

# Kettle River Echo

Trails to the Boundary Society  
3990 Hwy 3, Rock Creek, B.C., V0H 1Y0

Distributed to: Bridesville, Rock Creek,  
Midway, Greenwood, Westbridge, and Beaverdell

News Items & Ads: [echoeditor@trailstotheboundary.com](mailto:echoeditor@trailstotheboundary.com)

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

## TREAD CAREFULLY: COUGAR(S) IN AREA



Our local hiking group (the cougars) had our photo taken with a "cougar in area" sign at Kettle River Recreation area.

Our hiking group is in our fourth year of hiking and we love the park for our summer hikes so we can cool off in the river after. In the heat we do more cooling than hiking.

One night, as part of our weekly walk, we did the ghost tour in Greenwood. It was a 2 km route. We learned lots of local history, as we walked around the town of Greenwood, from our knowledgeable guide. We also met some relatives of a local pioneer who came on the walk with us.

Our favourite was the court house tour and the stained glass window was so beautiful. My camera turned off in the jail cell in the basement. When I changed the battery, I noticed my original one was still charged. Maybe there are ghosts down there.

Any questions call me, Norma Howes (250-446-2518), or Brenda Schmalz (250-446-2582).



*"Summer is the annual permission slip to be lazy. To do nothing and have it count for something. To lie in the grass and count the stars. To sit on a branch and study the clouds."*

— Regina Brett

Find Me



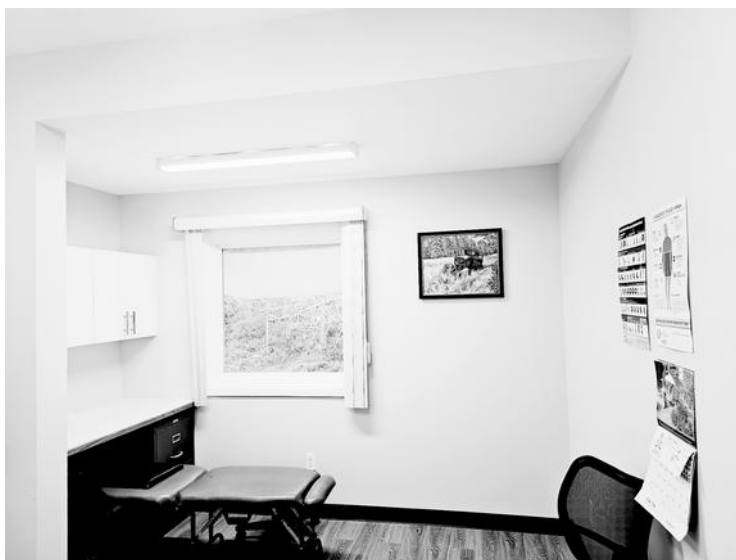
S O R R Y

To our readers, advertisers and subscribers . . . please accept our apologies for both the quality of the past two editions and the lateness of delivery. We have been experiencing printer problems. We are keeping our fingers crossed that all problems have been solved.

*Pat Henley (President)  
Trails to the Boundary Society*

## Rock Creek Medical Centre Upgraded Thanks to Generous Grants

In January 2024, the Osoyoos Credit Union gave the Rock Creek Community Medical Society a grant of \$5,000.00. The purpose of this grant was to purchase new countertops and cabinets for the reception area and the adjacent examination room. These areas were expanded in the fall of 2023 by a generous grant of the Kettle River Lions. This made the reception area and the examination room more functional as well as provide needed cabinet space for the health practitioners using this examination room. The Rock Creek Community Medical Society is grateful to the Osoyoos Credit Union as it has provided the Society with two other grants in the past. These grants are making the Rock Creek Medical Centre more functional as well as bringing it up to today's standards.



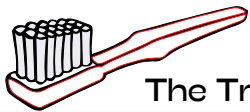
## MOBILE DENTAL SERVICES: 13 Patients Treated

At Rock Creek Health Centre, our 2 hygienists saw a total of 10 people from July 3-4. We were also able to travel to 3 peoples' homes to provide at-home dental care. Of the 13 individuals seen, only 1 was a minor. All the adults were satisfied with the treatments provided and expressed appreciation for the mobile services. We had individuals travel to us from Rock Creek to Grand Forks! Kianna and I hope to continue providing services further east to ensure patients do not have to travel as far in the future, and would love to continue spreading the word and seeing patients as early as next month.

There were multiple significant oral health issues identified, including suspected cavities, sensitivity, and progressive gum/bone disease. We highly recommend regular dental check ups and cleanings to address these problems and improve oral health for the community.

Please let us know if there is any feedback, as we aim to improve and adapt to each community's preferences. If you have the time, please also consider giving us a review on Google:  
<https://g.co/kgs/i37f4L3>

We look forward to seeing you again, and wish you all the best,



Jackie  
The Travelling Hygienist



## DEADLINE LOOMING Get Out Your Pen & Paper

Don't forget about the "Country Love A Fair" contest! Tell us your favourite memory from a Rock Creek & Boundary Fall Fair you have attended or what you LOVE about the Fair! See contest details at [www.rockcreekfallfair.ca](http://www.rockcreekfallfair.ca)

## Country Love A Fair

### CONTEST ALERT!!

The Rock Creek & Boundary Fall Fair is inviting you to be a part of our 2024 Fair Theme "Country Love A Fair" by sharing with us:

- a) Your favorite memory from a Fair you have attended; or
- b) What you love most about the Fair

Your submission must be:

- Handwritten/printed or typed, unless otherwise defined
- No more than 300 words
- On letter size paper (8 1/2 x 11)
- Must be your own personal memory or account
- Must include your full name, birthdate, email and/or telephone number
- Must be "family friendly" and the selection committee reserves the right to approve submissions before displaying publicly
- Only ONE entry per person and must be submitted in only ONE of the following categories (ages are as of July 31, 2024):
  - a) Age 5 and under – can be a hand drawn picture OR printed story
  - b) Age 6 to 12
  - c) Age 13 to 18
  - d) Age 19 to 64
  - e) Age 65+
  - f) Volunteer – favorite memory of volunteering at the Fair

One winner from each category will be chosen by a selection committee and will receive some amazing prizes that may include Fair Passes, Amusement Ride Passes, Fair Food Vouchers and MORE!!! A Grand Winner will be chosen from the winners of each category and will be invited to participate in the Fair Opening Ceremony, share their submission, and officially open the 2024 Rock Creek & Boundary Fall Fair.

