

Kettle River Echo

Trails to the Boundary Society
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Contributions for the next newsletter are asked to be submitted no later than the 15th of the month.

H.M.S. PINAFORE

Another amazing production by the Senior Musical Theatre class at BCSS has just completed the final curtain call. They ambitiously undertook Gilbert and Sullivan's HMS Pinafore, directed by teacher, Sarah Tripp. Four performances wowed packed audiences – we laughed, we gasped, and most of all we marveled at the talent on stage! For many in the cast, this was their last production at BCSS as they gear up for graduation in June. In the fall, many of these talented grads are pursuing post-secondary performing arts programs.

Big shout outs to the juniors who stepped in to complete the chorus, to Jason Eaton for the custom-built set, to Marilyn Hanson and Alexa Lucente for the tailor-made costumes, to Linda Daloise for alterations, to Jennifer Mallach for being our backstage hand and to Neeta Petkau for recording the piano accompaniment. We can't forget the unsung heroes, the late bus drivers who delivered the cast home safely after evening rehearsals.

Be on alert for the upcoming Kiwanis Music Festival in Penticton March 1st and 2nd, and April 5th and 6th ... more info to come.

THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT. IF ONLY WE'RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO SEE IT. IF ONLY WE'RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO BE IT.
-AMANDA GORMAN



SAVE THE DATE!

Trails to the Boundary" is hosting the 5th annual Emergency Preparedness fair.

Food insecurity, drought, and wildfires will be among the topics discussed.

Join us Sunday, April 7th , 11-2 at the Rock Creek Fall Fair pavilion. Refreshments will be served at no cost.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of Director Sharen Gibbs of RDKB Electoral Area 'E'/West Boundary.



More Than Just Recycling The Refundables Program is a Symbol of Unity

Article contributed by Joyce Ricioppo

Nestled at the majestic Big White Mountain, there exists a program that transforms the ordinary act of recycling into a beacon of community generosity. The Big White Mountain Community Development Association (BWMCD) Refundables program, is more than just a recycling initiative, it is a lifeline revenue stream for the BWMCD and a symbol of unity that connects residents, strata, and local businesses in a shared mission to contribute to the betterment of their mountain home.

The pilot project commenced in 2018/2019, spearheaded by Joyce Ricioppo and Naomi Woodland. It was adopted as a fulltime program in 2020 and is still operating today. It gained momentum thanks to the enthusiastic participation of strata such as the one at Stonebridge Lodge, as well as local restaurants including The Bullwheel, Globe, Cantina del Centro, and Underground Pizza. These establishments not only serve delicious meals but also recognize the value of giving back to the community that sustains them. Residents and businesses alike diligently collect bottles and cans, knowing that every item contributes to a shared pool of funds.

The Enderby Return-It Recycling Depot, owned by John Kim, plays a pivotal role in the success of the program. Understanding the importance of community support, John generously offers to pick up refundables weekly during the season and donates 100% of the proceeds to the BWMCA.

The funds generated by the program are instrumental in supporting a wide array of activities and initiatives. The community garden and greenhouse are fast becoming a hub for gardening enthusiasts. This year we started free yoga classes which have become a staple for those seeking relaxation and exercise amidst the breathtaking mountain scenery. Block party events, supplemented by the Refundables program, bring residents together in a friendly, safe, and inviting environment. Neighbors mingle, forging new friendships while enjoying the vibrant atmosphere created by the shared efforts of the community.

The impact of the Refundables program extends beyond the social sphere. The Big White Mountain Community School, a vital institution for the education and growth of the little ones in the community, receives much-needed support. The funds have facilitated the purchase of books, sporting equipment, and even a boot and hat warmer, ensuring that children are well-equipped for their winter adventures.

As the years have passed, the Refundables program at Big White Mountain has become a source of pride for everyone involved. It is a testament to the power of community collaboration and the positive change that could arise from seemingly small acts, such as recycling.

Little Johnny is watching his mum rubbing cold cream on her face and he asks her, "Why are you rubbing that stuff on your face mother?" His mother replies, "To make myself beautiful Johnny." A few minutes later she starts rubbing the cream off with a tissue. Johnny says to her, "What is the matter? Are you giving up?"



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The logo for 'The Yellow Door Boutique' features a stylized key with a decorative head. To the right is a black and white illustration of a woman wearing a large, ornate hat and a high-collared dress.

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Main River WI 86th Annual Valentine's Quilt Show and Lunch A GREAT SUCCESS!



Lets talk about community health and wellness
Health & Wellness belongs to every human being and their reflection of this will be unique.



Taanishi! Hello!

We are working on a project for community health and wellness to learn how to better serve the Indigenous people in our area. We know many struggle when it comes to wellness in many aspects. From access to basic services to access to healthy food to access to spiritual and emotional wellness services it can be difficult to have all of your needs met, especially in such a small community. As Indigenous people, our experiences can be quite different from those of others, so it is important that our voices are recorded and heard. With help from funding partners, we are asking two fundamental questions concerning the health of our people.

What is wellness to you?

How do you define wellness? Do you focus on all four aspects of spiritual, emotional, physical and mental? Do you feel they are being met?

When it comes to healthcare and services, what is lacking for you and/or your family?

Services could be anything from access to a family doctor to having the ability to go join a yoga class; whatever it is that contributes to your wellness. We want to know whatever it is that impacts your ability to achieve wellness. Accessibility, cost, comfort or lack of service availability are some examples of factors that impact our ability to be well. What is missing from your community that would benefit you and/or your family? And what are your experiences with the services we do have?

