

Revitalization moves bit closer

It was a productive meeting for the Downtown Revitalization Committee. All twelve merchants voted "yes" for the project.

Now all the merchants have to get is the signature of the land owners who must pay back a low interest loan to the tune of \$95 each

month. Organizers admit there is still some selling to do, but are convinced that the merchants and owners will be willing to spend the money to improve.

The money will bring a new look to downtown Sparwood. Brick store fronts, extension of the sidewalks, eight foot

canopies over the businesses, planters, benches, trees, and paving stones are just some of the benefits the downtown will receive. That is, if one hundred per cent of the merchants vote for the spending.

According to organizers, Murry Lott and Tilio Porco, other towns which improve an aging business centre discover a rise in business from between 10 per cent and 15 per cent. Nelson and Chemainus are two of the towns which tried revitalization and discovered its rich rewards, said Brian Erikson of the District of

Sparwood.

"It seems contradictory that a town spend \$110,000 on a fountain to improve the looks of the town centre when the surrounding buildings are dilapidated," Erikson said.

The total cost of revitalization is \$355,000. The municipality agreed at Wednesday's meeting to pay \$158,400 of the total. This money would go toward projects such as parking lot improvements, lighting, and sidewalk improvements, Erikson said recently.

The merchants have 10

years in which to pay back the loan from the provincial government's coffers.

They are contributing \$197,400 through a program sponsored by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MOMA) in Victoria. Two years of this money is interest free.

According to Mr. Erik-

son's calculations this is an outright gift of more than \$50,000 to Sparwood's merchants.

The downtown Revitalization Committee is comprised of six members, Tilio Porco, chairman, Murry Lott, Lola Chapman, Lucy Ackles and Simon Senycz, and Randy Widmer.

Urgent meeting

A special "constitutional" meeting of the

Sparwood Public Library Association has been called for Wednesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Library.

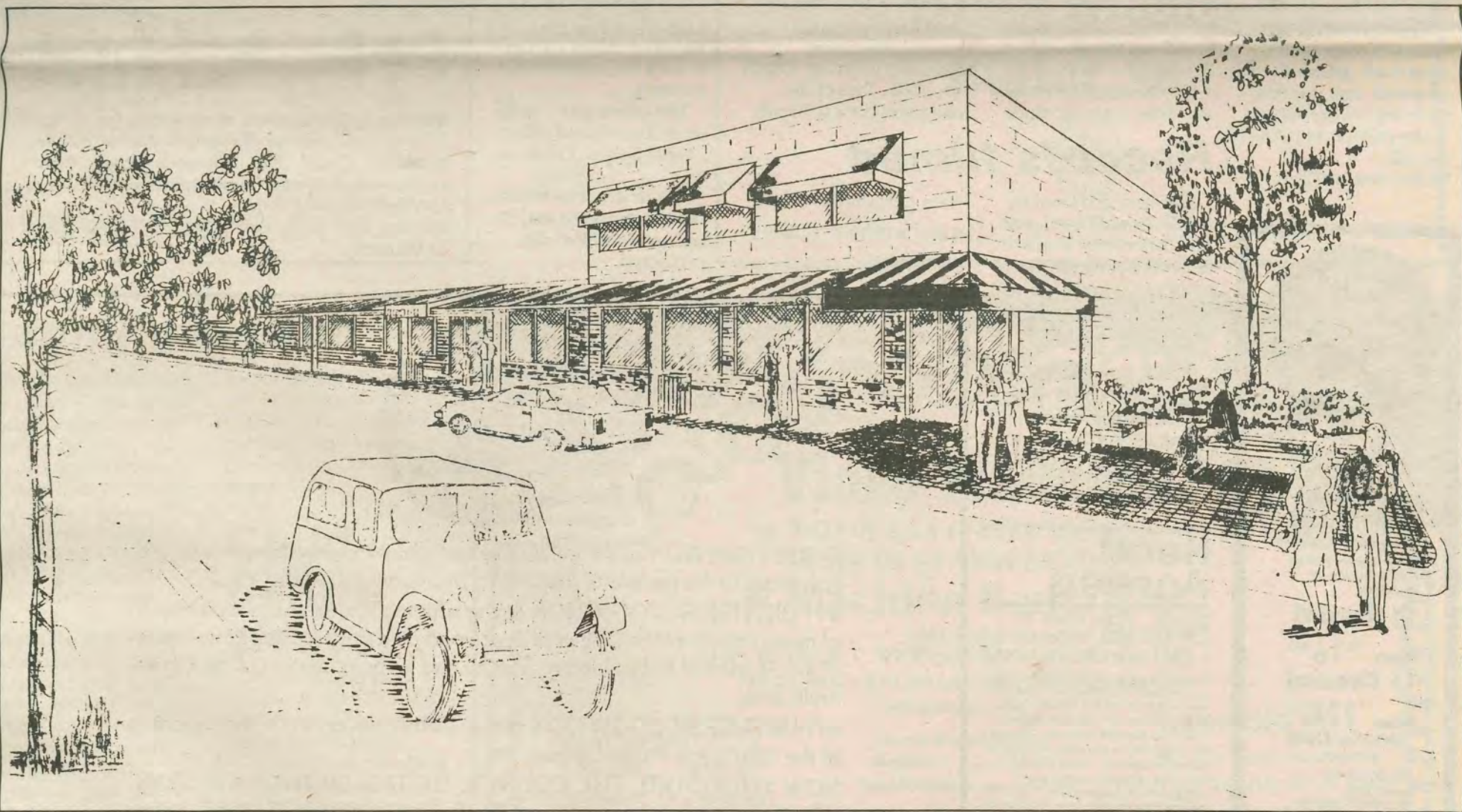
Board chairman David Paine said the general meeting was necessary as the constitution must be amended to lower the number of trustees required for a regular meeting.

