bridge. He would also like to see the village's water issue addressed.

"We have to have decent water. You can't expand without water and it has to be affordable."



Len Mortensen sees the dynamics of the village changing, with more and more seniors moving in and young families leaving. He feels a healthy community also needs young families to be viable and would like to explore ways to encourage families to make Slocan their home. He feels the village needs to encourage more jobs for youth and young adults through, for example, community projects. He also identifies the village's water system as a problem.

"We gotta get this water system fixed, but we have to make it affordable."



Jean Patterson's first priority is good safe drinking water for residents. She noted that with help from MLA Corky Evans, the property where their water system is located has been removed from the Valhalla Park and they can now upgrade. Her second priority is the RV park.

"We want this finished by 2001, our 100th birthday. Thanks to our village crew and all the volunteers, it's looking better all the time."

She also says the community needs a firehall.



Bernie Roshinsky wants to see the medical clinic up and running again and an ambulance station in Slocan. He also wants the RV park finished once and for all. He would also like to see the enforcement of the unsightly premises bylaw, which he feels would make the village more inviting to tourists.



Burly Van Bynen wants the water system improved so the boil water order can be lifted. Something should be done about the fire department, he says: "We have to upgrade." He would like to see something done for the kids, more summer employment. He has always supported animal control in the village and he would continue to address this issue.

"Everybody's property value would go up a little bit. People should look after what they have."



Joe Matthews is also running for council, but *The Valley Voice* was unable to contact her.

Recycling issue clarified by RDCK official

Helmut Klughammer's assertion that "We don't really have recycling in BC" is not entirely accurate, says Reinhard Trautmann, the RDCK's waste management supervisor.

Glass is not sold, as "it's very difficult to get markets for glass unless they're all sorted by colour."

Instead, the glass is collected, ground up once a year, and then used as a cover

at the Nakusp landfill site because there is not enough soil, Trautmann said.

Cans are recycled. There is a market for metals in BC, so they are sold to smelters. Likewise, paper goes to mills, wherever the price is best, and milk jugs are also recycled.

"There's always the hope we can have a market for glass," Trautmann says. The RDCK is looking at a plant in

Alberta that takes mixed glass; the drawback is, they don't buy it, but charge for taking it and there is also a cost to truck the material there.

Asked why the plant charges for what it should be buying, Trautmann explained that it would actually be cheaper for the plant to buy 'virgin product' as raw materials, because of the cost of cleaning the recycled glass.

Silverton: Mayor acclaimed, council election still on



Mayor Vernon Hartman Acclaimed



Arlene Yofanoff



Bruce Gardiner



Tim Wiseman



Hildegarde Wells



Heather Huether



Joe Matthews

Meet the candidates for Village Council now being held at the Silverton Memorial Hall

Jan Oswald is also running for council, but *The Valley Voice* was unable to contact her.

Agriculture history on exhibit Pioneer Pageant coming

The Nelson Museum hosts an exhibition with a difference November 5–December 15. *Columbia Basin Agriculture* is a travelling exhibit depicting the history of agriculture in south-eastern BC, from pre-contact times. It was curated by Ken Butler and Beth Weathers of the Kootenay Lake His-

torical Society.

The exhibit consists of a series of interpretive panels featuring historic photographs, replica fruit labels, archival materials and text. The curators researched the subject in museums and archives all over the Kootenays, including in Nakusp and Kaslo.

A public reception will be held November 6 from 1-4 p.m.; at 2 p.m., guest speaker Joan Lang will give a short talk on "The Rise and Fall of the West Kootenay Fruit Industry".

The exhibit is open from 1 to 4 p.m. daily except Sundays and holidays; admission is by donation.



Amber Ens plays Blanche Jordan, Ryan Hickie is Charlie Vanderburg and Dyana-Marie Adam is Annie Vanderburg.

NAKUSP—Rehearsals of the *Pioneer Pageant* are well under way. All the characters portrayed in this play, written by Nancy Harris, are based on real people who lived around the Arrow Lakes. The play introduces the key people who made Nakusp what it is today, and portrays what they did and how they did it.

The pageant brings to light the many trials, hardships and rewards that the men, the women and the children of the Arrow Lakes had to face during the development of Nakusp. Directed by Ruby Holland and Marilyn Massey, the show opens November 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bonnington with an encore performance November 27. Mark your calendar.

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Notice of Election by Voting

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) that an Election by Voting is necessary to elect seven (7) School Trustees for a three-year term commencing December 1999 and terminating December 2002, and that the persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

South Rural Zone, Area B, Parts of A & C:	BAMBRICK, Lendina	2603 Hwy 3A, Creston, BC
	KASTELAN, Beth	1121-25th Ave. S., Creston, BC
	EWASHEN, Robert	3430 Hwy 3A, Creston, BC
Crawford Bay, East Shore & North Shore:	BRADFORD, Evelyn	423 Balfour Wharf Rd. N., Balfour BC
	MAYERS-McKENZIE, Verna	1220 Hwy 3A
Salmo, Taghum & Blewett	MARTIN, Larry	613 Davies St., Salmo, BC
	MORTON, Diana W.	RR# 2, S-27, C-17, Nelson, BC
	FIELD, Art	852-9th St., Salmo, BC
	COFFEY, Richard G.	302 Hutcheson Ave., Salmo, BC
Slocan Valley/Bonnington	VARNEY, Ed	3610 Little Slocan S. Rd., RR# 1, Winlaw
	TEES, Penny	5832 Paradise Valley Rd., Winlaw, BC

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be open to qualified electors of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1999** between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following locations:

South Rural Zone— Area B, Parts of Areas A and C:	
Wyndell Elementary School, Wyndell, BC	Goat River Station, Kitchener, BC
Erickson Elementary School, Erickson, BC	Yahk-Kingsgate Community Hall, Yahk, BC
Canyon-Lister Elementary School, Canyon, BC	Creston Valley Wildlife Area Admin. Office, West Creston, BC
Lister Community Hall, Lister, BC	Creston Community Complex, Canyon Room, Creston, BC
Crawford Bay, East Shore and North Shore	
Riondel Community Centre, Riondel, BC	Procter School House, Procter, BC
Crawford Bay Community Hall, Crawford Bay, BC	A.I. Collinson Elementary School, RR# 1, S-10, C-1, Nelson, BC
Boswell Community Hall, Boswell, BC	North Shore Hall, 675 Whitmore Rd., Nelson, BC
Balfour Community Hall, Balfour, BC	

Salmo, Taghum & Blewett:	
Village Office, Salmo, BC	Beasley Fire Hall, Taghum, BC
Ymir Community Hall, Ymir, BC	Blewett Elementary School, Blewett, BC
Slocan Valley/Bonnington	
Women's Institute Hall, Slocan, BC	Brent Kennedy Elementary School
Winlaw Community Hall, Winlaw, BC	Beasley Fire Hall, Taghum, BC
Passmore Community Hall, Passmore, BC	Blewett Elementary School, Blewett, BC

Elector Registration (list of electors used).