Entries can be submitted in the following ways:

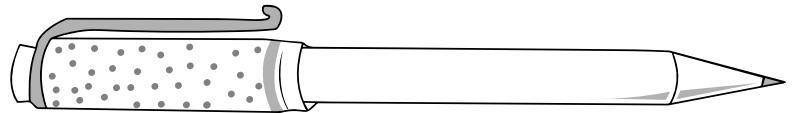
- a) Via email to [office@rockcreekfallfair.ca](mailto:office@rockcreekfallfair.ca) - Full name, birthdate and telephone must be in the body of your email
- b) Mail to RCBFA at 3880 Kettle Valley Rd S, Rock Creek, BC V0H 1Y0 – Full name, birthdate, email and/or telephone number must be on the back of your submission
- c) Drop off at the Fair Office Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and noon - Full name, birthdate, email and/or telephone number must be on the back of your submission



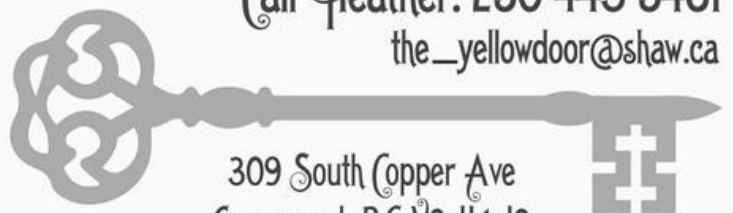
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JULY 31, 2024



Entries will be displayed on "walls of memories" throughout the Fair Grounds.



Call Heather: 250 443 5461  
[the\\_yellowdoor@shaw.ca](mailto:the_yellowdoor@shaw.ca)



309 South Copper Ave  
Greenwood, BC V0H 1J0

follow us  [facebook.com/TheYellowDoorBoutique](https://facebook.com/TheYellowDoorBoutique)

## MY WORLD BEFORE PLASTIC

I consider myself privileged to have experienced the world before plastic invaded every aspect of life. Born in the UK prior to, then living through WW2, I am grateful for the lifestyle I knew and learned.

This was an era before computers, calculators or Google when the radio, cinema newsreel, library or an encyclopaedia was a source of information. An encyclopaedia was a significant investment for a family, often purchased from a door-to-door salesman, and proudly housed in a custom shelf in the hallway or sitting room.

It took effort to track down information - that was already out-of-date!

Home entertainment was home-made! There was no TV! A deck of cards, board games, a gramophone with a stack of fragile, 12" records, perhaps a piano, sufficed.

The family – silenced - listened to the radio evening news - an established daily ritual. Life was far from today's throw-away, take-out, packaged, plastic-wrapped society.

In my wartime childhood, food was seasonal, home-grown or locally produced, never imported or frozen. Any home with a yard had a vegetable plot, fruit trees, a compost heap, perhaps a few chickens. In towns and cities, street market stalls supplied local produce, including cheese, and meats. Food shopping was a daily task, since very few homes had a refrigerator. (The British still serve and drink warm beer.) There was usually a cool pantry used to store food that was not going to be used that day. Milk, in returnable, reused, glass bottles, was delivered six days a week to the front door by the milkman, from his open cart, drawn by a horse that knew the route and all required stops. Fresh-baked bread and buns could be delivered a couple of days a week. The delivery man made note of your next bread order. I marvel that home-baked bread was a rarity.

There were no supermarkets. Most stores were locally-owned, often staffed by family living near-by or in a flat above the shop. Margaret Thatcher lived above her family's grocery store.

Each store specialised - a bakery, butcher, fishmonger, greengrocer, chemist, hairdresser, barber, hardware, milliner, and a newsagent, selling magazines, sweets, tobacco products. Most shoppers carried an open wicker basket that would easily be filled without anything getting crushed. Bread was not wrapped. Butter, cut from a large block, patted into shape with paddles bearing a dairy emblem imprinted on your pound, was wrapped in waxed paper. Bacon, sliced to your thickness preference from a haunch, or custom-cut items from a carcass in the butcher's shop were wrapped the same way or in waxed brown paper. As always with fish and chips, an outer wrap might also be newspaper. Sugar, flour, oatmeal, loose tea, cereals, and other dry products could be scooped into a paper bag from large chest or barrel, weighed and put in a your basket. Some items were also purchased in cartons. At the greengrocers, vegetables could be selected, weighed in the metal pan on the balancing, lb. oz. scale, then delivered loose into your basket.

Woolworth's was our 'dollar store' for a wide variety of small, cheaper items. Larger centres supported department stores where ready-made clothing, shoes, toiletries and perfume, furniture, and furnishings, etc. were displayed in different 'departments'. Hovering, smartly-dressed sales staff pounced to assist with any likely purchase, that would be carried away in a paper bag, the printed store name prominently displayed.

The packaging we had - paper bags and waxed and brown paper - was used and reused until ultimately employed, with kindling, to start the coal fire. An enduring family story is of my father, who on hearing the rattle of biscuit (cookie) crumbs in the bottom of his lunch bag, shook them into his mouth, only to find that the previous use of his paper bag had been soap powder.

Nothing was wasted. Much clothing was sewn at home, usually with generous hems and seams that could be unpicked, the garment lengthened, shortened, let out, taken in, passed along. Socks were always darned. Every home had a button hoard so missing buttons were replaced. Many a quilt was made with scraps of fabric

salvaged from sewing efforts or the "good" part of an outgrown garment.