Steel firm robbed

Police are investigating the theft of tools and gas from Rayco Steel in Sparwood.

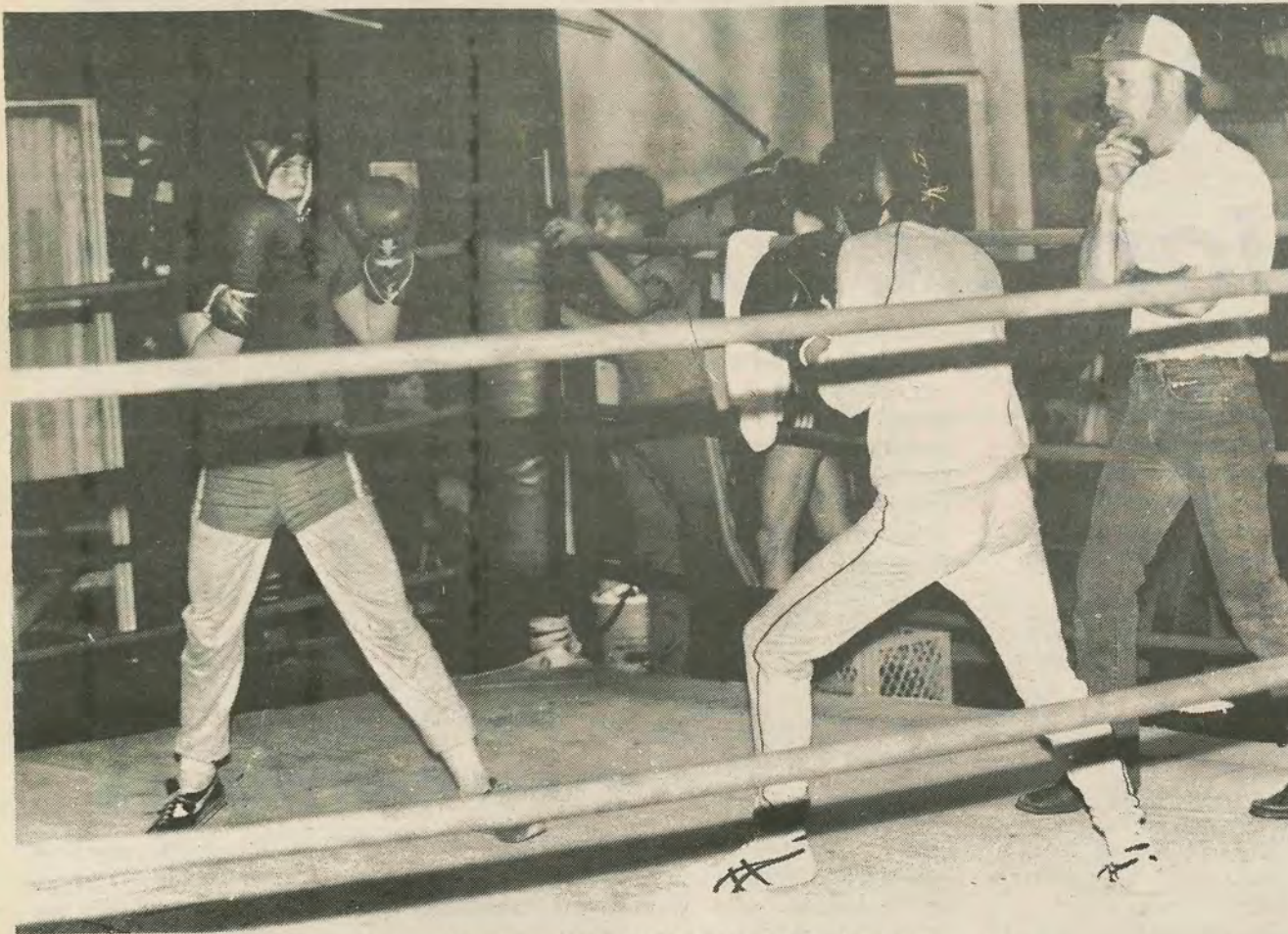
The theft occurred sometime during the night of March 5 and 6.

About \$300 worth of gas was taken from several vehicles in the company's compound, and a tool box containing hand tools were also stolen.



Architect Edward Cook's conception of what the east side of Centennial Square will look like after revitalization.

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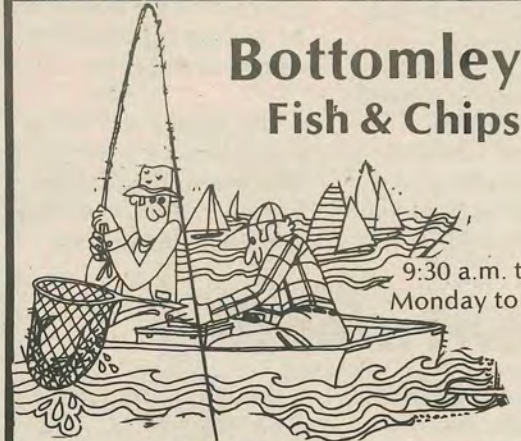


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Jumping and stretching to get into shape

Members of the Elk Valley Boxing Club stretched, grunted, sweated, and jumped their way into shape at the regular meeting of the Elk Valley Boxing Club,

held Wednesday, March 7, 1984 at the Black Nugget.

The boxing club invited six other teams to their

annual invitational tournament, held Saturday evening, March 10, 1984. Two clubs one from Cour d'Alene,

Idaho, and one from Kalispell, Montana are among the contest runners.

The other three clubs came from Lethbridge, Cranbrook and Kimberley.

"Cour d'Alene will be the toughest to best," trainer John Kovak predicted.

Records filmed

Material gathered by the Regional District of East Kootenay's now defunct Economic Development Commission will be made available to the District of Sparwood.

data pertaining to Sparwood will be available on request.

