



# Kettle River Echo

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## RCBFA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -Dean Corbett

Last month I outlined the roles and responsibilities of our employees at the RCBFA. This month I'll write about our wonderful RCBFA volunteers.

**Board Of Directors:** We have 11 BOD members, 4 of whom are on the Executive: Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and President. All the Board of Directors play important roles in directing the directions of the RCBFA. We should be traffic controllers we are so direct! Each director has a fair day responsibility like organizing the Main Barn, setting up the Agricultural Building, counting the cash, arranging safety patrols, or looking after gate staffing. Prior to the fair, our Convenor Coordinator and other Convenors ensure that we have sufficient volunteers for each fair section like: Parking, Horse Events, Entertainment Scheduling, Camping, Decorating and the 4 major Livestock Shows. Each job is crucial to having a well-organized, fun, and safe fall fair for our 12 000+ visitors, and those volunteers are not paid for their time.

**Other Volunteers:** In addition to the BOD, we have hundreds of volunteers who help with work bees to prepare for the fair, to do routine grounds clean-up, and some construction (sometimes with the aging infrastructure, it is destruction!). Working with a large (or small) group of enthusiastic, like-minded "fair people" is always a pleasure, even if some of the jobs are not quite so glamorous! Who loves to rake pine needles? If you do, or even if you don't but like sharing the misery, check out the needling opportunities in April!!

**Why Volunteer?** I have been reading a book called The Anxious Generation, by Jonathon Haidt. The sub-title says it all: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing and Epidemic of Mental Illness. It outlines how kids who don't experience the freedom of in-person free play and work in the real-world fall victim to the dangers of unsupervised "play" in the virtual world of the internet. Tech companies target kids, other bad actors exploit them or bully them and erode their self-esteem, self-worth, and ability to forge strong, lasting interpersonal relationships (true friends and spouses). This often leads to depression, mental illness and in many cases, suicidal self-harm. Those most vulnerable are girls aged 10-14 and boys aged 12-18 and the different genders and ages react differently to the profit only philosophy of big-tech and online actions of predators and bullies.

So, what does that have to do with the RCBFA? Well, when I work with our younger volunteers on fair work bees, those that stay off their mobile devices seem to engage more with each other, work harder, be happier and get their jobs done. They smile a lot and seem to enjoy their work. Volunteering lets everyone off the hook of the ego-centric focus on oneself and places their energies and skills by serving and contributing to something bigger. Psychologists recommend volunteering as a therapy for depression and/or lack of self-esteem. When one volunteers at the RCBFA there are usually big groups, specific outcomes, camaraderie, a sense of accomplishment, and true value in the work completed.

In the West Boundary, we are blessed with many non-profit organizations, each with valuable social contributions. A few years ago, our then regional director told me there are 50+ non-profits in the West Boundary! Those entities all depend on volunteers and there is no shortage of opportunities for people to pitch in. Engaging young people in volunteering helps everyone in our communities!

The RCBFA has two scheduled work bees this spring: Saturday, April 5 from 9-1 and again on Saturday, April 12, 9-1. You, and anyone you bring, are welcome to help (work clothes, sturdy footwear, smiles, and gloves are the basics). I look forward to seeing lots of kids (young and old) there lending their energy to build themselves up and to benefit our fair and our community.

"EACH TIME A WOMAN  
STANDS UP FOR  
HERSELF SHE STANDS  
UP FOR ALL WOMEN."

Maya Angelou

Find Me



## SAVE THE DATE!

### 6th ANNUAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

**Sunday, April 6th**  
**11 am - 2 pm at BCSS in**  
**Midway**  
**focus: FOOD SECURITY**  
**Midway Community Garden**  
**will be open for the**  
**public to tour at this time.**



We have recently taken over a cycling tour business in the Boundary and we are excited to put out a request for expressions of interest for a Tour Manager to manage our tour operations.