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the required application form available at the voting place. To register you must meet the following qualifications:

- 18 years of age or older
- Canadian citizen
- Resident of BC for at least six months immediately preceding voting day
- Resident of OR registered owner of real property in the Electoral Area of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) for which you are voting, for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day, and
- Not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Resident electors not on the Voters List and wishing to register on voting day will be required to produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce a **non-resident property elector certificate** and two pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove identity.

Non-resident property elector certificates can be obtained from School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) at the School Board Office, 308 Anderson St., Nelson, BC or School Board Office, 1607 Canyon St., Creston, BC during regular office hours, prior to 4:30 pm on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1999**.

On advance and general voting days, certificates can be obtained from the Election Official at designated voting places during voting hours, on presentation of a **Property Certificate of Title and Property Owners Consent Form** (if applicable).

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES:

Advance voting will be open on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1999, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, at:	
Creston Community Complex, Canyon Room, Creston, BC	Village Office, Slocan
Yahk-Kingsgate Community Hall, Yahk, BC	School Board Office, 308 Anderson Street, Nelson, BC
Riondel Community Centre, Riondel, BC	School Board Office, 1607 Canyon Street, Creston, BC
Village Office, Salmo, BC	

And on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1999, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at:**
 School Board Office, 308 Anderson Street, Nelson, BC
 School Board Office, 1607 Canyon Street, Creston, BC

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Bill Costain, D/Chief Election Officer
Marcie Hanson, D/Chief Election Officer

Reading centre on-line



Agnes Emary at the computer, with Eric Nygren, centre volunteer Heather Shepherd, and Rob Reder.

NEW DENVER—The reading centre is now on-line. At Councillor Rob Reder's suggestion, the village donated a spare computer to the centre to provide Internet access to the public.

Area H director Eric Nygren chipped in \$300 to pay for the cost of the phone line installation and resident Colin Magnuson donated a modem. Reder set up the system and offered to help with any needed training or maintenance. The village already had a prepaid access, which the centre utilizes.

Reder said he receives a great deal of satisfaction from being able to give the community access for so little cost. He added that he will bookmark the employment page for those who wish to take a look at the job market.

"It's public money well spent. Thanks to Councillor Reder and the village for being involved in this wonderful initiative," said Nygren.

Reading centre president Agnes Emary said, "It's a marvellous tool and it's nice and quiet." She thanked the village, Reder and Nygren for their joint effort.

Orchestra starts season

HILLS—The Slocan Community Orchestra starts its new season this weekend. Practice runs from 1 to 3 p.m. October 31 at the Faulks home. There will be a second practice November 28 at 2 p.m., and then after Christmas the practices will be every two weeks until concert time in April.

The orchestra was formed five years ago with just a few players, and now has about 20 members. New players are welcome, and all levels of skill are encouraged to join. There is a small annual fee, which goes to buying music and other essentials.

New Winlaw playground



Kids in Winlaw have some great new playground equipment, thanks to the Parents' Advisory Council. Fundraising chair Sue Wilson cuts the ribbon, watched by PAC president Kathy Robertson and lots of happy kids. PAC also held a pancake breakfast that day.

Glenbank's future uncertain

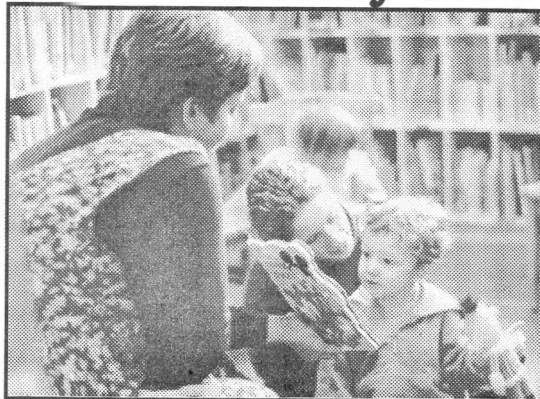
NAKUSP—Closing Glenbank Elementary is an option School District #10 has decided it must examine. At a public meeting October 13, attended by 25 people, the board explained its rationale, then moved to "explore the pros and cons" of closing Glenbank.

Money has been allocated for renovations and upgrades at both Glenbank and Nakusp Elementary. Trustees must decide whether it's better to do these upgrades, or to use the money to build a new primary wing at NES.

Under new Ministry of Education guidelines on school closures, they must pass a motion that they're considering closing Glenbank. Chair Dave Morrison said the board is committed to consulting with the community before making any decision. SD #10 would be \$200,000 in debt without a special operating grant received from the ministry, but that grant won't be there next year. The district needs to get its financial house in order, Morrison said.

He emphasized that there would have to be educational merit, as well as financial savings, for the board to merge the two schools. Present program needs must be met and student services maintained or the board will rescind its motion to close Glenbank, and will explore other options.

Kids love story time



Rhonda Palmer with Aidan Moore and his mum.

NAKUSP—Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. is story time at the Nakusp library, part of the Family Literacy program. FL co-ordinator Rhonda Palmer reads stories to children as they act it out with felt characters, and teaches rhymes and songs. She also co-ordinates the LAFF program (Learning Adventures For Families), Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the play school and the Mother Goose program Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at the curling rink.

The Mother Goose program uses rhymes, songs and stories to teach parents, babies and young children the joys of language.