RDEK administrator Wayne McNamar said the records are now being microfilmed and that all research material, studies and relevant

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IN FURTHER RECOGNITION of the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the Sparwood Public Library:
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF SPARWOOD hereby declares the week of March 11 through 17, 1984, to be
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A new innovation for Sparwood shoppers will be the bulk food section of the new Overwaitea store which opened next Monday at the Greenwood Shopping Mall.

Sparwood mileage signs sought

Sparwood council is preparing to take on both the B.C. Ministry of Highways and Alberta Highways in an effort to get mileage

signs pointing to Sparwood on Highway 3 in both provinces.

Council noted, as it has done several times

in the past, that there are no highway markers advising the location from Cranbrook or from Fort McLeod along Highway 3.

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Running season

The sixth annual EK 10K kicks of this area's spring running season April 29. It's time now with the warm weather and dry roads to ready yourself to join the expected six hundred plus runners and joggers who will be taking to the streets that day.

The route will be the same as last year, beginning and ending at East Kootenay Community College in Cranbrook. Awards will be given to the top six finishers in each category, which will be the same as last year. Team trophies will also be awarded.

Entry forms are now available. They will be mailed out to all schools and members of the Big

foot Running Club, or out of town residents may request a form by phoning East Kootenay Community College at 489-2751.

Child Centre closes

The Child Minding Centre at the Elk Valley Family Leisure Centre has closed its doors.

Terry Melcer, president of the Sparwood Children's Centre who operated the facility said they were not breaking even and so the Centre had decided to close.

She posted the loss for February 16 to 31 at \$328.46.

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Restaurateur starts Kootenay secession move

A Nelson businessman has started an organization which advocates the secession of the Kootenays from the rest of British Columbia.

Restaurant owner Michael Jessen said he is starting the secession group because of his frustration with recent provincial government restraint measures which are hurting the West Kootenay area and Nelson in particular.

Jessen said his organization is called ASK — the Alliance for the Secession of the Kootenays.

"There are two reasons for the name," Jessen said. "Our area has been asking, almost begging, the government to reverse cut-

Sparwood to plug away

Sparwood council, after five years of trying, is still "plugging away" at getting into the Residence Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP).

Although Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has said they were not prepared at this time to designate Sparwood as eligible for grants because of "very limited funding at this time," Romeo LeBlanc, the minister responsible for CMHC has told council, "I would encourage you to stay in touch with Mr. G. Fessenden, manager of CMHC's Cranbrook office, to be kept informed on the status of your request."

backs to government services in this area for a number of months to no avail. By joining ASK, people will be able to say — I've had it with asking and to join ASK is to tell."

The restaurant owner said the second reason for the organization's name is its use as an organizing tool.

"I plan to give everyone who joins the group a button on which ASK is imprinted on a beautiful scene of mountains, trees and a lake," Jessen said. "Anyone wearing this button will automatically generate conversation with whomever he or she meets because the button urges people to ask."

Jessen said government cutbacks in staffing at Forest Service, Human Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Highways, and Lands, Parks and Housing Departments is having a devastating effect on the area's economy.

"The announced closure of the David Thompson University Centre in Nelson was the last straw for me," Jessen said, adding that students, staff and faculty account for 20 per cent of his restaurant's business.

"Business was already down 11 per cent in 1983," Jessen said, the first yearly decline in sales since his restaurant began operation in 1980.

"People are frustrated because of lack of jobs in the Kootenay area and they are moving in droves," he said. "There are 500 homes for sale in the Nelson area alone."

The tone of his secession organization is humorous, Jessen said.

"I hope a humorous approach will garner some media attention to the seriousness of our situation," Jessen said.

"Our slogan is 'If we use a little humour, maybe we can laugh them out of office'."

A 37-year-old native of Denmark who became a Canadian citizen in 1967, Jessen said he has been told the tone of his organization is akin to the way the Danish people reacted to the invasion of the German army during World War II.

"People have told me the Danes just laughed at the Germans for their action," Jessen said. "I think a similar kind of ridicule is called for in response to the Social Credit government's actions in the Kootenays."

The restaurant owner said one of the first actions of ASK will put Premier Bill Bennett in the unemployment line.