#### Skills required

You are a "people person" who has the ability and the energy to administer a complex system with lots of moving parts.  
You have experience organizing and overseeing multiple employees and contractors.  
You are a self-starter who can manage a variable workload that can vary from season to season.  
You have excellent computer skills.  
You are able to work flexible hours.  
Experience in recreation and hospitality would be an asset.

#### Hours of work & salary

Work fluctuates seasonally.  
Some remote work and some onsite.  
Total hours and compensation to be discussed.

#### Deadline

This job will remain open until we find the right person to fill it.

#### Contact

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*In loving memory of*

## Edward Nicholas Paulco

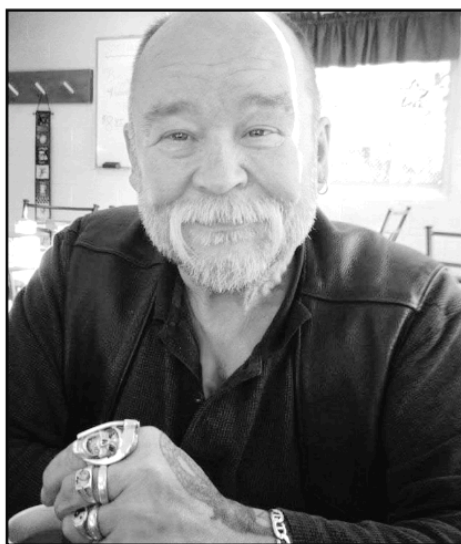
It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Ed — a man who lived fiercely, authentically, and with a heart full of love and its heartbreaks — on September 11th, 2024. Edward Nicholas Paulco left us peacefully in his sleep, just as he had always hoped. His larger-than-life personality will forever be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Born in an environment where toughness was vital, Ed worked hard throughout his life, a life full of contradictions that somehow made perfect sense. He was a welder, logger, and pipe fitter. But he was also a warrior — a biker, a father, a poet, musician, and storyteller. His accordion often provided the soundtrack to his life, and his poems, written with raw honesty, revealed a depth of emotion that contrasted with his rugged exterior. In his own words, "underneath that tattooed hide, there is a gentler, tender side."

Ed faced many hardships—years of recovery after a devastating motorcycle accident, a house fire, struggles with alcohol, and mental health—but he never let them defeat him. His faith and the love of those around him carried him through. He never lost his sense of humor, always ready to share a laugh or brighten the room. His ability to find joy in simple things—like a fridge full of groceries or a pocket full of Jolly Ranchers—was a testament to his deep appreciation of life's small pleasures. Above all, Ed loved his daughters, Faustine and Nicole.

Ed's appreciation of nature, fishing, and the crows that guided him, symbolized his connection to the earth and his belief in the unknown. He always fought for the underdog and was deeply proud of his volunteering efforts with P.O.P.S. Prison Outreach. He made friends everywhere, from the little old church ladies to the guys fresh out of prison.

Whether cruising in one of his fixer-upper cars or feeling the wind on his face atop his old beloved Triumph, the open road brought him peace, and he cherished the idea of getting just



one more vehicle on the road before his time came. He built a community that stretched from Greenwood to his church family and friends in A.A. His faith remained his anchor, and he often quoted a Ukrainian blessing: "Today is a good day to die," reflecting the peace he had made with life and death.

Ed is now reunited with his parents, Irene & Edward Colbon and Nicholas his Birth Dad in the afterlife. He leaves behind his daughters, Nicole & Faustine, sister Iris, his brother Mathew (with wife Trudy), and their two sons, Nathan & Alex. His legacy of strength, love, and resilience will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Rest in peace, Ed. Your journey here was one of strength, humor, and love, and you will forever live on in our hearts. Ride on, Dad.

Edward Nicholas Paulco service will be held April 5th 11am, Address 401 North Kimberly Greenwood, BC. There will be light snacks and beverages provided.

If you have any pictures or stories, please email me [iamfaustine@hotmail.com](mailto:iamfaustine@hotmail.com)

## WESTBRIDGE THRIFT STORE NEEDS YOU!

We are accepting donations - especially puzzles, books, tools and household items.

