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(1811) the Columbia River's entire length. Everywhere, he made observations that, after retirement in 1812, enabled him to complete a map (1813-14) that became the basis for all subsequent maps of western Canada. Given his well established relationship with the Plains Indians, David Thompson was able to open the first trade with the indians of the Northwest.

David Thompson married Charlotte Small, a Metis, when he was 28 years old and she was 14. They would go on to have 13 children, 10 of whom lived beyond childhood.

On May 10, 1807, the David Thompson family, Finnan McDonald, and eight voyageurs traveled up the North Saskatchewan River, past Kootenay Plains, and over what would later be known as Howse Pass. They descended the Blaeberry River to a large north flowing river. Because the river flowed north, Thompson was not sure that it was the Columbia. Going south up the river, they stopped at Lake Windemere and built Kootanae House. Thompson and his family would spend a great deal of time at Kootanae House as it would provide a base for his explorations of the Columbia.

In retirement, Thompson and his wife settled in Montreal. With the merger of the Hudson Bay and Northwest Companies, Thompson's work was treated with indifference and despite his achievements, he was refused a modest pension from the British government. He relied on his son-in-law for meager assistance. Thompson was also deeply in debt. He sold his beloved sextant and other valuable tools of his trade. He and Charlotte existed in poverty and obscurity until his death in 1857. Charlotte survived her husband by only a few months.



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Bears! Bears! Bears!

'Tis the season! There have been several recent local bear sightings. We all need to be taking extra precautions at this time of year to protect ourselves and the bears. Around your home, check your yard and deck and eliminate any attractants: garbage, food, birdseed, BBQ grease and empty bottles. In the backcountry, or out on the trails? Visit www.pc.gc.ca/banff-bears for comprehensive information on bear safety.

Fairmont Reads

Book Babe

The world is grey, bleak, dangerous and has been reduced to ashy ruin. "The boy" has known of no other existence and "the man" allows himself only brief, infrequent memories of another time. In this post-apocalyptic landscape there is only surviving from one day to the next. In *The Road*, Cormack McCarthy keeps the plot so very simple. The language is so very stark. It is this austerity that makes every facet of the harrowing journey of a father and son so incredibly palpable. While surviving cold, starvation, and encounters with "bad guys", what pervades is a father's love for his child. On every page we experience his intense need to survive because of his son and know this father's willingness to kill to protect him. McCarthy brings us into this journey. I needed to know where this road would lead. I was completely taken in and read this book in two nights. A great read!

If you have a recommendation for Fairmont Reads or if you have a book you would like to review please let us know: tcphoto@shaw.ca

Thank You Notes

A huge Thank You goes out to the Fairmont and District Lion's Club for their hard work on the highway clean-up, extending from Coy's turnoff to north of Fairmont. Great job!



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A Restaurant Review...

Always Hungry

There's a guy named Tony
owns a restaurant up the hill,
once you try the food
you'll want it more
than a face
on a hundred dollar bill.

So go on, call or sit outside
order up some Greek
and tell me if I've lied.
Tzatziki, calamari, fruit smoothies, too
always fresh, fast and ready
with a smile just for you.

So, next time you're hungry
for a true taste of the Med,
forget the passport line-ups
yo, stay in Fairmont instead.

Tony's is located behind the Fairmont Village
Mall and is a very good place to eat. Call
345-6661.

(The author of this column is in no way
affiliated with any local or national poetry
club and thus is awfully grateful that he/she
pens anonymously.)

Happy Birthday!

Margot Connery, 31 June 25

George Blisner, 31 June 25

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Music & Entertainment

George J. Blisner

Welcome folks, to the music of June, in this our green, flowering valley. As was predicted in May, music was hot! The performances of **Gorilla Funk Monster & Lynn Olagundoye's** at the **Hoodoo Lounge & Grill** was a great taste of Montreal Jazz Funk: original, individual artistry combining cool instrumentation and Lynn's pure vocal sounds. The new deck: "The Hoodoos Hidden Oasis" is a great addition to the character of the place. This month they have their *Saturday Night Jam* and they will also have a featured band, who's name was not available at press time. *Trooper* and their *Eighty's Reunion Tour*, put together by *On Top Productions* at the Eddie Mountain Memorial Arena (Eddie, one of the true fathers of this valley's recreation scene and missed greatly) on May 20th was a success and a hoot! The opening act the local band, *Stand Bye for the Bomb*, was refreshing and rocking. *Trooper*- what can I say, nostalgic rock with age. The local fans in attendance were also part of the great night. Good job Deb! **The Sportsman Lounge** at Riverside Golf Course continues their successful *Thursday Night Jam*, featuring various local talent. Saturday features karaoke with the crazy, Weird Gal entertaining. I can call her crazy because she is my friend but I will be sure not to screw up her name anymore. Excuse me again, Miss Weird Gal. You can also catch her at the **Farside Pub & Eatery** every Tuesday. **The Farside** and **The White House**, in Windermere, will be featuring a different group (names yet to be finalized at press time), alternating Fridays & Saturdays each weekend in June. A new 80's band, ladies from the valley, *Way of Life*, will be strutting their stuff at *Calgary's Beerfest*, June 8th and 9th, at The Big four buiding on the Stampede Grounds. So if you can get there, be sure to check them out. There are interesting rumours circulating throughout the valley about the reemergence of some of the our greatest music accomplishments that should have become staples for music in BC and Canada. Venues like **Bud's** and **Fairmont Hot Springs** are just a couple of the names that have surfaced. Be sure to get the scoop right here. One thing I can say, that is not a rumour, is the great show planned for July 6th at the **Hoodoo Lounge & Grill: Hood-stock**. The campground, *On Top Productions* and *Fundamental Event Marketing* are featuring- get this- *Wide Mouth Mason*, huge Canadian rock blues!. It is going to be an all day music and cultural event with many local bands appearing. I will have all the info next 4 month. Enjoy and good music to all.