"Because we do not have a warm weather, polluted lake to send our area's decadent bureaucrats for their holidays, we plan to include the entire riding of Okanagan South within the boundaries of our new state or province," Jessen said.

"Unfortunately this will put the premier out

of a job as he is the MLA for Okanagan South," he added. "This will give him the opportunity to learn how almost 40 per cent of the people in the West Kootenay are living."

Jessen said the area within a 250-mile radius of Nelson generates more than 50 per cent of the electrical energy created in the province. Of that amount, he said the area uses less than half.

"We are an energy and resource bread basket for the Lower Mainland area and it is time people there realized it."

Jessen said the David Thompson University Centre requires three-quarters of one per cent of the annual university budget for the province.

"If, after all we contribute to the economy of this province, we can not even get three-quarters of one per cent back for our university centre, then it is time we put a boundary around our resources and say to the provincial government that enough is enough."

Using a line from the recently popular movie, Network, Jessen said the people of the Kootenays are "mad as hell and aren't going to take it anymore."

Jessen said he hopes thousands of Kootenay residents will pay a \$2

fee to join ASK.

He said money contributed will be used to pay for the buttons and mailing of the ASK message to all area councils and provincial MLAs and MPs.

"I hope village, town and city councils in the Kootenays will agree to unite behind this single message of anger," Jessen said. "we need to tell the government that someone is willing

to say no to their actions."

In order to generate extra interest in his idea for an independent Kootenay province, Jessen said a contest is being held to name the new area.

"The winner will receive a free dinner for two at my restaurant," Jessen concluded.

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Lions-Mountaineer Snowarama event successful

With co-operation from the weather, some 60 snowmobilers rode the planned 100 km route to once again collect money for crippled children.

The event, the annual "Snowarama" is co-sponsored by the Elk Valley Mountaineers and the Sparwood-Elkford Lions Club. The riders solicit pledges on a per kilometre basis and proceeds from the event go to the B.C. Lion's Society for

Crippled Children.

The 'run' began at Round Prairie, north of Elkford and went to the Elk Lakes and according to Gord Galloway, the run could have been completed easily in three and one half hours. Mr. Galloway also added while this was the 5th annual event for the Elk Valley it is the 7th Snowarama for the province.

'Winners' in Saturday's event were: Men's highest pledge - Gord

Galloway of Elkford - \$2450.00, Ladies highest pledge - Margaret Blumhagen of Fernie with \$100.00, Junior boys highest pledge - Kory Stevenson of Sparwood and Senior citizen Roy Galloway of Montrose with \$161.00

The Hard Luck Trophy went to John Scarpelli of Fernie, who while on the course fixed three different snowmobiles to complete the run.

Gord Galloway has achieved a personal 'win' for the club in raising \$10,410.00 in

four years, himself for the club. Mr. Galloway indicated that pledges for this year amounted to approximately \$15,000.00. The club

has been awarded plaques from the B.C. Snow Vehicle Federation for raising the highest per capita pledges.



Senior award went to Roy Galloway of Montrose, while Gordon Galloway of Sparwood won the men's high pledge award.



Kory Stephenson brought in \$204.70 in pledges to win the junior boy's award.

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A hockey sob story

This time it was a real sob story. The Sparwood Girls Hockey Team attended the winter games but came back after taking fourth place and just missing the Bronze Medal.

The hockey team went to the B.C. Winter Games, held in Fort. St. John, on March 1, 2, 3 and 4, 1984. Before they could finish their contest with the other eight teams, two girls, Dorene Sheets and Delle Merrett, went to the hospital with the flu.

Coach Harold Butler and the team members attending practice on Wednesday, March 7, said they lost to Prince George after their team morale was damaged when a referee failed to call a misplay. According to the coach, a

defenceman from the opposing team gloved a loose puck when it entered the crease. Regulations call for an automatic penalty shot but the call was not made.