We are needing a few more volunteers!  
Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
from 10-3 each week.  
Call 250-446-2945

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing community members who supported the children by generously fulfilling wishes from the wish tree. Your kindness has truly brought smiles to their faces. We have heard many wonderful stories about how well the gifts were received, spreading joy to those who needed it most.

~ The Rock Creek elves



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## RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### February 12, 2025 Board meeting

#### Grow and Connect: Kootenay Boundary Distribution Pilot

Re: South Kootenay Agricultural Strategy & Boundary Area Agriculture and Food Plan. The RDKB Board approved funding of \$20,000 for the Grow and Connect Kootenay Boundary Distribution Pilot program, with \$10,000 to come from the East End Economic Development Service and \$10,000 to come from the Boundary Economic Development Service.

#### Emergency Preparedness Service: Grant Funding

The RDKB will receive \$230,000 from the Columbia Basin Trust to undertake projects that will enhance the service but are not core-funded responsibilities of the RDKB.

#### Grants-in-Aid for Area E

BC Snowboard Association – 2025 FIS Para Snowboard World Championships: \$5,000

### February 26, 2025 Board Meeting

#### Five-Year Financial Plan Approved in Principle

The Board of Directors approved the RDKB's 2025-2029 Five-Year Financial Plan in principle. The Plan includes budgets for the 74 services we deliver. The Board will adopt the Plan by way of bylaw at its March 12, 2025 meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend their Town Hall meetings. If yours has passed, please visit our Join the Conversation page on the RDKB website to learn more.

#### RDKB to Manage its Assets

The Board allocated \$150,000 from its General Government Service (001) to hire a contractor to undertake asset management for the RDKB.

#### Big White asks for Help

Michael Ballingall, Senior VP of Big White Ski Resort told the Board that Big White is the second-most popular ski resort in BC. They expect up to 700,000 visitors this year. The hill employs over 1,500 people. Mr. Ballingall asked the RDKB to consider collaborating with the resort on programs and initiatives. He lamented the lack of a police presence at Big White; however, policing is not in the RDKB's jurisdiction. He noted that the community needs a place to gather and he also requested that the regional district consider sponsoring transit on the hill. He also asked that the RDKB promote the resort.

#### New Grand Forks Administration Building?

The RDKB hired Urban Arts Architecture to work with the regional district to identify ways to meet the needs of the elected officials, staff and the public at our administration building in Grand Forks, located at 2140 Central Ave. The old facility is at maximum capacity and will not be able to effectively serve our needs in the coming years. The architects provided three space concepts for the Board to consider. The Board directed staff to explore alternative sites in Grand Forks on which to construct a larger building. The Board is also interested in potential partnerships with other agencies, societies and community groups for co-location, community spaces, and/or housing.

#### Grants-in-Aid for Area E

Nelson and District Hospice Society – West Kootenay Boundary Caregiver Support: \$1,666.67

### Next Board meeting: Wednesday, Mar 26, 2025

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

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

## 12 COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

1. TALK TO YOURSELF. THERE ARE TIMES YOU NEED EXPERT ADVICE.
2. "IN STYLE" ARE THE CLOTHES THAT STILL FIT.
3. YOU DON'T NEED ANGER MANAGEMENT. YOU NEED PEOPLE TO STOP MAKING YOU MAD.
4. YOUR PEOPLE SKILLS ARE JUST FINE. IT'S YOUR TOLERANCE FOR IDIOTS THAT NEEDS WORK.
5. THE BIGGEST LIE YOU TELL YOURSELF IS, "I DON'T NEED TO WRITE THAT DOWN. I'LL REMEMBER IT."
6. "ON TIME" IS WHEN YOU GET THERE.
7. EVEN DUCT TAPE CAN'T FIX STUPID – BUT IT SURE DOES MUFFLE THE SOUND.
8. "ONE FOR THE ROAD" MEANS GOING TO THE BATHROOM BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE.
9. LATELY, YOU'VE NOTICED PEOPLE YOUR AGE ARE SO MUCH OLDER THAN YOU.
10. GROWING OLD SHOULD HAVE TAKEN LONGER.
11. AGING HAS SLOWED YOU DOWN, BUT IT HASN'T SHUT YOU UP.
12. YOU STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED TO ACT YOUR AGE AND HOPE YOU NEVER WILL.