Halloween Bash



with the
FOGGY MOUNTAIN RANGERS

**Sat. Oct. 30
8:30-12:30
at
Odin's Pub
Costume Prizes!**

LESS principal quits

NEW DENVER—Lucerne School principal Diane Hancox has tendered her resignation, effective December 17.

School District #10 secretary-treasurer Vic Pirie says the matter will be dealt with *in camera* at the next board

meeting on November 2. Normally, the board would advertise externally and internally for candidates, but the mid-year resignation "puts a slightly different slant" on the matter and the board will have to take a look at its options, he said.

Olafson in concert

November 1 to 7 is BC's first Arts and Culture Week.

To celebrate, the Arrow Lakes Arts Council presents Lowry Olafson in concert at the Bonnington, November 5 at 8 p.m. The Vancouver-based singer-songwriter has just released his fourth CD, *Little Mysteries*, which combines his rich voice and guitar playing with an array of fresh musical inspiration.

Olafson has spent two years performing in locations from Iceland to Singapore to Australia to Nashville, as well in Canada. His music ranges from Maritime jigs to poignant ballads.

Tickets are available at the Broadway Deli or at the door at 7:30 p.m.

**Lowry Olafson
IN CONCERT**
Fri., Nov. 5 at 8:00 pm
at the
Bonnington Arts Centre
Adults \$15
Children/Seniors \$12
Available at Broadway
Deli or at the door



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Corporation of the Village of Silverton Notice of Election by Voting

Councillor - Four (4) to be elected

Surname	Usual Names	Residential Address
GARDINER	Bruce	511 Hunter Street, Silverton, BC
HUETHER	Heather	115-5th Street Silverton, BC
MATTHEWS	Joe	304-4th Street, Silverton, BC
WELLS	Hildegard	124 Lake Ave., Silverton, BC
WISEMAN	Tim	115-5th Street, Silverton, BC
YOFONOFF	Arlene	111 Alpha Lane, Silverton, BC

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be open to QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON on Saturday, November 20, 1999 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the MEMORIAL HALL at 203 Lake Avenue, Silverton, BC.

ADVANCED VOTING OPPORTUNITIES shall be open at the MUNICIPAL HALL at 421 Lake Avenue, Silverton, BC between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm on Wednesday, November 10, 1999. The only persons permitted to vote at an Advance Voting Opportunity are those who, being duly qualified electors, sign a statement that:

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ELECTOR REGISTRATION

There is no need to pre-register to vote as the registration of all electors for this election will take place at the time of voting. You will be required to make a declaration that you meet the following requirements:

- 18 years of age or older,
- Canadian citizen
- resident of BC for at least six months immediately preceding voting day,
- resident of OR registered owner of real property in the Village of Silverton for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day, and
- not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Resident electors will also be required to produce 2 PIECES OF IDENTIFICATION (at least one with a signature.) Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce a non-resident property elector certificate and two pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove identity.

Non-resident property elector certificates can be obtained from the Chief Elections Officer at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm) prior to 4:00 pm on Thursday, November 18, 1999; or on the general voting day, certificates can be obtained from the Chief Elections Officer at the Memorial Hall during voting hours.

Given under my hand at Silverton, BC this eighteenth (18th) day of October, 1999.

Rachel Hughes
Chief Elections Officer



NOTES FROM THE RCMP

November 1-7 is Crime Prevention Week in BC. Since criminals aren't always the brightest sparks in the fire—if they were, they wouldn't get caught—The Valley Voice asked several of our local RCMP members for their favourite stories about dumb crooks.



Constable Dave Poirier, an RCMP member since 1983, has been with the Highway Patrol for eight years. He is stationed in New Denver as a temporary replacement for Cpl. Danny Willis.

In his years with the Highway Patrol he's heard some pretty good excuses for speeding. His nomination for dumbest excuse?

"My cat is at the vet's and I wanted to see it."

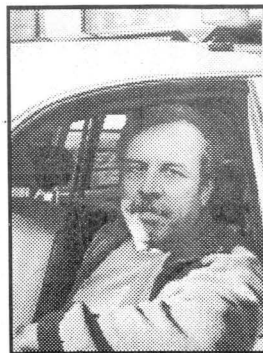
This driver wasn't just speeding; he was speeding past an unmarked police vehicle while crossing a double solid line...

Or how about the one where the driver's excuse was he had to go to the bathroom?

"When he got out of his vehicle, he was dancing around and immediately went around to the passenger side of the vehicle and relieved himself."

"I believed him. He got a warning."

While he was taking scuba-diving training they received a call from the Creston detachment to investigate a possible homicide. There had been a big party and a big fight; blood stains and drag marks led into the water, and what appeared to be guts floated in the water. "When we arrived on site, we did our dive and determined the floating guts belonged to a deer and not a person. We still refer to it as our gut dive," Poirier says.



Cst. Serge Cashulette, in New Denver since July 1998, has some interesting stories about the intelligence of the bad guys.

"The dumbest crook had to be when I was working as a plainclothes officer. I was sent to investigate an overnight break and enter at a private residence whose owner was away."

The police arrived there in the morn-

ing to make enquiries in the neighbourhood and look at the scene.

"While we were there a neighbour approached me and advised me someone was in the residence at that moment. I called for back-up," and the house was surrounded.

"We located a male suspect coming out of the bathroom. He was in a highly intoxicated state. He was subsequently arrested for break and enter."

The suspect was taken to the detachment and interrogated.

"The suspect told this story: during the night he and two other suspects decided to break and enter knowing the owners were away, and stole stereo equipment and several large bottles of booze. The suspects went to the home of one of them and had a party celebrating their break and enter. After their night of boozing, the suspect now in custody started walking home.

"While on route he had an urge to take his, ah, morning constitutional—his need was urgent. So, he re-entered the same house and was caught with his pants down.

"The other two suspects were rounded up and arrested. All three had extensive records in the past and went straight to jail. The stereo equipment and 'empties' were recovered."



Cst. Duncan Dixon, from the Nakusp detachment, has been with the RCMP for 16 years. He shares this story:

He was called to a mischief in progress. A young male was witnessed by people spray painting the roof of a gazebo. They chased him off.

"When I arrived they pointed him out to me and said it was him. He denied it was him.