The girls were upset, he said and lost a goal shortly afterwards. The combination of illness and a bad call cost the team a chance for a Bronze medal, the coach said.

Prince George, the team winning the Bronze, pooled its members from the three girls hockey teams which the city supports.






The girls are preparing for the upcoming provincial tournament, to be held in Sparwood this weekend, March 17 and March 18.



Carol Gage and her two youngsters, Jeff and Brad, are off to play minor hockey at the Sparwood Recreation Centre. By the way, the Minors will be holding their awards night banquet on Friday night.

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Remodelling of the inside of the Greenwood Shopping Mall is well underway, and it is hoped this phase, at the southend of the centre, will be completed about the same time as the new Overwaita store, due to open March 19.



Also being remodelled is the liquor store in the Mall. When this work is completed Sparwood will have a walk-in type store. It is hoped the work will be completed by March 19.



A Sparwood rink, skipped by Gordon Emslie took the "A" event at the third annual Junior Open Bonspiel last week. The players were, from left to right, Gordon Emslie, Newton Crawford, David Buttree and Adrian Coutts.

Rodeo Club planning big event

The Coal Valley Rodeo Club, within five years, hope to mature "to Canada's largest amateur rodeo to be held at the Coal Capital of the World and providing world-wide advertise-

ment for the area."

be held July 28 and 29.

These hopes were expressed at council when an application was made for a beer garden to be held in connection with the club's rodeo

The club is also interested in starting a fund for equipment for the Sparwood General Hospital, and in particular for a birthing bed.

Time runs out for financing

The Ministry of Industry and Small Business Development has withdrawn its offer of IDSA funding for the Sparwood Industrial Park on Highway 3.

Under the terms of the interim approval

letter, signed by the District on July 5, 1983, the offer was to expire if construction had not commenced and a disbursement had not been requested within six months of that date.

"Given that this date

is only six weeks away," wrote assistant deputy minister, R.A. Food, "it would be virtually impossible to resolve the land issue, draw up a final budget and prepare a loan agreement in the time remaining."

Drawing visitors to Centre

In anticipation of a good tourist season this summer, Sparwood council is taking steps to draw visitors to the Elk Valley Leisure Centre.

Council has instructed the public relations committee, headed by Ald. Lola Chapman to look into costs and design for a sign to be placed on municipal property near the intersection of Highway 3 and Red Cedar Drive.



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Jim Elliott wins Westar service award

Westar Mining has announced that Jim Elliott, an employee at its Balmer mine, has won the company's second Community Service Award. The award

recognizes Westar employees who devote time and energy to improving the quality of life in the Elk Valley and Crows Nest Pass communities.

As the winner, Mr. Elliott received a plaque and \$500.00 to be donated to the charities of his choice.

Mr. Elliott, who has been with the company since 1972, lives in Sparwood with his wife Carolyn and two children (Krista 7 and Jimmy 4). Always a tremendous supporter of youth activities, Jim was nominated for his work with Minor Hockey, Minor Ball, Cubs and the Junior Raiders Hockey Club. He is also a member of the Sparwood Lions Club, has been chairman of the local Easter Seal Campaign, is a member of the auxiliary R.C.M.P. and president of the Mountain cats 4x4 Club. Jim chose to split his \$500.00 between three groups: \$200.00 to the Lions Snowarama for Crippled children; \$200.00 to the Canadian Cancer Society; and \$100.00 to the Sparwood Spirits Hockey Club.

In presenting the award Westar vice president John Powell said he was very pleased with the calibre of community service being performed by Westar employees. "It really makes me proud when I read the nomination forms and see the commitment our employees have to their communities. Jim is an excellent example of the kind of employee this award was meant to recognize. We are all very proud of him and the others nominated for the award."

Employees nominated for the award are judged by a committee made up of representatives from both the Balmer and Greenhills mines. The next Community Service Award will be presented in June. The deadline for nominations is May 28, 1984. Forms can be obtained from Westar Mining's public affairs office at 425-8672.