With the information shared by you and others we will work towards creating a community wellness plan to help address some of these needs.

This information also allows to better advocate on your behalf when it comes to discussions with Interior Health and other agencies that are a part of our healthcare system. Without data to support us it can be difficult to have our voices heard.

As a Métis association our focus is typically on our Métis community, however, we recognize that there are few supports for any Indigenous people in this area. When we create our wellness plan it will be open to all Indigenous people in the community who feel they can benefit from it.

We will be conducting in-person interviews over the next two months to gather this information.



British Columbia Network Environmental for Indigenous Health

An online survey will also be available for those who are unable to meet with us.

If you are unsure or have any questions at all, please reach out!

You can call 250-666-0284 or send an email to boundarycommunitycc@mnbc.ca to set up a time to meet.

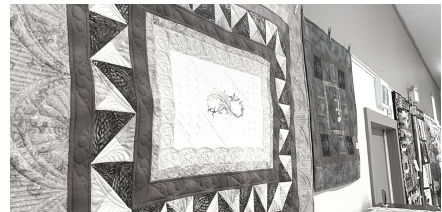
Kaa-whoichihitoyaahk—we take care of each other

All my relations,
Daina Shaw, President BMCA



Boundary Metis Community Association

Main River WI would like to thank the attendees of our Quilt Show and Lunch on Valentine's Day. Our group was thrilled with the super attendance and all of the support by the incredibly talented quilters. There were 40 quilts on display in the Westbridge Hall, with people coming from all over the West Boundary and Grand Forks to view them and have lunch, prepared and served by our members. Our silent auction was a great hit, as was the raffle for the wine basket, which was won by Miriam March. Door prizes were won by Liz DesMaze and Judy Harpur. We look forward to our 87th Annual Show next year!



JUST CHAT by Liz Bryan: UMBRELLAS

The other day I was rummaging through old files and came across cuttings from my very early days as a junior reporter on an English weekly newspaper. I found among the reports of accidents, marriages, bishop's visits, amateur theatricals, interviews with centenarians — all the topics that I as a female reporter was expected to write about — extra little stories, quite similar in fact to these Chat columns. Some local history, some of my adventures, some just musings on the seasons. The Middlesex County Times covered much of the western London suburbs and was centred in what used to be the village of Ealing, one of several along the old Western Road. I shuffled through these, smiling at my old enthusiasms and excessive use of adjectives, and put them aside.

Next day winter had returned, dumping perhaps six inches of heavy coastal snow. Wet snowflakes streaming down, I grabbed my umbrella and went for a walk. It is not often around here that umbrellas are needed, through in England one seldom went anywhere without one. I remembered that one of my teenage (I was only 18) newspaper columns was about umbrellas, so later I rummaged through the cuttings to find a story called "The Umbrella Man."

This was about Jonas Hanway, the very first man in the London area (perhaps England?) to regularly use an umbrella. He lived in the village of Hanwell, just next door to Ealing and he was buried in the church there in 1786. I must have researched his history (in the local library, no internet then) and wrote quite an interesting piece. Jonas was a traveler and a writer, so we have a connection. Here I give you a the first part of my article, written in 1955.

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JUST CHAT

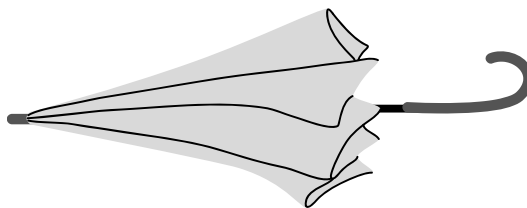
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The people of the pretty rural village of Hanwell simply couldn't believe their eyes. There was Mr. Jonas Hanway, a respectable, church-going gentleman walking slowly along in the pouring rain holding an inverted walking stick with a kind of canopy on top, above his head. It looked like a giant mushroom. Had the gentleman gone mad? It was certainly creating quite a sensation in the village. All the little boys were shouting and jeering at him as he strode jauntily along. A Hackney coach on its way to London, slowed down as it passed, enabling the curious passengers to get a full view of this peculiar sight. But Jonas Hanway took no notice. He was well used to the jibes of the ignorant people. He didn't care how much they laughed. One day the world would realize that he was justified in carrying so serviceable an instrument.

It was Sunday and the villagers were hurrying off to church, their collars turned up against the rain which sluiced down through the trees. Jonah Hanwell had no need to worry. He was quite dry in the rain. His powdered wig was still beautifully curled and unspoiled by it. The tiny parish church of St. Mary, a thatched mediaeval building, was almost full by the time Jonas arrived. The congregation were shivering in their bedraggled ruffles, rain running in streams down their greatcoats and the elaborate coiffeurs and bonnets of the ladies quite spoiled by the rain. There was much coughing and wheezing and the air began to steam as the water evaporated. Jonas was the envy of all, as he sat warm and dry in his pew. At last, the villagers realized the sense of the "canopy on a stick". Yes, umbrellas were beginning to be accepted as a sensible safeguard against the rain. But it had taken the initiative of one man to do it. One man had endured scorn and ridicule so that the public should be convinced that an umbrella was essential in the infamous British climate.