Worn shoes and boots found their way to the local cobbler, who enjoyed a steady repair trade. Alternatively, you could glue a new rubber sole or hammer a new rubber heel on your own footwear.

A 'Jumble Sale' was a one-day, popular, thrift store-like event, held to raise funds by and for community organizations, Scouts, Girl Guides, and similar.

Every home had a 'dust bin' out back for the meager household waste. This was emptied by the dustman who gathered the contents in his lorry every month. The Rag-and-Bone man, with his horse and wagon, calling out as he progressed through the neighbourhood, took burned-out kettles, cookware, broken toys, furniture, household items or discarded clothing. He salvaged metal, repaired and resold items, and sent fabric to paper-making factories. This difficult, often despised living was our recycling system!

Very few families owned a vehicle. Public transport, buses, trams, trains were affordable, running on reliable, if not frequent, schedules. Life could be planned around knowing the time of the next bus. Most adults and children owned or shared a bike, ridden for pleasure, for work, for necessity – in all kinds of weather. Every bike was fitted with a basket on the handlebar and maybe a panier behind the saddle.

We lived life without plastic wrap and packaging. Our beaches strewn with seaweed, were devoid of acres of plastic garbage. We survived without plastic shopping bags, tarps, garbage bags, disposable dishes and cutlery, bubble wrap, straws, water bottles, that have spawned a global threat.

At last, measures are being implemented to address this disaster. We are required to take reusable shopping bags to the store!

Mary Lautard  
July 2024





## SNAPS OF HISTORY

Last year's Riverside Centre Christmas tree was decorated with local historical pictures. Those pictures have been put in an album and are on display for all to enjoy. The pictures have provided hours of interest.

With that in mind, we are reminding anyone that has pictures to share to bring them into the Centre. We will scan them and return the originals to you.

The connections made, and stories told (all of them true, I'm sure!) around these photos have been fascinating. We are pleased to be building this archive and honouring our past.

Questions: Riverside Centre (250-446-2975) or Pat Henley (250-528-0227)



## SUDOKU

Solution on page 8

5			4			1		2
	8				7			
				2	3		6	
7		5						6
2			5					
				8				3
		9				3		
			3					8
						4	7	9

## RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

(June 26, 2024 Board meeting)

### AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary for the year ended December 31, 2023 were approved.

### GRANT-IN-AID DISTRIBUTED FOR AREA E/WEST BOUNDARY:

Bridestville Community Club – upgrades to hall: \$4,100

Next Board meeting: Wednesday, July 31st

This is a portion of the RDKB Board Highlights. To subscribe directly to the full RDKB Board Highlights: <https://jointheconversation.rdkb.com/board-highlights>

# FREEMAN'S

COUNTRY SUPPLY

Hwy 3 Rock Creek 250-446-2899

## WATER YOUR WAY!

Explore our high-quality options to find the perfect hoses, sprinklers and fittings for your yard and garden irrigation needs.



## Midway/ Ferry Border Crossing By: Vic Boychuk

### Canadian Side

A customs postal collecting station was established in 1896. The next year, the customs office assumed all customs activities, James Sutherland was the customs officer until 1899 when he was suspended from duty. The Port of New Westminster provided administrative oversight. During the earlier decades, the customs office was on the southwestern side of the road, immediately south of the Boundary Creek bridge. In 1927, an oak tree was planted in front of that long-demolished building to commemorate a visit by the Prince of Wales. The present Canadian border station was built in 1951.

### American Side

Ferry, Washington was built in the late 1890's. The town was thrown up almost overnight to support the mining boom in the area. There was a collection of crude log buildings and false front buildings. Ferry got its share of traffic, mostly people heading north to BC and Alaska.

By 1910 the mining boom slowed down and so Ferry was on its way out. Fires in 1910 also helped Ferry pass into history.

In 1905, the Great Northern Railway reached Midway from Curlew, Washington. The GN track west of Curlew was abandoned in 1935, eliminating customs activity.

The US border station, built in 1936, was listed on the US National Register of Historic Places in 2014.

Today the Midway/Ferry Border Crossing connect the town of Midway with the town of Curlew, Washington. Customs Road on the American side joins Dominion St. in Midway.

Curlew was named after the Curlew bird, which is a relative to the sandpiper. The historic Ansorge Hotel is located in Curlew. A popular site on the Kettle River in summer is "the Old Swimming Hole" near the center of town. During the prohibition in the US, Curlew was a pick-up point for moonshine that was dropped in the Kettle River. The tradition is still celebrated on the first Sunday in June during the Curlew Barrel Derby Days. A barrel is set afloat in the Kettle River at the Job Corps Bridge, and local citizens bet on when it will reach town.

### The Border Goof Up

How Boundary Creek got its named was revealed in a letter from Robert Stevenson, a former customs collector at Osoyoos. Stevenson wrote:

"In September 1860, I was gold mining on Rock Creek when the American Engineers and the British Engineers, were locating the 49th parallel and putting up the monuments, met near Boundary Creek. The British Engineers coming from the west, I think, and the Americans from the east. Well, as I said, the parties themselves met, but their surveys did not by over 300 yards!"

"The British line was north. Each party kept on, and before they ceased operations the two lines had lapped fully 30 miles! At first it was presumed the Americans were in error, and some of Uncle Sam's subjects built stores close up to the northern, or British line, at Boundary Creek, and called the place "American Town".

So, Boundary Creek denotes the discovery of a major surveying goof. It turned out the American line was correct. Stevenson added: "The whole thing was kept very quiet and there are few living today who know anything of the mistake, and during these 30 years I have never once seen it mentioned in any newspaper, but, nevertheless, it is true".

A map, drawn by justice of the peace William G. Cox in 1860 and published in the Boundary Historical Society's 13th report, supports Stevenson. It shows "American Town", as well as "English Town" to the northeast, and "Boundary or Fifteen Mile Creek" with "gold, gold, gold" written along it, but no mention of the Kettle River. It also shows both boundary lines, the correct one and the incorrect one, nearly 400 yards apart. Judging from the map, American Town existed just southwest of the intersection of Dominion St. and Thomet Rd. in Midway. In 1891, Stevenson said, "no trace exists of the place, except the remains of some stone chimneys".