"I looked at his hands, which were covered in gold spray paint. I noted he had the cap to a spray paint can in his pocket.

"He continued to deny that this had anything to do with him and he wasn't responsible. I also noticed his friends' shoes were painted and that the paint, of course, was gold. "This wasn't the biggest nail in the coffin of the young person as he had painted his name on the gazebo roof—his first name and his last name."



Cst. Simon McDermott tells about executing a search warrant at a home, and arresting a suspect.

"I was in charge of giving him his rights. I read him his rights, which included the right to call a lawyer. So, he makes the call, speaks for a few minutes and hangs up. I asked him, 'How did that go?' and he replies 'Cool, man'. He sat back down on a chair in the living room, and I start to read through some papers on the kitchen table. I was actually reading [a diary] how he set up his grow operation. So, he looks at me and says, 'Do you want me to explain that to you?'"

"I said to him 'Didn't you just talk to a lawyer?'"

"He said, 'Yes.'"

"I said 'What did he tell you?'"

"He said, 'I don't remember.'"

"I said, 'Didn't he just tell you not to speak to me?'"

"He said, 'Oh yeah.'"

"So, I said to him 'Then you probably shouldn't explain what all this is about' and he replied, 'Oh, yeah. Thanks man.'"

Too much quality-control testing of the product, perhaps...

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Village of Nakusp Notice of Election by Voting

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the electors of the Village of Nakusp that an election by voting is necessary to elect a Mayor for a three-year term commencing December 1999 and terminating December 2002, and that the persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

Mayor - One (1) to be elected

COWAN, William Alfred	147 Alexander Rd., Nakusp, BC
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GENERAL VOTING DAY will be open to qualified electors of the Village of Nakusp on Saturday, November 20, 1999 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following location:
Nakusp Sports Complex Auditorium
200 - 8th Avenue NW

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES
Advance voting will be open at the Nakusp Sports Complex Auditorium, 200 -8th Avenue NW on Wednesday, November 10, 1999 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. The only persons permitted to vote at the Advance Voting Opportunity are those who, being duly qualified electors, sign a statement that:

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Special voting opportunity will be held at Arrow Lakes Hospital at 9:30 AM and at Halcyon Community Home at 11:00 AM on November 20, 1999.

Coleen Guidon, Chief Election Officer

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Garden Column

by Ray Nikkel

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It's one of my favourite holidays as it celebrates the bounty that we produce in our vegetable gardens.

This Thanksgiving I went to the Fraser Valley to enjoy the holidays with family and while there I spent some time doing a garden renovation for my parents. When we originally laid out the landscape, to make it lower maintenance we installed large areas of ground cover. Now, years later, they wished for more variety and colour so we decided it was time to remove the patch of ivy groundcover and create a small rock garden with ornamental grasses for a background.

For the rock garden the main plants will be heathers, saxifrages and dwarf dianthus. The selection of heathers is huge but I'm always looking for plants with interesting foliage as well as flowers. The variety Easter Bonfire (*Calluna vulgaris* 'Easter Bonfire') develops golden tips in the fall and spring which contrast beautifully with the rest of the green foliage. In August to September purple flowers are produced for wonderful late summer colour.

Calluna vulgaris 'Spring Torch' has foliage tipped pink and red in winter and spring and cream and pink in early summer. To top this off, it produces mauve

flowers in late summer. For more variety, *Cv 'Cuprea'* has beautiful copper-coloured foliage which turns deeper in the winter with lavender flowers in late summer. Choosing your heather carefully can provide interesting accents in the garden.

Equally attractive in the rock garden is the encrusted saxifrage (*Saxifraga callosa*). These plants form cushions of evergreen rosettes of lime encrusted leaves and arching two- to eight-inch (5-20 cm) long stems of three to seven star-shaped white flowers. With or without blooms these plants are very attractive and create a great feature in the garden.

Keeping in the small scale with these plants are the rock garden dianthus. Alpine pinks (*Dianthus alwoodii* 'Alpinus'), only two inches (five cm) tall with pink flowers nodding two inches above this, stay neat and compact unlike their taller cousins the carnations. Combine this with a mix of cheddar pinks (*Dianthus gratianolitanus*) with variety names like 'Little Jock', 'Tiny Rubies', and 'Spottii' and you will have a miniature traffic stopper in early summer.

My original intent was to write about ornamental grasses, which I feel are under-used in our flower gardens. The

October issue of *Gardens West* magazine has an article, with many fine photographs, by Brian Minter on his favourite ornamental grasses. The fall issue of *Gardening Life* has an inspiring article on a garden created in Langley with "great swaths of amber, copper, frost blue and sea-green grasses..."

For my parents' small grass garden we chose one flame grass (*Miscanthus sinensis* 'Purpurascens') with its four-foot (1.3m) height and green foliage turning to orange in fall, then tan in winter, and rose-pink flowers. This will form a mid-sized background plant.

Complementing this in the mid garden are three dwarf fountain grasses (*Pennisetum alopecuroides* 'Hamelin') with their strong tufted buff pink flowers. We combined these with two Japanese blood grasses (*Imperata cylindrica* 'Rubra') which, as their name implies, produce midgreen leaves which have deep blood red colouring from the tips down towards the base.

Finishing the garden are three blue fescues (*Festuca glauca* 'Elijah Blue') and an accent plant of brightly coloured variegated sedge (*Carex buchananii*).

Filled in with minor bulbs, daffodils and tulips, this garden will produce flower colour and interesting foliage throughout the year.

Silverton dedicates trees to fire chiefs

SILVERTON—Two trees were planted at the mining museum October 17 and dedicated to former fire chiefs Frank Mills and Ian McLeod.

A Swedish maple to honour Mills will grow to around 20 to 30 feet, and will provide shade for people sitting on his bench.

"It should add a splash of colour in the fall, to match Frank's character," said fire chief Walter Yofonoff.

McLeod's tree is a blue spruce.

"It will eventually grow to around 50 feet tall, a true reflection of Ian's inner strength and stature," said Yofonoff. "We shall look forward with pride to decorating his tree with lights every Christmas."

Mills, born in Silverton in 1911, was chief in the 1950s. As a member of council, his mandate was fire protection and he realized the old fire hose reel and the paltry equipment owned by the volunteers were inadequate. He donated a two-ton Ford truck, which was converted with volunteer labour and donated materials into a pumper truck.