My old article (Oh, how I am itching to edit it!) went on with more info about Jonas and his adventures — leading caravans of camels loaded with British wool into Persia and being attacked by pirates in the Caspian Sea. When he returned home, he wrote about his adventures and devoted his life to philanthropic ventures— and promoting his Umbrella (it gets its name from the Latin Umbra, meaning shade).

Another interesting snippet from Hanwell history is that Charlie Chaplain went to a school set up there in 1856 for the education of poor children from Central London. (I verified all this on the internet: how easy it is today for writers!)



How do we know global warming isn't just Mother Nature having a hot flash?



SENIORS BEING SEEN

Upcoming Sessions...

Feb. 22

Economic, Ecological, Social and Political Adaptations We Face in Coming Decades, or, "Do You Mean Talking About MY Sacred Cow?"

Allan Early (Lawyer and Activist) will guide us in an interactive discussion

Feb. 29

"Identifying Those Who Have Made the Most Positive Differences in Our Lives - A Structured 'Bucket List' Legacy Project to Take Home."

Come and join us for lively presentations, socializing and great locally-catered refreshments. Our free-of-charge programmes with refreshments are Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. at Riverside Centre, 3990 Hwy 3, Rock Creek, BC.

For additional information, please contact Programme Coordinator – Michele (Shelly) Garrison at shellygarrison1@gmail.com 250-442-2415 or check our monthly schedule online at West Boundary Connect.

The Busiest Ghost Town Of The Boundary By: Vic Boychuk

Many people don't realize that Summit City is the busiest Ghost Town in the Boundary.

Highway #3 between Greenwood and Grand Forks near Wilgress Lake passes right through the former town of Summit City.

Most of the towns of the early days, like Phoenix, were near mining claims. Summit City was very unusual, with the town spread out over several mine sites. The streets went around places like the BC mine, Erwin, No. 2, Remington, Cordick, Last, Ophir, and R, Bell. The northeast part of the city was isolated from the rest by the mines.

In April 1900, James Jarrel and his brother Samuel obtained Crown grants for two lots 1557 and 2005. John Coryell a surveyor then laid out the 87 blocks of the town-site. Copper and Summit Avenues were the only two streets named. The rest of the streets were numbers: First to Seventh Avenues, south, First to Fifth Avenues, north, First to Third Street, west, and First to Sixth Street, east (already has my head spinning). The Land Act entitled the Crown to one-quarter of the lots if the property was subdivided, but James Jarrel refused to sign the conveyance. In 1902 the VV&E (Great Northern Railway) applied for some government lots for a right of way, but they couldn't get it because Jarrel refused to sign over the lots. So, the government threatened to withhold any titles to the town-site. Ernest Miller, a lawyer in Grand Forks, signed the conveyance on Jarrel's behalf. By that time some lots already had been sold with titles and mortgages registered. The Province asked Miller to straighten it all out. He promised to fix it but didn't.

About four years later again the Province asked Miller to clear up this matter. He said he would the next time he came to Victoria. In 1910 the application to register the conveyance was canceled. By this time Summit City was nearly a Ghost Town with back taxes owing on hundreds of lots. The Province held tax sales in 1911 and 1919 and many of the lots went back to the Crown.

In 1949 Wilfred Tremblay wanted to buy lot 2005. The lands department discovered that many of the lots were not on the assessment roll, nor were they reverted. It took a lot of work to figure out who owned what. Jarrel had been dead for 10 years but still owned many lots. His name had never come up as the owner of Summit City. He was the postmaster of Summit City from 1900 to 1902.

The 1901 census indicated that Summit City had a population of 488. It wasn't long before folks moved to the town-site of Oro Denoro which was later called Coltern.

In 1951 the lands superintendent asked the surveyor of taxes to place the unknown lots back on the roll, assess 50 years of back taxes and offer them for tax sale. Well, that reassured that they went back to the Crown (the government hasn't changed).

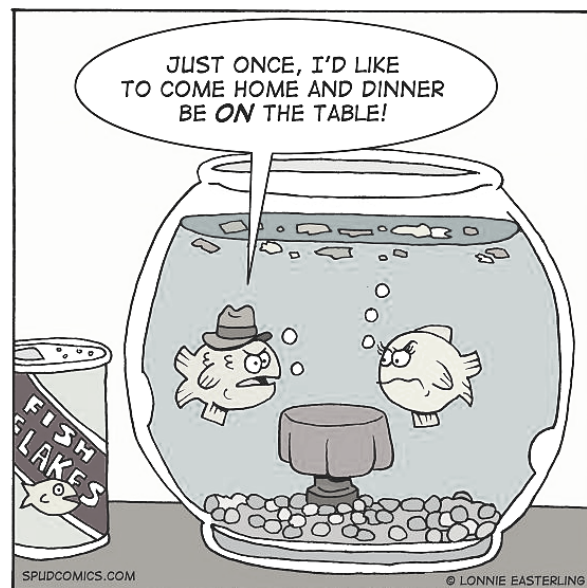
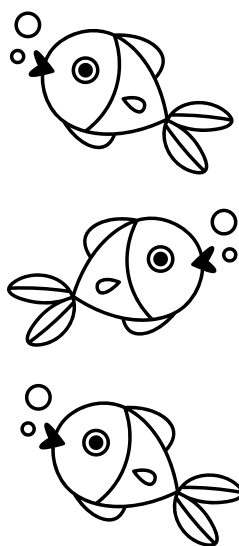
No one in any of the history books of the Boundary has written about Summit City. There are no known photos of the town.