Midway border station



Ferry Washington Border Station



Ansorge Hotel Museum in Curlew



## SENIORS BEING SEEN

### Upcoming Sessions...

#### **Thurs. July 25**

Ginette Shirmmeister, Citizens Services Specialist, Service Canada will present us with an overview of services of interest and help to Senior Citizens. We are very fortunate for her to be able to come to us and to respond in person to our individual questions. Ms. Shirmmeister will be able to follow up this presentation with a scheduled "clinic" to meet with seniors individually to discuss and sign up for services.  
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT BE MISSING (aside from wrinkles)???

#### **Thurs. August 1**

Spencer Condon, Licensed BC Paramedic, will discuss how the newly enhanced Community Paramedicine program for the Boundary, employs Licensed Paramedics in NON-URGENT settings such as in patients' homes or community settings. This program interfaces and enhances the regular care of your primary and specialist physicians. It can provide home health monitoring (crisis prevention) of complex issues between your regular medical appointments, including conditions such as COPD, co-morbidities, diabetes, hypertension, and many others. We are excited to learn about how to best use this new program to improve Senior wellness at home.

#### **Thurs. August 8**

#### **Horses I Have Loved and Learned From"**

Ginger Ferguson has loved, owned and personally cared for over 140 horses in her lifetime. Recently this Program Co-ordinator visited Ms. Ferguson's Kettle River Ranch to meet and learn to hand feed four of her horses. I was terrified, able to keep all my fingers and absolutely smitten! Especially with Ms. Ferguson's personal relationships with these amazing creatures. Join us to see beautiful photographs and hear her fascinating stories about just a few of her friends – all as varied and different, as the children and relatives you know, in their needs, talents and temperaments!

#### **Thurs. August 15**

#### **"Heart Centred Breathing Practices**

How do we "Dial It Down," when the next horrible headline unbelievably tops the last??? Carsen Bartell, working in equine healing of humans, has developed practical ways we can tune in to "heart centering" through breathing. This is not a simplistic, mechanistic approach to physical and inner wellness. Join us to experience what you and your body already know – the calm you already have and can access anytime and anywhere.

Re-acquaint yourself with this simple practice in a safe and personal way, with a safe and respectful teacher.

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](mailto:shellygarrison1@gmail.com) 250-442-2415 or check our monthly schedule online at West Boundary Connect.

## Mind Body Love collective

Fine Yarns & Art Supplies \* Books \* Natural  
Health \* Locally Made Goods \* Gifts

276 South Copper in Greenwood  
(236) 867-6760



BEAUTY SALON

## ***Pennie's Cut Above***

*Located in the basement of Parkview  
Manor. Open on Mondays call ahead  
to make a appointment. Been cutting  
and perming hair for 40 yrs!!!*

**670-9th ave Midway**

**Call (250) 449-2145**



## Opening and Exhibition

"Christine Louise Krähenbühl-Notz  
(Magic Mountain Zauberberg)"

There is a new gallery in the Okanagan valley. On the 12. of July 2024 more than a hundred people came to the grand opening on the breathtaking summit of Anarchist Mountain.

It is always a gamble to open a venue like this. This time it paid off and then some. The people were flabbergasted by the beautiful pictures, the stunning marble floor, the incredible ceiling, influenced by the Sistine chapel in Rome. Although Christine Krahenbuhl has her own unique style, many noticed the influence of Klimt in her portraits.

The opening was not just to show the world her art. The room and its many uses are also very important. You can rent the place to hold lectures, to show movies or to make or take courses or you just come and paint or create your art in the bright room. There is so much space to let your creativity flow. In future every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday in the afternoons between 1 and 4 pm there will be cookies and coffee, a nice talk, and some art to enjoy.

The visitors of the grand opening last Friday stayed until darkness fell and enjoyed not just the art but the stunning scenery on Anarchist Mountain. The hostess with her charm and her never ending smiles was also a big selling point.

At the end everybody got a warm embrace and picture taken with the beaming artist.

Not to forget, the catering from the women of the local WI club was also delicious and plentiful. The proof of the success can be read in the guestbook pages you will find in the photographs.

All in all, it was a fabulous event that will be the talk of the Kootenay Boundary and far beyond. It is the beginning of a new cultural chapter in these parts without the high nose feeling one sometimes gets from culture. It is here to be enjoyed by everybody and everybody can take part in it. If you love what you do and want to show what you have, you are welcome on Magic Mountain.



## FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND OUR DEMOCRACY



Richard Cannings, MP  
South Okanagan-  
West Kootenay

### From the Hill

It has now been over two weeks since the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians (NSICOP) dropped a bomb of a report about foreign interference in Canadian democratic institutions and processes.

The result is damaging to the reputation of all sitting members. I'd like to discuss what I feel is the best path forward to ensure the integrity of our democracy is protected.

The report which is built upon intelligence reports, identified that some parliamentarians, past and present have been colluding with foreign governments either wittingly or semi-wittingly to interfere in Canadian politics. It specifically identifies interference in the Conservative leadership race. While much of the report is redacted, Jagmeet Singh of Canada's NDP took the necessary steps to obtain the required security clearance to view the unredacted NSICOP report.

It is however not up to our political party leaders to release any names because to do so could jeopardize the ability of our national security systems to do the work to move from intelligence to evidence. The court of public opinion is not the right space either but there are things party leaders can and should do to remove those named and safeguard our institutions.

All parliamentarians have an obligation to do everything they can to address foreign interference and I'm relieved Jagmeet Singh took this step and he has been clear – there was no evidence that any NDP MPs have collaborated with foreign powers. We have never received any briefings to indicate this as a concern from intelligence agencies.