Mills died in 1997.

McLeod was chief almost up until his death earlier this year. A member of the department for more than 20 years, he was a recipient of the Governor-General's long service medal and the BC Fire Service medal.

"His greatest attribute was his infectious laughter and humour," Yofonoff said.

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The stars say...

Horoscope for the week of Oct. 28, 1999.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Between the shadows and the light lurks a seeker of the night. A warrior on the path, your gait is clear and fast. Your task is to uncover latent aspects of your self, buried in past experiences of the Self. To this end you are armoured and armed with the tools to do the task. One among others, with similar focus and intent, together you must fulfill a command that's heaven sent. To your post then, and be awake this night, away with all the others who share your sight.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)
For love and licorice, liqueur and sex, money is no option you simply want the best! Venus and Luna are going out dancing tonight. Venus is dressed up as a virgin, yeah right! Luna, is half-black and half-white, she is going dressed as a mime tonight. They were whispering and giggling and oh so coy, so I know that they were talking about a boy. He's a quiet independent type, but he too has those girls in his sight. Prodded by the devil and his pointed fork, don't invite prudes or the stork.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
I hear that 'Shaman and the Bone Daddies' will at the Zone this weekend. They'll be knocking down the walls for this one. Yes, it's a costume party. That's the only way the Bone Daddies will play. They only play once a year and they really like to rattle and shake. As for Shaman, she's a magical goddess always sure to heal your soul. So clear the cobwebs and see behind the blind spots. It's time to pass through the shadows and head for the bright lights.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)
It's time to let loose the beast, an intense and passionate creature that loves to play games on his prey. Yes, a trickster and a fool, no not with sharp teeth covered in drool! More like a child full of cheek and guile. It's provocative and peevish, although it may come across as sheepish. A romantic at heart, it's time to play that part. Dazzle them with dizzying riddles that will leave them all chuckles and giggles.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)
Into the cold dark night that is the antithesis of your hot summer light. Ambition is on the prowl. Amidst the silence a hungry growl. Watchful of the net of inherited beliefs, caution strong beneath gnashing teeth. A heart full of passion, weary of meager ratios is on the hunt for some worthy prey. Yet, new hunting skills you need, that transcend the knowledge of your breed. You must make your move this night before the new light of day.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)
Is that ghost still lurking in your house? You know that it is more than the stirring of a mouse. You know, the one that pressures you about what to do. Dress this way, do that, polish your shoe. If you are passive it will take over your life. And if so it will bring you unnecessary strife. It is time to explore what your soul has in store. Beyond the moaning and rattling in the wind, it is time to be your own best friend.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)
What riches are hidden in that forbidden vault? Is it beauty, money, power or salt? The time has come to break open the locks. But before you do, know that it may be Pandora's box. Filled with riddles and illusions and mischief and guile. Perhaps you better think about it for a while. There is a certain way to open it up. Once the seal is broken it will be hard to shut. Affirm that there is no one to blame. When you ask who is responsible just say your name.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)
A passion for freedom to break free of shackles and bonds is calling you out to adventures beyond. Living on other people's time with setback and delay has become the norm in your day. You may be impatient now and it stands to grow but there is little to do but continue to row. Be open to console from family and friends, be grateful and give them no reason to defend. This moment was destined from the beginning of time; trust in divine reason, rhythm and rhyme.

by Michael O'Connor

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)
A descent into the depths of your subconscious mind; what will you see, what will you find? You are ready to meet any demons on your way, with faith and courage you will keep them at bay. You want answers, you want them all, laws, taxes, the meaning of it all. Your wits are sharp and your purpose clear, there is danger about but you have no fear. A cry from the wild, you heard it too? It was from somewhere out there and it wasn't the zoo. Go get 'em tiger!

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)
The thunderclods are rolling and the march has just come in. This time will be remembered, who do you think will win? Will the truths that bind be shattered, the world shook up and scattered? What will become of us, no plane, no train, no bus! Could it really be so extreme? Is this a nightmare or a dream? Both sides look sure with might, it looks like they're gonna fight. The forces of change within, I bet in the end they'll win!

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
A trumpet has been sounded and the drum rolls beat with force. You wish you were more grounded, more confident of your course. This is the time to show your power; this is the day, this is the hour. Yes the world is wild and shaky and it's not just you who are crazy. It is time to make your move, do a psyche-boost and get in the groove. It is the nature of the world to whirl and swirl so just dance with the beat, go around and twirl. You will go really far, you truly are a star!

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
A cultural thirst finds you craving the sun. So do you have the time or the funds? Whatever you do you want to do something new, a journey for adventure, for freedom and truth. You are ready to merge your mind with others who think in kind. What must be upheld and what released? We must tend to the living and accept what is deceased. A brand new day is rapidly dawning, a whole new reality that nature is spawning. This is the time to take a chance to sing songs, to pray, to get down and dance.

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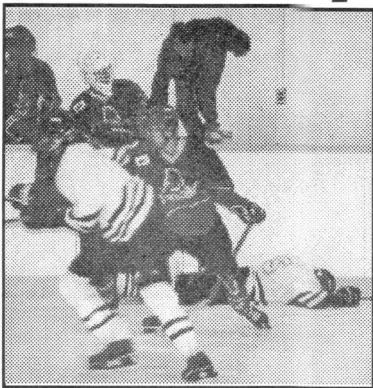
The first 2-for-1 Tuesday will be November 2, 1999

Michael O'Connor is a Nelson-based astrologer whose column appears in each issue of *The Valley Voice*. He is available for consultations, 352-2936, E-Mail: oconnorm@netidea.com

Rebels 7, Warriors zip

NAKUSP—The Castlegar Rebels iced the Summerland Warriors with a 7-0 win in a Junior B game October 23 in Nakusp. Neither team scored in the first period, with the Warriors fighting off Castlegar's power play. In the second period Castlegar scored twice and added another two in the third.

Then a check resulted in Warriors' Andy McGinn hitting the boards and going down hard on the ice.

