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New dump may cost \$ millions

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Cawston votes on Saturday

Eligible voters in Electoral Area "B"have an opportunity to vote for Regional District Director on Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Cawston Community Hall. The by-election is being held to fill a vacancy left on the death of Regional Director Bill Bush.

Candidates for the position are Andrea Turner, who opposed the late Bill Bush in the 1999 election, and Joan Bush, widow of, and Alternate for, Bill Bush.

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. Electors will be required to make a declaration that they meet the following requirements:

- age 18 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 Electoral Area "B" of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen 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 TWO pieces of idetification (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.

Karl Newholm, Chief Election Officer for Regional District, reported a light turnout for the advance voting opportunity. Only nine people cast a ballot.



Residents of Bankeir decided to make their community's old name the new name. Above, a work party puts up the sign built and paid for by the residents to let people know the name.

Bankeir establishes community

Bankeir, B.C. - Located northeast of Princeton on Highway 40, the community of Bankeir is now clearly identified by a sign. Local residents put up the sign they constructed and feel some satisfaction that the old, official name of their community is now back "in business."

In 1934, a Post Office was established to serve the Osprey, Chain, Link Lakes area. The Post Office identified the community as Bankeir. When the Post Office closed in 1963, the name seemed to shut down with it until a new influx of residents began to settle on acreages in the

area. They began to see themselves as a community. They wanted a name that gave their community an identity, and found there was an old name on the map – Bankeir. After checking with Victoria and Ottawa, they learned the name Bankeir had never been removed from the books, although the community it identified had no particular boundaries.

The sign went up at the location of the old Jellicoe Station of the Kettle Valley Railroad, southwest of Chain Lake, marking the western boundary of the area.

The group has had some opposi-

tion from Osprey Lake residents who do not wish to be part of the Bankeir community, but the majority of the people in the area raised no objections to reviving Bankeir as the community name. William James Clement, the first postmaster, might be pleased with the restoration of the name. Eileen Pidruchny, Rose Johnson, Irene Staton, Emile Lautard, John Moore and Eleanor Gold, (Noppe) the other postmasters, may be pleased, too, to see the name Bankeir in use again.

Princeton area residents are going to have to change the way they handle household garbage and they are going to have to do it fast or pay the price in taxes in the future. After July 31, Princeton Recycling Society will no longer be responsible for handling recyclables. The Town of Princeton has been notified of the decision and Councillor Keith Olsen, who has the landfill site as his portfolio, states the Town will arrange for recycling under the new landfill contract. The question now is - what new landfill contract? It has not gone to tender. Continued on page 2

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Hart resigns

Jim Hart, MP for our area, has resigned in an effort to assist new Canadian Alliance Leader, Stockwell Day, to enter the House of Commons this fall.

Day immediately announced his intention to seek the Alliance nomination in Okanagan-Coquihalla and called upon the Prime Minister to schedule a by-election as soon as possible

Hart stated, "I had been proceeding with plans for a vigorous re-election campaign. However, after consultation with my wife Melanie, who is expecting our first child in a few months, I decided that this decision is in the best interest of my family at this time. As well, it is an honour to create this exciting opportunity for our new Leader to enter Parliament."

Said Day, "As you know, the first responsibility of any party leader is to get a seat in the House of Commons."

Hedley goes for "gold"

by Sue Alton

At a recent meeting of the Hedley Business Association and Service Clubs a schedule of events for "The Golden Days of Hedley" on August 26th was ironed out and Hedley is going for the gold!

"The Golden Days of Hedley" is a one day festival involving most businesses and service clubs in the community. Originally the day has been set aside as a Community Club Day that offered a Kiddie Parade, games, a Duck Race and an evening dance; however, this year the events have been enhanced by the involvement of the whole community.

An invitational meeting was held involving the Hedley Business Association and Service Clubs after it was suggested that an "idea" for a festival Continued on page 8

Weather Watch Princeton area High Low Precip High Low Precip

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13	27.6	8		- 31	15	
14	20.3	5.7		27	14	
15	23	6.5		27	15	
16	29.2	6		31	13	
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FORECAST: Wed- Mainly sunny, low 14, high 33 Thurs- Sunny, low 14, high 33

Fri.- Mainly sunny, low 14, high 35

Normals: low 12, high 29.

July 21- Sunrise 5: 35 a.m. Sunset: 8:42 p.m. Daylight: 15:07 hrs. equal to May 22