But the allegations that other MPs knowingly received help from a foreign government are deeply disturbing. Even more disturbing is that our Prime Minister has known this since March and done little to address these grave concerns. Moreover, since 2018, this government has received multiple repeated warnings and recommendations and has not acted. Today, Canada is vulnerable to foreign interference. While the names of the MPs identified in the report remain secret, Canadians will lose trust in their elected officials.

No one knowingly working against Canadians' interests with foreign governments should be welcome in Parliament. I believe we must find a way to hold the MPs who are named in this report to account now. I believe this can be done in a way that does not compromise national security and due process. We can start with a process led by each party's leader. If there continues to be no consequences for MPs who knowingly help foreign governments act against Canadian interests, we will continue to be an easy target. Removing MPs who knowingly participate in foreign interference would deter this behaviour and send a message that these countries cannot use our representatives in this manner.

Canadian political parties must put our country ahead of their own interests – their leaders need to view the unredacted report and take action if their MPs are implicated. Unfortunately, despite his party being mentioned multiple times in the report, the Conservative leader does not want to know if any Conservative MPs are named. If he did, he would get the security clearance he needs to see the names. His unwillingness to do so is not leadership – it is turning a blind-eye to foreign interference when it serves him politically. So far, Jagmeet Singh is one of the only opposition leaders to have obtained the required security clearance to view the unredacted NSICOP report and clear his MPs.

I am deeply concerned that after having read the report, Jagmeet Singh is more convinced than ever of the conclusions of the NSICOP committee and the report that some parliamentarians are participants in the efforts of foreign states to interfere in our politics. This is unethical and contrary to the Oaths and affirmations parliamentarians take to conduct themselves in the best interest of Canada.

Having the trust of our electorate is key to the integrity of our democracy. We can not ask for anything less than a full RCMP investigation with access to all records and the cooperation of party leaders to ensure their members do not continue to compromise our political system.

## REMEMBERING MOM'S CLOTHESLINE

There is one thing that's left out. We had a long wooden pole (clothes pole (we called them props)) that was used to push the clotheslines up so that longer items (sheets/pants/etc.) didn't brush the ground and get dirty. I can hear my mother now...

### THE BASIC RULES FOR CLOTHESLINES:

(If you don't even know what clotheslines are, better skip this.)

1. You had to hang the socks by the toes... NOT the top.
2. You hung pants by the BOTTOM/cuffs... NOT the waistbands.
3. You had to WASH the clothesline(s) before hanging any clothes - Walk the entire length of each line with a damp cloth around the lines.
4. You had to hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hang "whites" with "whites," And hang them first.
5. You NEVER hung a shirt by the shoulders - always by the tail! What would the neighbours think?
6. Wash day on a Monday! NEVER hang clothes on the weekend, Or on Sunday, for Heaven's sake!
7. Hang the sheets and towels on the OUTSIDE lines so you could Hide your "unmentionables" in the middle (perverts & busybodies, y'know!)
8. It didn't matter if it was sub-zero weather... Clothes would "freeze-dry."
9. ALWAYS gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes! Pins left on the lines were "tacky"!
10. If you were efficient, you would line the clothes up so that each item did not need two clothes pins, but shared one of the clothes pins with the next washed item.
11. Clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket, and ready to be ironed.
12. IRONED??!! Well, that's a whole OTHER subject!"



And now a POEM...

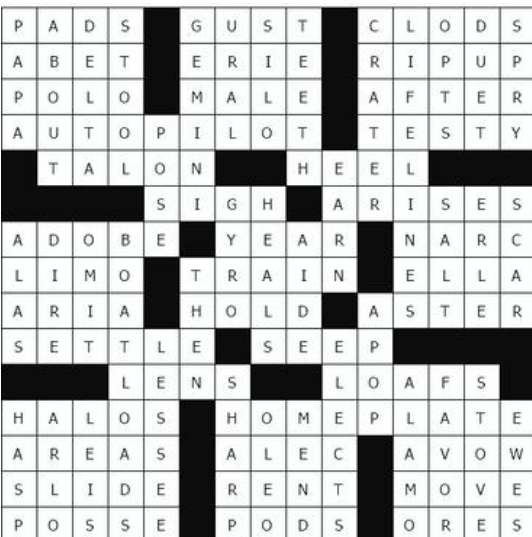
A clothesline was a news forecast,  
To neighbours passing by,  
There were no secrets you could keep,  
When clothes were hung to dry.  
It also was a friendly link,  
For neighbours always knew  
If company had stopped on by,  
To spend a night or two.

For then you'd see the "fancy sheets",  
And towels upon the line;  
You'd see the "company table cloths",  
With intricate designs.  
The line announced a baby's birth,  
From folks who lived inside,  
As brand new infant clothes were hung,  
So carefully with pride!

The ages of the children could,  
So readily be known  
By watching how the sizes changed,  
You'd know how much they'd grown!  
It also told when illness struck,  
As extra sheets were hung;  
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe too,  
Haphazardly were strung.

It also said, "On vacation now",  
When lines hung limp and bare.  
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged,  
With not an inch to spare!  
New folks in town were scorned upon,  
If wash was dingy and gray,  
As neighbours carefully raised their brows,  
And looked the other way.

But clotheslines now are of the past,  
For dryers make work much less.  
Now what goes on inside a home,  
Is anybody's guess!  
I really miss that way of life,  
It was a friendly sign  
When neighbours knew each other best...  
By what hung on the line.