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Rock Creek & Boundary Fair Association Employment Opportunities

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE PERSON

The Rock Creek & Boundary Fair Association is looking for an energetic and enthusiastic person to join its team on a seasonal basis starting April 1, 2024, and ending October 31, 2024. The successful applicant would be responsible for the care and maintenance of the Association's buildings (minor carpentry, painting, electrical, plumbing) and maintenance of the Association's equipment (tractors, groomers, lawn mowers, etc.) and is also expected to assist with set up/tear down for special events.

Job Requirements: Valid BC Driver's License, criminal record check, physical stamina, effective communication and leadership skills, experience with farm equipment, hand and power tools and reliable transportation. Previous experience in building trades and/or mechanical background is an asset. Minimum of 25 hours per week. Salary commensurate with experience.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter with resume by email to rcfair.office@gmail.com or by mail to 3880 Kettle Valley Road South, Rock Creek, BC V0H 1Y0. Deadline for receipt of applications is **March 9, 2024**, at 5:00 pm.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

GROUNDS/LAWN MAINTENANCE PERSON

The Rock Creek & Boundary Fair Association is looking for an energetic and enthusiastic person to join its team on a seasonal basis starting May 1, 2024, and ending October 15, 2024. The successful applicant would be responsible for the care and maintenance of the Association's lands including lawn care, weed control, irrigation, and arena grooming/cultivation, and is also expected to assist with set up/tear down for special events.

Job Requirements: Valid BC Driver's License, criminal record check, physical stamina, effective communication and leadership skills, experience with farm equipment, hand and power tools and reliable transportation. Previous experience in lawn care is an asset. Minimum of 35 hours per week. Salary commensurate with experience.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter with resume by email to rcfair.office@gmail.com or by mail to 3880 Kettle Valley Road South, Rock Creek, BC V0H 1Y0. Deadline for receipt of applications is **March 29, 2024**, at 5:00 pm.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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- Home is also where they learn to be clean, not talk with their mouths full, and how/where to properly dispose of garbage.
- Home is also where they learn to be organized, to take good care of their belongings, and that it's not ok to touch others.
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RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

GRANTS-IN-AID DISTRIBUTED FOR AREA E

(January 10, 2024 Board Meeting)

- Trails to the Boundary Society – emergency preparedness event: \$1,800
- Village of Midway – Midway Fire and Rescue: \$5,000
- Granby Wilderness Society – a Stinger tool: \$1,500

Presentations at the Request of the Board

Boundary Community Ventures Association (Food Recovery)

Sixty-seven percent of grocery stores in the Boundary are involved in food recovery. Over 50 volunteers, some of whom have disabilities, are involved in the program. Food is distributed through Food Recovery Partners to an estimated 3,000 Boundary residents. The majority of foodstuff received is produce. Unusable organic matter is being diverted from the landfill, which reduces greenhouse gases.

Special Event Permit Request for Local Significance – AltiTunes, Big White

The Board supported the request to designate the 2024 “AltiTunes” event at Big White Ski Resort, as municipally significant.

LCRB Referral – Globe Café and Tapas Bar. Electoral Area E/West Boundary (Big White)

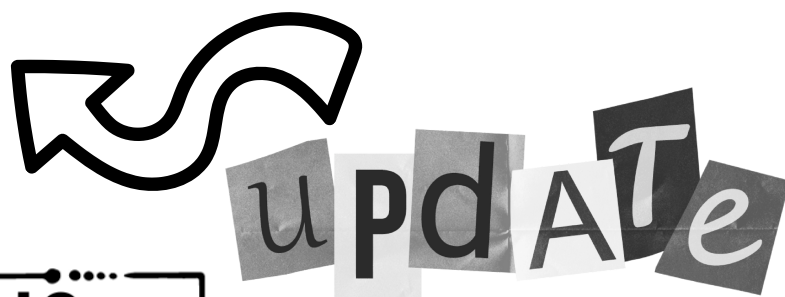
The Board supported the Patron Participation Entertainment Endorsement application for the Globe Café and Tapas Bar. The changes to the Food Primary License will bring added entertainment options to Big White.

Crown Grant Referral – Big White Ski Resort

The referral from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport concerns a new Crown grant for Big White Ski Resort to acquire approximately 84ha of land for development of the Ridge Base Neighbourhood. The RDKB report, which includes staff comments and recommendations, will be sent to the Big White Advisory Planning Commission for consideration.

This is a portion of the RDKB Board Highlights. To subscribe directly to the full RDKB Board Highlights:

<https://jointheconversation.rdkb.com/board-highlights>



NEON COUNSELLING

Q: What is Mental Health?

A: Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood.



Mental health is more than the absence of a mental health condition or illness: it is a positive sense of well being, or the capacity to enjoy life and deal with the challenges we face. Mental health can change daily based on a number of concerns such as workplace stress, financial stress, school, parenting, grief, trauma and physical health.

Just because you have the above, does not mean you have a mental illness. Mental health does not mean mental illness. It means health of your mental state. Having a mental illness is something that needs to be diagnosed and medically treated. Mental health is something that affects your daily well-being, doesn't get diagnosed or treated with medication.