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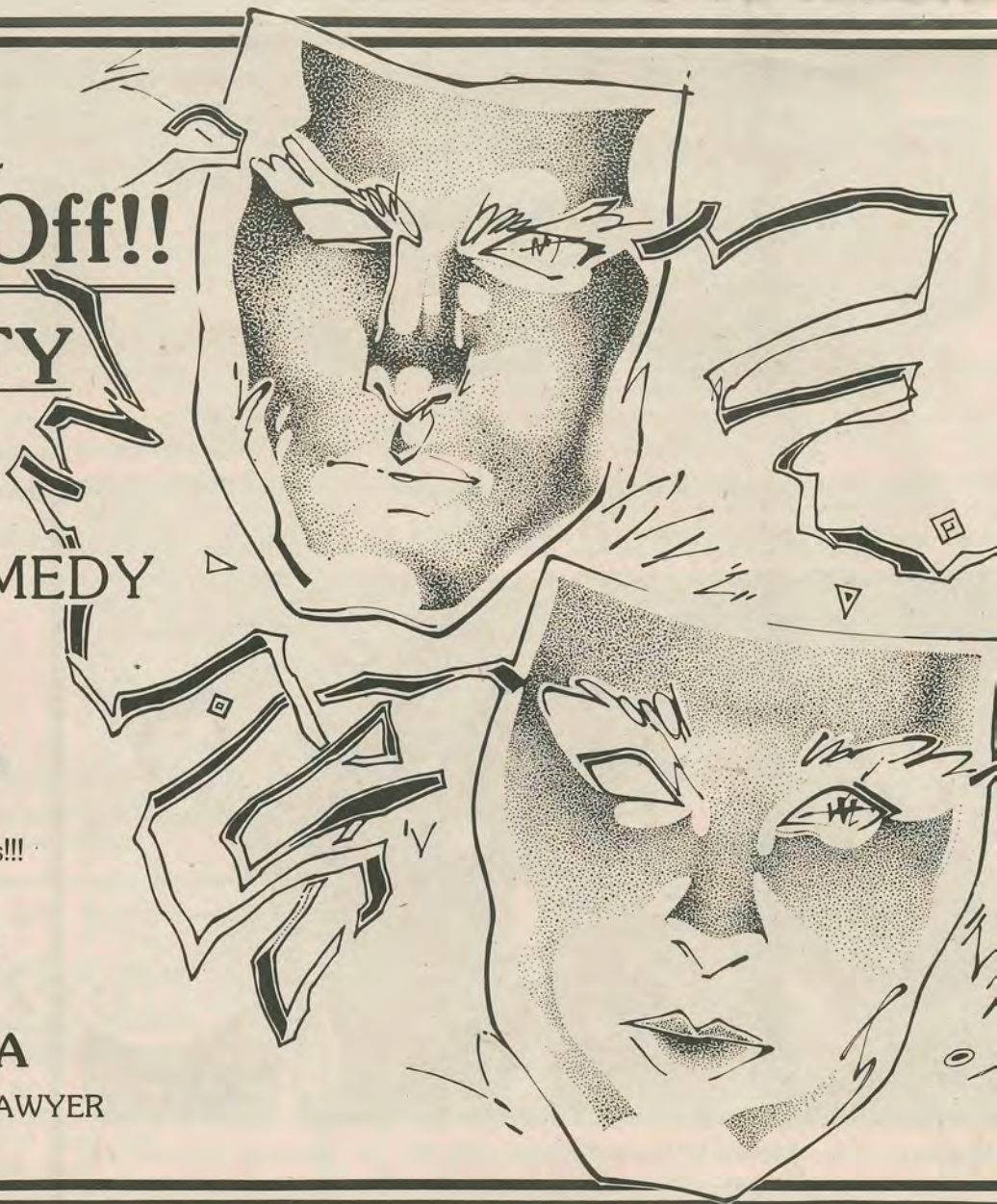
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Truckers get safety checkout

Motorists came to a halt Wednesday, March 7, 1984 and Thursday March 8, 1984 on Highway No. 3 east of Sparwood as 12 RCMP checked for proper registration, insurance, and licensing of vehicles.