**StellerVista**  
credit union

West Boundary Branch 250.445.9900

heritagecu.ca

greenwood@heritagecu.ca

256 S. Copper PO BOX 76 Greenwood BC V0H 1J0

StellerVista Credit Union formerly Heritage Credit Union



Serving the West Boundary Since 2004





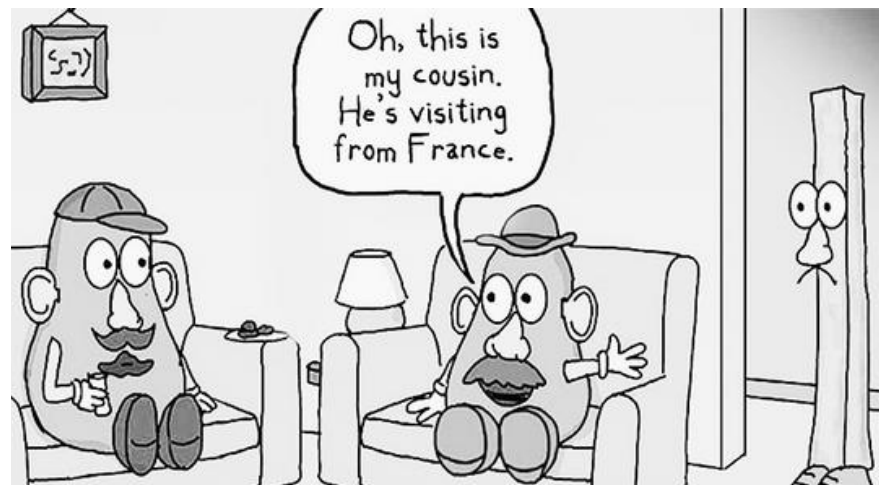
**POURBOYS MECHANICAL**

- TOWING
- GOV'T INSPECTION FACILITY
- AUTO REPAIRS
- COMMERCIAL TRUCK REPAIRS
- TIRES

805 MURRAY ST.  
MIDWAY, BC

**Darrin Metcalf**

250-449-2764 CELL: 250-449-1700



## West Boundary Li'l Explorers

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



### May to June:

Wednesdays 2:00 – 3:00 and

Fridays 11:00 – 12:00 (following the Family Connections group)  
Rock Creek Medical Centre

### July and August:

Wednesdays 9:30 – 10:30  
McMynn Village Park, Midway

Registration is not required.

For more information email  
Mary-ann.dennis@bfiss.org



Boundary Family Services  
info@bfiss.org  
www.boundaryfamily.org

1200 Central Ave  
Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0  
250-442-2267 or 1-877-442-5355



## ALBIN HOCKSTEINER, IN MEMORY

### JULY 12, 1940 - JULY 1, 2024

On Monday, July 1, 2024, Albin Hochsteiner of Osoyoos passed away suddenly, but peacefully, surrounded by family at the age of 83. He is predeceased by his parents William and Hilda Hochsteiner and his sister Eunice "Toots" Berglund. Albin is survived by his sisters Mavis Trenholm and Gail Hochsteiner; nephew Blaine Trenholm (Sherry); daughters Chanel and Rylee; niece Carla Vieira; and sons Jordan (Ali) and Eric.

Albin was a true sportsman and hunter; no one appreciated a good hunting dog quite like Albin and he won numerous trophies over the years with his hounds at field trials and treeing contests throughout the Pacific Northwest. He owned and operated Pioneer Meat Market as a butcher and a hunting guide/ outfitter, as well as co-owner of Pioneer Car Wash. Albin excelled in many sports including basketball, softball, and hockey. He won many awards and trophies in these athletic endeavours. He loved watching a good horse race and was a volunteer at Desert Park Race Track for many years and even ran a few of his own horses.

A Celebration of Life for Albin will be announced at a later date.

Donations in honour of Albin's love of the outdoors can be made to the **Northern Lights Wildlife Society** by visiting: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/10649> or by mail at: Northern Lights Wildlife Society, 17366 Telkwa High Road, Smithers, BC V0J 2N7

Condolences and tributes may be directed to the family by visiting [www.nunes-pottinger.com](http://www.nunes-pottinger.com)



# BOUNDARY ART TRAIL

## SHOWCASING: THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL

Explore the breathtaking Trans Canada Trail in Boundary Country! Stretching nearly 225 km, it's the longest intact section of the Trans Canada trail system. Nature enthusiasts flock here to witness its stunning landscapes. Thousands of global visitors discover local gems along the way, while residents relish its social and health benefits.

Join us in celebrating the Trans Canada Trail with an art exhibition from Big White to Christina Lake in September. Artists of all mediums are invited to capture their unique perspective. Painters, photographers, quilters, woodworkers, and more can showcase their talents. Short stories and poetry submissions are welcome too. Don't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty of our world as you journey through our communities.

During the third week of August, artwork can be collected at:

**Christina Gateway Visitors Centre  
Grand Forks Art Gallery  
Riverside Centre in Rock Creek**

During the month of September, artwork will displayed, in the above venues, for public enjoyment.

**Questions: 250-528-0227**

**Pat Henley: Trails To The Boundary Society - president**

# CALL FOR ARTISTS

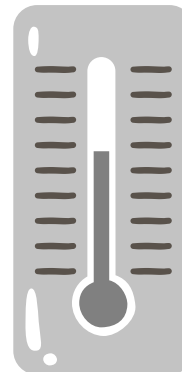
**AGE CATEGORIES**  
0-12 years old  
13-18 years old  
19-64 years old  
65+ years old

HEAT EXHAUSTION	OR	HEAT STROKE
Faint or dizzy		Throbbing headache
Excessive sweating		No sweating
Cool, pale, clammy skin		Body temperature above 103° Red, hot, dry skin
Nausea or vomiting		Nausea or vomiting
Rapid, weak pulse		Rapid, strong pulse
Muscle cramps		May lose consciousness

- Get to a cooler, air conditioned place
- Drink water if fully conscious
- Take a cool shower or use cold compresses