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**LIGHTS, CAMERA, RETROFIT ACTION:
EFFICIENCY AND RESILIENCY TAKE THE STAGE AT RDKB HOMESMART LAUNCH**

RDKB HomeSmart, a free home retrofit guidance service, has officially launched to the public. Designed to simplify the energy-efficient and resilient home improvement process, the project is supported by the Columbia Basin Trust, FortisBC, as well as the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

Freya Phillips, RDKB's Senior Energy Specialist, emphasizes the importance of the program, designed to offer residents a streamlined journey towards a more sustainable and comfortable living environment: "RDKB HomeSmart is a significant step towards creating efficient and resilient homes in our community. We're proud to offer a service that not only reduces energy consumption but also prepares homes for the challenges of a changing climate."

Raven Atherton, the newly appointed Retrofit Program Coordinator for RDKB HomeSmart, says, "Our goal is to make the retrofit journey accessible and straightforward for residents. From the initial sign-up to enjoying the home improvements, RDKB HomeSmart provides comprehensive support at every step."

As part of the launch, RDKB HomeSmart enlisted the participation of its own staff in a pre-launch trial. One staff member remarked, "RDKB HomeSmart saved me a lot of time and confusion! The team has helped me identify all the different rebates and loans available so I can make a retrofit and resiliency plan." This firsthand testimonial reflects the service's commitment to simplicity, efficiency and resiliency.

Residents can visit homesmart.rdkb.com for more information, to sign up, and kickstart their retrofit journey. Enquiries can also be directed to RDKB HomeSmart via phone at 250.368.0284 or by email at homesmart@rdkb.com.

Efficient and resilient retrofits are vital for reducing energy consumption, lowering costs, and future-proofing homes. By joining RDKB HomeSmart, participants gain access to a range of benefits, including time-saving processes, simplified navigation of rebates and loans, and expert guidance from a knowledgeable independent team.

Raven Atherton added, "We've designed RDKB HomeSmart to be a one-stop solution. Our process involves signing up, discussing priorities with me, explaining how the professional assessments are done, and which local registered contractors can implement the improvements needed. The ultimate goal is for residents to enjoy the benefits of a more efficient and resilient home."

The appointment of Raven Atherton and the launch of the RDKB HomeSmart program align with the RDKB's commitment to implementing its five-year climate action plan.




Raven Atherton (left) and Freya Phillips (right)

BE HAPPY IN RETIREMENT

People happy in their retirement usually adopt these seven daily habits.

1. start with a morning ritual (something that brings you joy or calm)
2. embrace routine but don't shun spontaneity
3. stay connected with loved ones
4. keep your mind sharp
5. make peace with aging
6. find joy in giving back
7. nurture your physical health

Retirement is less about stopping and more about shifting gears.



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CAROL FLOYD, IN MEMORY

With sadness we announce the passing of Carol Floyd (nee Veit). After a battle with Parkinson's disease, Carol died peacefully on December 15, 2023, in Victoria, BC.

Born on June 10, 1942, in Campbellton, NB, Carol was the daughter of Viola Astle and Charles Veit. She was raised in Sayabec and Metis Beach, Quebec. She completed high school in Montreal and graduated with a teaching degree from McDonald College in St. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec and a Masters from Concordia University (Sir George William's) in Montreal. Carol began her teaching career in



Sorel, Quebec. She continued her professional practice in Baden, Germany, where she met her husband, Willy Floyd, a test pilot with the RCAF. They were married in 1975 upon returning to Canada.

In 1976 Carol and Willy moved to British Columbia, first to White Rock and then to the Kettle Valley. When Carol arrived in the Rock Creek area in 1982, she became a Learning Assistance Teacher for School District #13 (eventually to become SD 51). She and Willy bought a house in Westbridge and Carol became an itinerant L.A. Teacher in the schools of Beaverdell, Westbridge, Bridesville and Kettle Valley. She was conscientious and well respected and touched many young lives. With a focus on making the printed word important to primary children, Carol was instrumental in running the 100 Book Club at the new West Boundary Elementary, after all the schools were amalgamated.

When Carol retired in 1997, she became very busy participating in various community activities. In summer she golfed with the seniors at the Kettle Valley Golf Club, In winter she curled in Midway with another group of seniors. Carol also enjoyed cross country skiing on the Rail Trails that she could access right from her home in Westbridge. She also enjoyed skiing around the terrain at the cabin that she and Willy had at 53 km up Christian Valley.

Carol was a supporter of the Westbridge Community Hall. She volunteered at different events and community dinners, and she enjoyed playing crib there on Sundays. She also joined a group of ladies in the Rock Creek area to play Bridge regularly. Carol was a board member at the Midway Manor seniors' facility for a number of years and volunteered many hours helping with special events and gardening around the building. She was also a volunteer at the Rock Creek Fall Fair. And Carol caught the local quilting bug! She loved to go with friends to fabric shops to pick out patterns and stock up on materials. Over the years, dozens of friends and family members have been recipients of her wall hangings, table runners, and full-sized quilts!

Carol was predeceased by her husband, Willy, and her stepson David. She is survived by her brother Ted and Barbara (Tabah) Veit, nephews Sean (Annie) and William (Chaitra) Veit, her stepchildren George, Patrick, Willy, Andrea, and many step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Carol's life will be held Sunday March 10 from noon to 2pm at the Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavilion, 1070 Tillicum Road in Victoria. The interment will take place this summer in Metis Beach, Quebec.