Passing trucks were also pulled over to the weigh scales and 20 to 25 transport safety tests were conducted by eight

inspectors.

More than 40 per cent of the trucks were found defected as they failed to pass needed testing. Only 10 per cent need licensing upgrading, said RCMP Sgt. Dave Brown of Nelson detachment.

There were tests for each axle and each brake. Tests to ensure

proper frequencies of CB radios were conducted by Communications.

Husky quiz answers

Sparwood's elderly population hasn't enough things to get involved in upon retiring in the town. So say almost 70 per cent of the respondents of this week's Husky quiz.

Of the 28 persons answering the quiz available both in the Clarion and at the Husky Station, none were over 65, the survey showed. The majority, 68 per

cent, were between 30 and 65.

Most respondents felt it was the government's job to finance the extra needs of the elderly. More than 55 per cent felt this way.

Just over half of the respondents said that elderly in Sparwood were worse off than in other parts of British Columbia.

Library seeks budget opening

The Sparwood Library received a bit of encouragement last Monday night when the board appeared before council to ask the finance committee to reconsider its earlier move to cut the budget request.

The board had asked the district for a grant of \$26,000 but only received \$23,000 in the provisional budget.

However, following a presentation by board chairman David Paine, Ald. Lola Chapman said she was prepared to come up with a recommendation when the final budget comes up for approval sometime in May.

As this week marks the tenth anniversary of the founding of the li-

brary the district has proclaimed the week of March 11 to 17 as "Sparwood Public Library Week."

The library began ten years ago in an empty store in the Greenwood Shopping Mall, and its stock of books were

borrowed from interested Sparwood residents and placed on loan.

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School meeting supported

If Elkford Mayor Richard Pinotti continues to push for a meeting of the Elk Valley mayors and education minister Jack Heindrich, Sparwood council will support the move.

The motion by council followed the receipt of a letter from the Elkford mayor which stated he was writing a letter to the school board to ask if they were prepared to make a submission to the ministry to try and change their minds about not coming.

Mayor Pinotti asked Sparwood if they had any ideas regarding funding for School District No. 1 (Ferne).

HELP FIND THE CURE FOR KIDNEY DISEASE



Get out of their way!!! Practicing their slapshots as the Sparwood Girls' Hockey Team targets in on this weekend's Provincial Tournament, are team members Dee-Dee Sheets, Cheryl Platt, Tara Ferguson, Dorene Sheets. The girls returned from the B.C. Winter Games resting in fourth place.

Review of 'deplorable situation requested

NDP MLA Don Lockstead (Mackenzie), today asked the minister of health to review the deplorable situation which has now resulted from cut-backs to emergency services and the centralizing of ambulance dispatch services in his constituency.

"It is completely ridiculous to expect that those in the dispatch office in Nanaimo can handle the emergency calls coming in from the Powell River area," charged Lockstead.

"Aside from overloading the system," he said, "how can anyone living across the 20

miles of Georgia Strait have any comprehension of Powell River, the adjoining residential sections and surrounding rural area.

"Recently," said Lockstead, "there was nearly a nasty incident, when a constituent - after repeated calls to a busy number - fortun-

ately managed from desperation to circumvent the system.

"Does the minister regard this as an acceptable standard of ambulance service or is he waiting for serious medical problems or possible death before taking remedial action?" asked Lockstead.

World Health Day set

April 7 is World Health Day and this year the United Nations' World Health Organization is pointing up the need to safeguard the health of minds and bodies of the world's children.

"Children's Health: Tomorrow's Wealth" the slogan of the campaign aimed at a world wide audience.

The Director-General of the WHO, Dr. H. Maier says that while the health of a child is the primary responsibility of the individual, governments have a responsibility to "provide necessary support which will make it possible for parents, families and communities to fulfill their own responsibilities to children's health."

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