## CALL 9-1-1

- Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives



# PHOENIX FIRE

**Fire Extinguisher Specialists  
Sales & Service**

**Lyle Stranack  
250-446-2256**

**RV / boating  
season is  
here. Don't  
forget to  
have a fire  
extinguisher  
on board.**

**Mobile Service**

**maureen200850@hotmail.com**



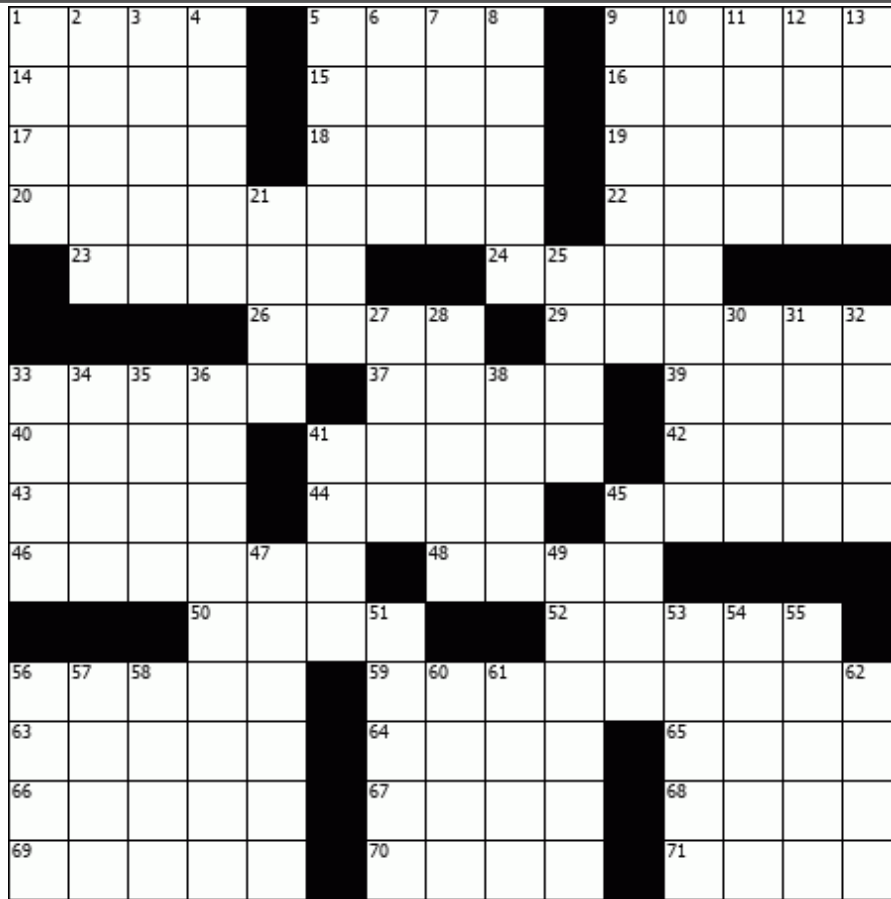
5	7	3	4	6	9	1	8	2
6	8	2	1	5	7	9	3	4
4	9	1	8	2	3	5	6	7
7	1	5	9	3	2	8	4	6
2	3	8	5	4	6	7	9	1
9	6	4	7	8	1	2	5	3
8	2	9	6	7	4	3	1	5
1	4	7	3	9	5	6	2	8
3	5	6	2	1	8	4	7	9



## Crossword

## Across

1. Writing tablets  
 5. Burst of wind  
 9. Clumsy ones  
 14. Assist in a crime  
 15. One of the Great Lakes  
 16. Tear into pieces  
 17. Game on horseback  
 18. Guy  
 19. "And Jill came tumbling \_\_\_\_"  
 20. Cockpit device  
 22. Short-tempered  
 23. Eagle's claw  
 24. Command to Fido  
 26. Sound of relief  
 29. Gets out of bed  
 33. Sun-dried brick  
 37. Two semesters  
 39. Drug enforcement agent  
 40. Bride's ride  
 41. Local or express  
 42. Singer Fitzgerald  
 43. Opera solo  
 44. Grasp  
 45. Late-blooming flower  
 46. Avoid a trial  
 48. Leak slowly  
 50. Camera part  
 52. Takes it easy  
 56. Heavenly rings  
 59. Baseball pentagon  
 63. Regions  
 64. Actor Baldwin  
 65. State openly  
 66. Playground fixture  
 67. Apartment expense  
 68. "Out of the way!"  
 69. Sheriff's group  
 70. Pea holders  
 71. Raw metals



## Down

1. One of the three bears  
 2. Approximately  
 3. River mouth  
 4. Saloon seat  
 5. Zodiac twins  
 6. Russian river  
 7. Grain container  
 8. Molars and incisors  
 9. Moon cavity  
 10. "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" options  
 11. Chooses, with "for"  
 12. Song for two  
 13. Agile  
 21. Sit for a portrait  
 25. Merit  
 27. Greek sandwich  
 28. Becomes well again  
 30. Pretzel topping  
 31.  
 32. Lasting impression  
 33. "Oh, dear!"  
 34. Desperate  
 35. Leave out  
 36. Oodles  
 38. Office assistant  
 41. At that time  
 45. Each, slangily  
 47. One paying 67 Across  
 49. Votes into office  
 51. Pointy  
 53. Texas landmark  
 54. Party keepsake  
 55. Kitchen appliance  
 56. Door fastener  
 57. Folk singer Guthrie  
 58. Hawaiian wreaths  
 60. Butter alternative  
 61. Make repairs to  
 62. Meadow moms

Solution on page 9

# Hello River

What do you call it when a guy named Jerry sleeps with three senior citizens in a nursing home in one night?

-----  
 A Jerry Hat Trick



"My senior relatives liked to tease me at weddings, saying things like, 'You'll be next!' They stopped once I started doing the same to them at funerals."



**Credit Union**

**Liz White**  
 Commercial Support Officer  
 OCU Rock Creek



## Business and Personal Account Services

Buy a Home · Buy a Car · Apply for Credit · Invest Money · Save for Retirement  
 Set up Online Banking · Use ATM

Riverside Centre, 3990 Hwy 3, Rock Creek BC · 250-495-6522 · ocubc.com

Schedule an appointment with Liz White at [lwhite@ocubc.com](mailto:lwhite@ocubc.com).