FUGITIVES

"Fugitive Dance Band" on facebook



Rock Creek Family Dance Saturday, February 24, 2024

7:30pm to 11pm

Rock Creek Fall Fair Pavilion

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Bird Day

Saturday, March 23rd 2024

-at the-

The Riverside Centre

3990 Highway 3, Rock Creek, B.C.

Doors Open at 10:00

Presentations Start at 10:30

Ciel Sanders - Birding on the Trans Canada Trail

Emmalee Williamson - B.C. Bird Trails

Barb Stewart - Bird Nests in the Boundary

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West Boundary

Family Connections

Rock Creek Medical Centre
Every Friday 9:30 – 11:00

Starting January 5th



A free play group for families with at least one child aged 0-6.

A healthy snack will be provided.
Registration is not required for this program

For any further information please email:
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This program is presented by Boundary Family Services and funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada



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Come join us at these groups each week and connect with other families, make new friends, and have fun playing to encourage your little one's development, healthy and active living, and social - emotional well being.



West Boundary Lil' Explorers

When: Tuesdays 2:00 – 3:00
Fridays 11:30 – 12:30
following the Family Connections group
Where: Rock Creek Medical Centre



Lil' Explorers is an outdoor, play-based group for families with at least one child aged 0 – 6.

Registration is not required.

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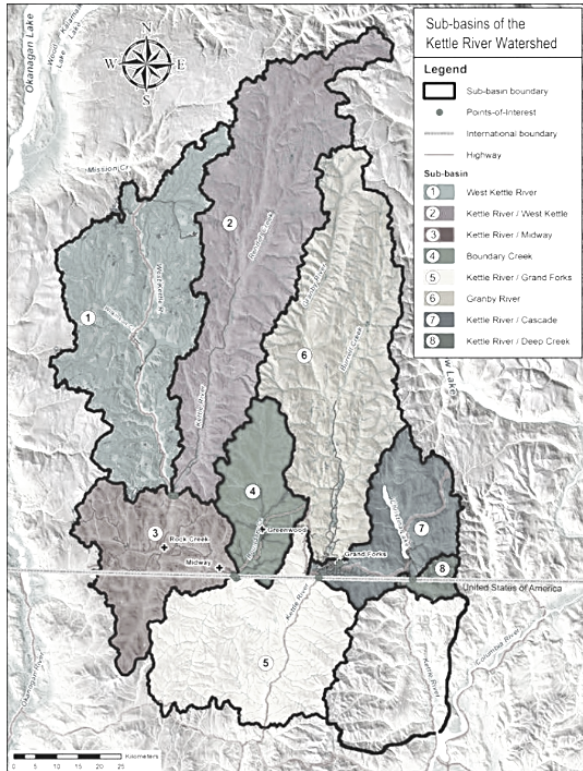
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Boundary Integrated Watershed Service Getting Ready to Celebrate 5 Years

February 14, 2024 ~ Kristina Anderson, Watershed Planner

As the Boundary Integrated Watershed Service (BIWS) marks its fifth year, it is a good time to look back on the progress made in addressing the 59 Action Items laid out in the Kettle River Watershed Management Plan. Crafted with extensive input from the community and stakeholders, the Plan centres around the management and preservation of our water resources and the health of our watershed.



The condition of our sub-watersheds is key to the overall health of the Kettle River watershed, which is, in turn, a part of the larger Columbia River watershed. Understanding that actions in one part of a watershed can have far-reaching impacts, the importance of maintaining healthy upper watersheds to those downstream cannot be overstated. The Plan emphasizes the need for a collective effort - working, learning, listening, and sharing together to coexist with and support these natural assets. Our actions shape the environment, and in turn, the environment shapes us.

Natural hazards and climate-related disasters (atmospheric rivers, floods, droughts) are becoming more frequent in BC, a trend expected to intensify with global climate change. As we work towards adapting to these challenges, BIWS leans on science, traditional knowledge, and community learnings. Adaptive management and learning from others on what could work and how to do better.

BIWS undertakes various tasks including grant writing, contract management, supporting the Kettle River Watershed Advisory Council (KRWAC), attending public events, liaising with governments and organizations, and updating www.kettleriver.ca. The BIWS has brought nearly \$1,000,000 to the Boundary region with an additional \$800,000

in grants pending. This funding supports initiatives such as natural hazard risk assessments and mapping; drought plans; Indigenous community involvement, and public outreach. The BIWS grant, contributing \$20,000 per year to community projects, underscores the commitment to building resilient watersheds.

Public engagement remains a priority, with the KRWAC providing vital sector viewpoints for our elected officials. This collaborative effort brings together 18 representatives from 9 sectors, government staff, community organizations, elected officials and members of the public; as we realize that for lasting change, acquiring knowledge and support from diverse sectors throughout our region is essential. BIWS is committed to community engagement, actively participating in markets, fairs, school events, and local organizations. Collaborating with various levels of government, the BIWS has supported crucial initiatives like the soon-to-be-installed Boundary Creek hydrometric station; real-time water temperature monitoring; drought debrief conversations; and working to keep the Boundary region watersheds top of mind as projects are proposed.

Success in watershed stewardship depends on everyone's contribution. Every little bit helps, and every little bit counts. As we keep practicing WaterSmart ways, prioritize FireSmart measures, sharing and collaborating, we collectively work towards improving the health and resilience of our communities.



We never know the worth of water till the well is dry.

French Proverb

BCSS French Class Quebec Trip

On January 22nd, 2024, ten students from the BCSS Senior French class, their teacher and 3 parent chaperones left Kelowna for Quebec City where they stayed for 4 nights. Students raised money for the past 2 years to pay for this educational tour, booked through **Uniropa**. They experienced a guided tour of the city and immersed themselves in the Quebecois language and culture. The class and Ms. Slaney would like to thank all the donors and supports who made this trip possible.