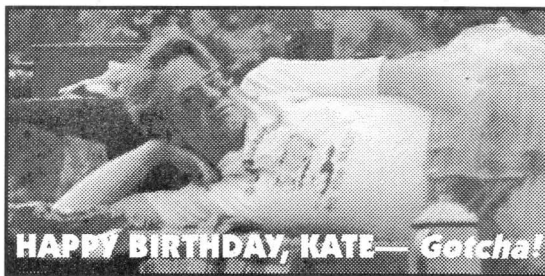


Action continues as Andy McGinn lies injured.

McGinn had suffered a concussion the last time the team played in Nakusp and coaches weren't taking any chances. McGinn was taken to Arrow Lakes Hospital before the game resumed. It looked like a case of retaliation when the Warriors returned to the ice; Greg Sabie received a fighting penalty, a game misconduct and a gross misconduct. A gross misconduct was also handed to Kyle Minnabarriet. McGinn was examined at the hospital and released, heading home with a stiff and sore neck.



The Warriors carry Andy McGinn to the ambulance.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KATE— Gotcha!

Atoms start season with 12-1 win



Nakusp's Chad Hicks takes his best shot on Beaver Valley #2.

Nakusp Atoms won their first game of the West Kootenay Minor Hockey regular season with a 12-1 win against Beaver Valley October 16. Goalie Colten Derickson shut out Beaver Valley in the first period, while his teammates were getting their skating legs. Nakusp took a 1-0 lead with an unassisted goal by Zac Wethal. Neither team scored in the second period.

In the third Beaver Valley scored their lone goal. Nakusp's Jackson McKee (assist Wethal) picked up a loose puck from in front of the Beaver Valley goal and fired it in for his first of the season. From this point on Nakusp filled Beaver Valley's net. Chad Hicks had a great start to the season with four goals (three unassisted and one assist by Benjamin Dewitt). Wethal picked off another two goals, with one assist by Tristin Sinclair.

Darren Hicks (unassisted), Glen Pirie (unassisted), Levis Dupuis (assist Pirie) and Sinclair (assist Dupuis) scored the rest.

The Atoms won a 6-2 victory against Revelstoke in an exhibition game October 17. Revelstoke's team, looked to be a handful for the Nakusp squad. Revelstoke came out skating and Derickson was kept busy defending the net. As the game progressed the Nakusp players gained confidence and the play started going back and forth at a quick pace.

Nakusp scored first on a rush down the ice by Sinclair finished off by a wrist shot past the goalie's glove hand. Revelstoke tied it up early in the second, but Nakusp built up a 3-1 lead by the end of the period. Early in the third Sinclair scored a hat trick to make

it a 4-1 lead. Nakusp's strong defence backed up by good goaltending fought off Revelstoke's attack and they found the back of Revelstoke's net twice more to win 6-2.

Sinclair had a hat trick, with assists by Wethal, Dewitt and Dupuis. Singles came from Chad Hicks (assist Darren Hicks), Pirie (assist Dewitt) and Wethal (assist Darren Hicks and Sinclair).

The Atoms played two Rossland/Trail teams October 23. The first game against Gerick #3 ended in a 4-4 tie. Nakusp was down 4-0 at the end of the third period then Chad Hicks scored a hat trick, assisted on the third goal by Wethal. With one minute 30 seconds left on the clock Nakusp pulled their goaltender and Wethal scored the tying goal (assist Jerod Jacobsen), with 40 seconds to spare.

The second game was a 9-2 win for Bon Ton #4. The score was 4-1 after the second period. Unfortunately, Nakusp ran out of steam and Bon Ton #4 took full advantage. Chad Hicks scored two goals with an assist by Wethal.

Nakusp Atoms played Beaver Valley #2 winning 9-0 on home ice October 24. It was 2-0 at the end of the first period with Jarrett Burke scoring the first goal (assisted by the Hicks brothers). Sinclair scored the second goal (assist Luke Krybla and Burke). In the second period Jacobsen scored with a pass from Burke, and Wethal scored the second goal of the period with a pass from Sinclair.

Chad Hicks netted a hat trick in the third, with three assists from Wethal, one from Burke and one from Darren Hicks; Dupuis (assist Burke) and Darren Hicks added the rest.

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Village of Silverton Notice of Zoning Amendment Bylaw

A special meeting of Council will be held October 27, 1999 at the Municipal Hall, 421 Lake Avenue, Silverton, BC at 7:00 pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to consider third reading of the Village of Silverton Zoning Amendment:

Bylaw No. 382, 1999

The purpose of the bylaw is to re-zone Parcel B, Block 32, District Lot 434, Plan 574, Kootenay Land District, 318 Lake Ave. from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to C-1 (Commercial). The area proposed for re-zoning is shown on the map below:

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 382, 1999.

Copies of this Bylaw may be inspected from October 14th to October 27th, 1999 inclusive, during regular office hours (Monday to Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm) at the Village Office located at 421 Lake Avenue, Silverton.
 Dated at Silverton, BC this 13th day of October, 1999. Rachel Hughes
 Clerk/Administrator

Last minute tie for PeeWees

Nakusp PeeWees tied Beaver Valley 6-6 in a nail biter October 16. Nakusp struggled in the first period, down by 3-0 at the end. They came out strong in the second and with goals by Curtis Poznikoff (assist Anthony Cowan), Robert Rogers (assist Jeremy Roberts), and Roberts (unassisted) tied it up half way through the period.

Beaver Valley responded with two goals to make it 5-3 at the end of the second.

Roberts (assist Poznikoff and Julie Weatherhead) scored the first goal of the third. Beaver Valley responded with its sixth goal of the game to keep a two-goal margin. There were seven minutes left on the clock when Rogers

scored unassisted to bring Nakusp to within one goal. In the last minute of play Nakusp pulled out their goalie and went into attack mode. With 39 seconds left in the game Roberts scored a hat trick (assist Rogers) and the tying goal.

Midget Reps lose

The North Kootenay Falcons Midget Rep team travelled to Castlegar October 16, losing 3-1 to the home team. Nakusp's lone goal came from Jesse Wilcott at 4:25 in the first period. Castlegar scored twice in the first period and once in the second to win the game.

"Big improvement from all our players," said trainer Michelle McDonald. "I think Castlegar was surprised at how far we've come along since our October 2 7-1 loss to them here in Nakusp."