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### MONDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

- **Musical Jam** @ Midway Seniors' Centre (2 pm – 4 ish) every 1st and 3rd Tuesday
- **Greenwood Senior's Thrift Store** open 11 am – 3 pm

### WEDNESDAYS

- **West Boundary Lil' Explorers** @ McMynn Village Park in Midway (9:30 am – 10:30 am) running July 3 – August 28
- **Greenwood Senior's Bingo** @ 1 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](http://www.KRAC.ca) (250) 449-5026
- **Greenwood Senior's Thrift Store** open 11 am – 3 pm

### SATURDAYS

- **Greenwood Senior's Thrift Store** open 11 am – 3 pm (closed Saturdays of a long weekend)

### THURSDAY, JULY 25 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: Ginette Shirmmeister, a Citizens Services Specialist, Service Canada

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: Spencer Condon (Licensed BC Paramedic) discusses Community Paramedicine Program

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: Ginger Ferguson: "Horses I Have Loved and Learned From"

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: Carsen Bartell with "Heart Centred Breathing Practices"

## LITTLE JOHNNY'S SUMMER PLANS

It was the last day of the school year, and Miss Figpot was talking to her fourth grade class. She asked "What will you be doing this summer?"

"Me and my family will go to the beach a lot," Suzie answered.

"That sounds like fun," said Miss Figpot. "How about you, Emma? What will you do this summer?"

"My family just bought new bikes will ride together." Emma replied enthusiastically.

"That sounds lovely," said the teacher. She continued with all her students until she got to Little Johnny in the back of the room.

"What will you do this summer, Johnny?"

"Nothing," Little Johnny responded timidly.

"Nothing? Aren't you going to do anything with your family?" she asked, trying to get Little Johnny to use his imagination.

"Nothing." He replied

"Will you go to the beach?"

"No."

"Will you ride bikes?"

"No, never!" Little Johnny burst out. "We can never ride bikes together!"

"Why not?" said the shocked Miss Figpot.

"I don't know," explained Little Johnny. "But dad always says, when mom and sis start 'cycling together', it's time to get the hell out of town."



## KETTLE RIVER LIONS CLUB



WE SERVE

PROUDLY SERVING THE BOUNDARY  
COUNTRY

Greenwood, Midway, Rock Creek,  
Bridgesville & Westbridge

"SINCE 1984"

### Contact Us:

KETTLE RIVER LIONS CLUB

P.O. BOX 264

ROCK CREEK, B.C.

VOH 1Y0

EMAIL [kettleriverlions@gmail.com](mailto:kettleriverlions@gmail.com)



Beaverdell, Westbridge, Rock Creek, Bridgesville,  
Midway & Greenwood

**CALL FOR YOUR FREE  
QUOTE TODAY!**

**250.528.0256**

**[jbnpaints@gmail.com](mailto:jbnpaints@gmail.com)**



| INTERIOR | EXTERIOR |  
| COMMERCIAL | RESIDENTIAL |



**HG INSURANCE AGENCIES**

A Division of Growth Financial Corp.

**250-443-9156**

202 S GOVERNMENT AVE GREENWOOD BC V0H1J0



**4120 HWY 3  
ROCK CREEK, B.C.**

info@route3printing.ca

**250 584 5512**

Screenprinting  
Embroidery  
Promotional  
Vinyl Graphics  
Large Format Printing  
Sublimation



**BOUNDARY PHARMACY**

612 - 6TH Avenue, Midway, BC V0H-1M0

(250) 449-2866 | 1 (866) 495-4911

Open Wednesday to Friday, 10am - 5pm

*Nunes ~ Pottinger*  
*Funeral Service & Crematorium*



JOHN  
NUNES

5855 Hemlock Street

**(250) 498-0167**

info4@nunes-pottinger.com

www.nunes-pottinger.com



DARYN  
POTTINGER

PO Box 788, OLIVER, BC V0H 1T0

**WESTBOUNDARY  
CONNECT**

A hub for all things West Boundary

Community Calendar  
Important Announcements  
Relevant Information

[www.westboundaryconnect.com](http://www.westboundaryconnect.com)

admin@westboundaryconnect.com

f@WestBoundaryConnect

**Shauna Blaine**

Realtor®



**250.528.0151**

shauna.blaine@century21.ca



SUPPORT **Local** BUSINESSES



Kettle River Echo



## WESTBRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL Rental Information



- Excellent kitchen facility
- Spacious hall with stage
- Capacity for 100 people
- Outdoor picnic area



For further information call: **250-446-2785**  
Location: 2935 Hwy #33, Westbridge V0H 1Y0

## South Beach Hair

by appointment only



MIDWAY LOCATION  
Tuesday, Friday & Saturday  
670 Central Ave.

Christine  
mrbootsbc@hotmail.com

**250 449 5063**



B Proactive  
Counselling  
&  
Mediation

Barb Gladue

MC,SRT,CPC

PH: 778-363-2272

barb@bproactivecounselling.ca  
www.bproactivecounselling.ca

735-9th Ave  
Midway, BC V0H 1M0

# Family Days



Est. 1927

## FREE 9-hole GOLF

for KIDS & YOUTH

All kids and youth to age 17 golf for free. Must be accompanied by adult and present coupon at time of purchase. Effective Jul 20-Aug 18 '24.

## Rock Creek Station Country Store+More

- \*Staple food items
- \*Unique Gifts
- \*Camping Supplies
- \*Books, DVD
- \*Handmade Items/Stained Glass
- \*Simply Loved Clothing
- \*Toys



space for small r.v.  
Power 15 Amps  
Shower/Laundry  
Groups Site (Tents Only)

jandckettler@gmail.com

<https://rockcreekstation.net/>

4122 Kettle Valley  
Road South, Rock  
Creek, BC

250-212-1351  
Call Jen for Resv.

## POURBOYS MECHANICAL

- SAND AND GRAVEL SALES
- TOPSOIL
- DUMP TRUCKS
- EXCAVATORS
- SKID STEER
- WATER TRUCK
- PLOW TRUCK



805 MURRAY ST.  
MIDWAY, BC

Darrin Metcalf

250-449-2764

CELL: 250-449-1700

SUPPORT **Local** BUSINESSES



Kettle River Echo