Some highlights from the trip:

- **Madame Slaney:** The whole trip exceeded all my expectations. Our travel company built an itinerary that immersed us in Quebecois history and culture. I am very proud of the class! Their fundraising efforts and teamwork were impressive, and they were a true pleasure to travel with. The students were respectful and engaged in all the historical content we explored. They participated in all the planned activities with enthusiasm and “le joi de vivre”. I am very grateful to everyone in the community that made this learning experience possible. **Merci beaucoup!**

Grade 12s

- **Cohen Salz:** the dogsledding was the best activity! We were able to drive our own sled for over a kilometre with a team of 6 dogs . . . amazing!!
- **Carly Fraser:** It was cool to see how our fundraising paid off: seeing a new culture and new experiences for a week. The beautiful old architecture was amazing!
- **Mackenzie Eaton:** I loved the Sugar Shack where we rolled maple syrup in the snow and put it on a stick to eat. Dinner was delicious and I loved playing the spoons and learning a new kind of line dancing.
- **Taylor Ramsay:** I loved touring Quebec City and seeing the historical buildings and churches. My favourite was the Art Museum where we saw culture from the point of different people’s struggles. The one installation that sticks out is the collection of small paintings (12000 of them) of people’s scars, meant to show that we are not defined by the troubles we have endured.
- **Nik Tsigonias:** There were too many activities to pick a favourite – it was all new to me! It was a great life experience – travel with classmates and learning in a very different place. La Buche Cafe breakfasts were AWESOME!
- **Elise Atkinson:** I loved the historical part of our trip, especially the Citadel and its underground protection system. The Chateau de Frontenac was amazing!
- **Kira Christison:** The dogsledding was exciting and new – it felt like a very authentic Quebec experience! The Parliament buildings were also interesting – the history of the buildings, where politicians and journalists sit.

Grade 11s

- **Aydin Nelson:** I loved the dogsledding! We learned about how the dogs were used prior to vehicles, how they are cared for and fed. We were taught the commands before we drove the team – the dogs were very smart and listened to us! I also loved all the old buildings, the architecture, the history and the stories of the people.
- **Austin Geen:** The last night we were at the Sugar Shack with 2 other tour groups from the US and I was pushed out of my comfort zone to interact as we sang, danced, and played the spoons. It was funny how others, sensing our nervousness speaking French would switch to English!
- **Evan Herdman:** The highlight for me was the dogsledding and the tour of the Parliament buildings. I enjoyed being immersed in the Quebecois culture and I look forward to returning one day.
- **Jason Eaton** (parent chaperone-read the following with as much excitement as it was delivered!): It is hard for me to pick just one, but the Citadel was amazing . . . to see the old cannons and how they were used to defend on the river. The old city still has a wall standing even though it is now opened for vehicle traffic. The whole trip went off without a hitch and staying together rather than billeting made everything run smoothly.

Special Thank Yous to **Ms Slaney** for all of her hard work and organizing, to our **chaperones**, and especially to our **donors** – we could not have had this experience without you!

- Dave and Heather Remillard
- West Boundary Community Forest
- Rosanna Gonzales
- Gordon Jones
- Merry English
- Billy Boltz
- Lorna Herdman
- RDKB Sharen Gibbs
- School District #51
- Facebook Auction Donors
- Bottle Donors



Riverside Centre: Entering 5th Year of Operation

How it got started: The idea to build a new community & business centre at Riverside started when Osoyoos Credit Union came to Rock Creek looking for a place to rent in 2018. They were planning their first expansion outside Osoyoos. Finding nothing suitable, conversations were initiated with the Area E Director and Rock Creek Farmers' Institute that resulted in the purchase of the dormant Riverside property jointly by the Credit Union & Farmers' Institute. A community services co-op was then created with 4 member organizations to build and run the centre (Credit Union, Farmers' Institute, Boundary Family Services and Trails to the Boundary). Riverside Centre was constructed in 2019, funded by external Federal Canada Community Building Fund amount of \$100,000 (formerly called "Gas Tax") and a loan through the credit union. The building opened to the public in January 2020. The public part of the Centre was managed by Trails to the Boundary staff and volunteers. Through the support of Sandy Mark, our economic development mentor, we were successful in developing a Visitor Centre.

Transition of ownership: In the long run, the Co-op was not the right organization to operate the Centre. The member organizations found a lot of value in being there but were not equipped as a group to manage the Centre. The Area E Director approached the RDKB with a plan to purchase the property in 2022. Additional \$220,000 in external Gas Tax funds were invested, and the balance was borrowed through short-term borrowing over 5 years through Municipal Finance Authority. All municipalities and regional districts in BC are part of this Authority and interest rates are kept low. The RDKB entered into a 5-year, renewable Lease/Management Agreement with Trails to the Boundary for management of the Centre and the property.

The money: In 2023 Area E taxpayers paid about \$4 per \$100,000 of property value for the purchase of Riverside Centre. The loan will be paid off in 2026. Long term rentals of space at the Centre cover the cost of operations. We are expecting to return money to the RDKB from excess of income over costs for 2023 operations.