Bantams win, lose

Nakusp Bantams played two games October 23 and 24. The first was in Grand Forks, a frustrating affair that ended in a 4-2 loss.

At the end of the first period, the score was 1-1. Nakusp's lone goal came from Brian Hewat with 2:25 left on the clock.

Grand Forks scored with eight minutes left in the second. Nakusp came back with Tony Mark scoring, assisted by Philip Chwachka, to make it 2-2.

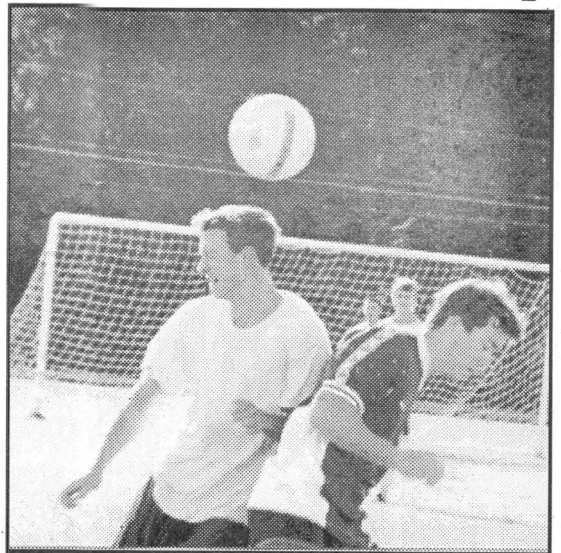
The third period ended with Grand Forks netting two more goals in the first 10 minutes and holding Nakusp

scoreless.

Game two was in Castlegar the following day, with Nakusp winning 6-5. Castlegar opened the scoring at the 4:50 mark; Jesse Martin, (assist Chwachka) answered, followed by Mark (assist Dallas Sinclair and Eric Pirie).

In the second, Nakusp goals came from Kris Scott (assist Nolan Beingsner) and Hewat. Castlegar added one more, then scored three times in the third. Nakusp came back with goals from Sinclair (assist Chwachka) and Pirie.

Soccer action in Nakusp



Lakers' Bryn Perry (left) meets up with Logan Marchischuk.

NAKUSP—Boys' soccer teams from Nakusp, Lucerne and Grand Forks met October 14 here for a playday.

In the first game, Nakusp's 'A' team downed Grand Forks 4-1. Two NSS goals came from David Roger, with singles from Logan Marchischuk and Tyson Volansky. Game two was called off in the middle of the second half, when Nakusp 'B' player Blaine Volansky collided with a LESS player and was injured.

Nakusp 'A' then played LESS and won 4-2. Dylan Stevens scored twice for NSS, with Tony Sivilay and Forest Hardy adding singles. Tony Mark and Dale Hashimoto scored for Lucerne.

The final game saw LESS losing to Grand Forks 2-0.

The West Kootenay playoffs were played October 27 in Castlegar, with teams from LESS, NSS, Trail and Grand Forks.

School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes)

Notice of Election by Voting

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes)- Southern Zone Electoral Area that an Election by Voting is necessary to elect two School Trustees for a three-year term commencing December 1999 and terminating December 2002, and that the persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

School Trustee - two (2) to be elected	
BLANCHETTE, Verna	9073 Highway 6, Edgewood, BC
PETERSON, Paul	132 Burton Main Road, Burton, BC
WATSON, Bill	262 Caribou Creek Road, Burton, BC

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be open to qualified electors of the Southern Zone Electoral Area for School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1999 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following locations:

Edgewood Elementary School	409 Monashee Avenue, Edgewood, BC
Fauquier Community Hall	117 Oak Street, Fauquier, BC
Burton Elementary School	219 Burton School Road, Burton, BC

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES:

Advance voting will be open at the Fauquier Community Hall, Fauquier, BC, on Wednesday, November 10, 1999 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. The only persons permitted to vote at an Advance Voting Opportunity are those who, being duly qualified electors, sign a statement that:

- the elector expects to be absent from the School District on general voting day,
- the elector, for reasons of conscience, will be unable to vote on general voting day,
- the elector will be unable to attend a voting place on general voting day for reasons beyond their control,
- the elector has a physical disability or is a person whose mobility is impaired,
- the elector is a candidate or candidate representative, or
- the elector is an election official.

*Bernice Rutski, Chief Election Officer
Southern Zone Electoral Area*

School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes)

Southern Zone Electoral Area

Elector Registration

There is no need to pre-register to vote, as the registration of all electors for this election will take place at the time of voting. You will be required to make a declaration that you meet the following requirements:

- 18 years of age or older
- Canadian citizen
- Resident of BC for at least six months immediately preceding voting day
- Resident of OR registered owner of real property in the Southern Zone Electoral Area, School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day, and
- Not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Resident electors will also be required to produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce a non-resident property elector certificate and two pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove identity.

Non-resident property elector certificates can be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer at the School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) office, during regular office hours, prior to 4:30 pm on Friday, November 19, 1999. On advance and general voting days, certificates can be obtained from the Chief Election Officer at the Fauquier Community Hall during voting hours.

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Regional District of Central Kootenay Notice of Election by Voting

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the Regional District of Central Kootenay that an Election by Voting is necessary to elect Directors for Electoral Areas A, B, F, G, H, J and K to fill offices of members of the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay and that the persons nominated as candidates at the Election by Voting, and for whom the votes will be received for a three-year term commencing December 1999 and terminating December 2002, are:

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR - One (1) to be elected in each Electoral Area

<i>Electoral Area A-Wyndel/East Shore Kootenay Lake:</i>	GARRITSEN, Hans- 4749 Lower Wyndel Rd., Wyndel, BC	WILSON, Alan Charles- 9345 Kuskanook Rd., Kuskanook BC
<i>Electoral Area B:</i>	MASUCH, Elvin- 214 - 36th Ave. N., Erickson, BC	MATHESON, Gord- 8008 Glenlilly Rd., Yahk, BC
<i>Electoral Area F:</i>	DAWSON, Al- 2553 Holmberg Rd., Nelson, BC	HAMILTON, Suzy- 4077 Dvorjetz Rd., Nelson, BC
<i>Electoral Area G:</i>	CUNNINGHAM, Hans- 6907 - 3rd Ave., Ymir, BC	STOCKDALE, Bill- 8859 Highway 6 N., Salmo, BC
<i>Electoral Area H-The Slocan Valley:</i>	MUNRO, Don- 3922 Indian Point Rd., Vallican, BC	NYGREN, Eric- Electoral Area H, RDCK
<i>Electoral Area J-Lower Arrow/Columbia:</i>	PELLERINE, Elmer- Castlegar, BC	VANDERPOL, Martin- 3027 Waldie Ave., Robson, BC
<i>Electoral Area K-The Arrow Lakes:</i>	KLUGHAMMER, Helmut- 287 Lwr. Cres. By Rd., Nakusp, BC	PETERSON, Paul- 132 Burton Main Rd., Burton, BC

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be Saturday, **NOVEMBER 20, 1999** between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm for QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY at the following locations:

ELECTORAL AREA A-Wyndel/East Shore Kootenay Lake:
Riondel Community Centre, 1511 Eastman Ave., Riondel, BC
Crawford Bay Community Hall, Wadd's Road, Crawford Bay, BC
Boswell Community Hall, 12374 Highway 3A, Boswell, BC

ELECTORAL AREA B
Erickson Elementary School, 3523 Highway 3, Erickson, BC
Goat River Station, 104 Leadville Rd., Kitchener, BC
Canyon Elementary School, 4575 Canyon/Lister Rd., Canyon, BC
Yahk/Kingsgate Community Hall, 8790 Railway Ave., Yahk, BC
Lister Community Hall, 3461 - 16th St., Lister, BC
Creston Community Complex, 312 - 19th Ave. N., Creston, BC

ELECTORAL AREA F
A.I. Collinson Elementary School, 2780 Highway 3A, Nelson, BC
Beasley Fire Hall, 5095 Highway 3A, Beasley, BC
North Shore Community Hall, 675 Whitmore Road, Nelson, BC

ELECTORAL AREA G
Ymir Community Hall, 7212 1st Ave., Ymir, BC

ELECTORAL AREA H-The Slocan Valley:
Hills Community Hall, Highway 6, Hills, BC
Winlaw Community Hall, 5897 Highway 6, Winlaw, BC
New Denver Municipal Office, 115 Slocan St., New Denver, BC
Passmore Community Hall, 3656 Passmore Old Rd., Passmore, BC
Silverton Memorial Hall, 203 Lake Ave., Silverton, BC
Brent Kennedy Elementary School, Highway 6, Crescent Valley, BC
Slocan Women's Institute Hall, 602B Harold St., Slocan, BC

ELECTORAL AREA J-Lower Arrow/Columbia:
Robson Community Hall, 3067 Waldie Ave., Robson, BC
Ootischenia Elementary School, 120 Ootischenia Rd., Ootischenia, BC
Blueberry Elementary School, 200 Centre Ave., Blueberry, BC
Castlegar Community Complex, 2101 - 6th Ave., Castlegar, BC

ELECTORAL AREA K-The Arrow Lakes:
Nakusp Sports Centre Auditorium, 200 - 8th Ave., Nakusp, BC
Fauquier Community Hall, 117 Oak St., Fauquier, BC
Burton Elementary School, 219 Burton School Rd., Burton, BC
Edgewood Elementary School, 409 Monashee Ave., Edgewood, BC

ELIGIBLE ELECTORS

The Municipal Act sets out the qualifications for electors entitled to vote at Local Government Voting and if you qualify, and you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the required application form available at the voting place. To register you must meet the following qualifications:

QUALIFICATIONS FOR A RESIDENT ELECTOR:

Must meet all of the following requirements:

- on General Voting Day you must be eighteen years of age or older
- you must be a Canadian citizen
- you must have resided in British Columbia in accordance with Section 52 of the Municipal Act for at least six months immediately preceding the day of registration
- you must have resided within the area in which the vote is taking place in accordance with Section 52 of the Municipal Act for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration
- you must not be disqualified by the Municipal Act or any other enactment from voting on General Voting Day or be otherwise disqualified by law.

Resident electors not on the Voters List and wishing to register on voting day will be required to produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). The identification must prove identity and residency.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NON-RESIDENT ELECTOR:

Must meet all of the following requirements:

- (b) (c) and (e) above **plus**
- you must have been the registered owner of real property in the area in which the vote is taking place for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration
- you must not be entitled to register as a resident elector for that area.

Non-Resident property electors not on the Voters List and wishing to register on voting day must produce a **NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR CERTIFICATE and 2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity.

In order to obtain your **NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR CERTIFICATE**, contact the Chief Elections Officer or appointee at the Regional District of Central Kootenay office during regular office hours up until 4:00 pm on Friday, November 19, 1999.

NOTE: On Advance and General Voting Days, **NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR CERTIFICATES** may be obtained at the voting stations during voting hours **ONLY UPON PRESENTATION OF A PROPERTY CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AND PROPERTY OWNER'S CONSENT FORM (IF APPLICABLE)**.

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES:

Advance voting will be open at the various stations listed below on Wednesday, **NOVEMBER 10, 1999** between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.

(Area A, B, F, G, H, J, K Voters)	Regional District of Central Kootenay Office, 601 Vernon St., Nelson, BC
(Area A Voters)	Riondel Community Centre, 1511 Eastman Ave., Riondel, BC
(Area A & B Voters)	Creston Community Complex, 312-19th Ave., Creston, BC
(Area B Voters)	Yahk Kingsgate Community Hall, 8790 Railway Ave., Yahk, BC
(Area G Voters)	Salmo Municipal Office, 414 Baker St., Salmo, BC
(Area H Voters)	Slocan Municipal Office, 503 Slocan St., Slocan, BC
	Silverton Municipal Office, 421 Lake Ave., Silverton, BC
	New Denver Municipal Office, 115 Slocan St., New Denver, BC
(Area J Voters)	Castlegar Community Complex, 2101-6th Ave., Castlegar, BC
(Area K Voters)	Nakusp Sports Centre Auditorium, 200-8th Ave., Nakusp, BC
	Fauquier Community Hall, 117 Oak St., Fauquier, BC

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