Present day: With one part-time staff and a host of volunteers, we keep the Centre open 7 days a week during tourist season and 6 days a week the rest of the year, benefiting both locals and travellers. We are one of just a few Visitor Centres in BC that operate year-round. We offer a warm place to the public in the winter and a cool place in the summer. Amenities include an Osoyoos Credit Union branch office, ATM, electric vehicle charging stations, free Wi-Fi, photocopying, and board room and office rentals. Boundary Invasive Species operates out of the Centre. We actively support local businesses through free promotion at the Centre, where we display business cards and brochures. We sell local art on consignment. We are currently showing works by 45 artists, who earn 75% of sales of their work. We sell books written by 6 local authors. In 2023 we were able to purchase a commercial, glass front cooler and start selling locally produced food. We have been successful at getting grants to pay for activities (Seniors Being Seen), and we work with organizations to bring community services to the area (Community Futures-WorkBC, Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy-Technology Learning, Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction-outreach by a Community Integration Specialist, Boundary Family Services, and counsellors). Through Canada Summer Jobs funding, we have been able to hire youth each year for the last 4 years to work in the Centre. One of those youth now works at the Centre permanent, part-time. The Centre is busy all the time!



Crossword

Across

- 1. Mast
- 5. Synagogue figure
- 10. Senate messenger
- 14. Ashen
- 15. Shaquille ____
- 16. Not up yet
- 17. Upon
- 18. Burglarize
- 19. Ditty
- 20. Most transparent
- 22. Temperament
- 24. ____ Alamos
- 25. Tranquilized
- 26. Artist ____ Picasso
- 29. Wipes clean
- 31. Small landmass
- 32. Telescope glass
- 33. Nest egg letters
- 36. Requires
- 37. Live
- 38. ____ wave
- 40. Little bit
- 41. Depots (abbr.)
- 42. Proficient
- 43. Skill
- 45. Basil sauce
- 46. Ball-shaped objects
- 49. Gents
- 50. Make
- 51. Unspoiled
- 56. Greases
- 57. Eiffel Tower locale
- 59. False god
- 60. Function
- 61. Act the ham
- 62. Duration
- 63. Greek Cupid
- 64. Speed checker
- 65. Thanksgiving dish

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Down

- 1. Health clubs
- 2. Garden walk
- 3. Balm
- 4. Drove back
- 5. Fragrant flowers
- 6. Picnic crashers
- 7. Borscht ingredient
- 8. Bleat
- 9. Sickness
- 10. Ziti and macaroni
- 11. Regarding
- 12. Artistic category
- 13. Trimmed the border
- 21. Origins
- 23. Citrus drink
- 25. Most sensible
- 26. Half quart
- 27. Adrift
- 28. Ran, as dye
- 29. Delights
- 30. Broadcasted again
- 33. The ____ of March
- 34. Attentive
- 35. Singing voice
- 38. Cassettes
- 39. ____ crisis
- 41. Dozing one
- 43. Tantalizes
- 44. Museum offering
- 46. Make points
- 47. Earlier
- 48. Howdy!
- 49. Penny pincher
- 51. Poke
- 52. Film legend ____ Hayworth
- 53. Brainstorm
- 54. Standard
- 55. Shade sources
- 58. Physicians' group (abbr.)

Solution on page 8



Did you hear about the pregnant bedbug?

She's having her babies in the spring.

When's the best time to wash your Slinky?

During spring cleaning.

For Sale: Parachute. Used once, never opened, small stain.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MONDAYS

- **Cribbage** @ Parkview Manor (6:30 pm)

TUESDAYS

- **Mix Musical Jam** @ Midway Seniors' Center (2 pm - 3 pm)
- **Blue Grass Jam** @ Midway Seniors' Center (3 pm - 4 pm)
- **West Boundary Lil' Explorers** @ Rock Creek Medical Centre (2 pm - 3 pm)

WEDNESDAYS

- **Potluck** @ Midway Seniors' Center (last Wednesday of the month) 5 pm - 7 pm

THURSDAYS

- **Kettle River Horse Club** meetings @ 7 pm @ the Riverside Centre in RC (second Thursday of each month)
- **Kettle River Art Club** in Greenwood meets on the 1st Thursday of each month for a potluck at 12 pm, and meeting at 1 pm. Guests welcome! The Art Club is located in the McArthur Centre, side entrance, at 1375 Veterans Lane. www.KRAC.ca (250) 449-5026
- **Fibre Arts** @ Midway Seniors' Centre 9:30 am - 11:30 am

FRIDAYS

- **Let the Games Begin** @ Midway Seniors' Center (2 pm - 4 pm)
- **West Boundary Family Connections** @ Rock Creek Medical Centre (9:30 am - 11:00 am)
- **West Boundary Lil' Explorers** @ Rock Creek Medical Centre (11:30 am - 12:30 pm)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: Economic, Ecological, Social and Political Adaptations We Face in Coming Decades

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 (7:30 PM - 11 PM) @ ROCK CREEK FALL FAIR PAVILION

- Rock Creek Family Dance w/ music by "Fugitives"

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Identifying Those Who Have Made the Most Positive Differences in Our Lives - A Structured 'Bucket List' Legacy Project

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 (10 AM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Bird Day

MONDAY, MARCH 18 (7 PM) @ MIDWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Midway Public Library's AGM

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 (5 PM) @ ROCK CREEK FALL FAIR PAVILION

- Kettle River Lions Club Annual Community Easter Dinner

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 (11 AM - 2 PM) @ ROCK CREEK FALL FAIR PAVILION

- 5th Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair



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