## JOTTINGS by Liz Bryan

### TALKING TARIFFS

I looked up the word tariff in the Canadian Oxford dictionary and I learned two things: It is an ancient word derived from the French *tarif* via the Italian *tariffa*, the Turkish *tarife* and all the way back to the Arabic *ta'riflach* . . . Tariffs are as old as the hills. Wherever there was government, there were tariffs. The meaning of the word? "A duty on a particular class of imports and exports, or a list of duties or customs to be paid". Today the words *tariffs* and *taxes* seems to be used interchangeably, but according to the dictionary, a tax is a more general term: a mandatory contribution to government revenues.

Now, why am I behaving like a school mistress? I have been poking about in the history of our province, looking up such things as the fur-trade, the first British Colonies, the gold rush, the Dewdney Trail, and other such events. To recap: The British claimed all the territory that was once First Nations land and leased it out to the Hudson's Bay Company, the kingpin of the fur traders. They stamped out trails that ran from way up north to the Columbia River and built their supply forts at strategic points. Headquarters was Fort Vancouver, at the mouth of the Columbia. Second in importance was Fort Colville, where the Kettle River joined the Columbia.

All seemed peaceful here until the 49th parallel became the official borderline between English and American lands. Britain lost a chunk of its territory, and the HBC lost the use of it, including all their forts and supply routes. Then the gold rush turned the world topsy-turvy . . . but you know all this. We are talking tariff, right? There were no tariffs, way back then – for a while.

These new colonies, Vancouver Island and New Caledonia (later British Columbia) were unimportant places, merely tiny outposts of the mighty British Empire. But they still had to rule in British style. They needed money, to impose law and order in the mining camps, to build towns, schools, roads, bridges and lots of government buildings – and to support all the bureaucrats required to run the government. Among these were Customs Officers. There weren't many official border crossings – in fact, for a while New Westminster was the only one on the mainland – and early on, men mining for gold in the Interior were free to cross into Canada and to cross back, carrying their spoils. All this gold put a glitter in the government eye. "Mandatory contributions" were called for. Customs officials and their shacks popped up at every likely crossing.

The mostly American gold miners were hit hard. First, they had to buy a license, then pay the government to register their claim, and then shell out export duties (aka tariffs) on the gold they took back across the border. But it must have been worth it: most of them were gamblers, prepared to pay upfront for what they hoped to get. But pity the poor immigrant, looking for a homestead. Back then, all items, including machinery, household goods, supplies and even animals brought into British Columbia, were subject to import tariffs, reckoned on a percentage of the goods' value. The customs men were not just checking passports – whoops, no passports then – they had to be mathematicians to total it all up.

I know we pay taxes, both provincial and national, and unknown tariffs on imported goods, and I know we moan about it. And we moan, and likely will continue to moan, about megalomaniacs charging 25% tariffs and boasting about making us their 51st State. The Americans have tried before – and failed – to take over Canada. And, to quote Justin Trudeau, they "haven't a snowball's chance in hell" of doing it.

I live right beside the border and, while there still lives in me a tiny piece of dear old England, I'm going out tomorrow to buy a great big Canadian flag.

PS. On a sweeter note: last Thursday I heard the first meadowlark singing over the still snowy hills. And today, hurrah, I saw one lonely little buttercup. At my high elevation, this was bravery indeed.

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For any further information please email:  
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This program is presented by Boundary Family Services and  
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Rock Creek & Boundary Fair Association



## WORK BEE



Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM  
& Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM

Many hands make light work!  
You will need gloves, rakes, tools, snacks & energy!

Please come lend a hand to help clean up our  
grounds & campground to get ready for  
another exciting busy year!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!

## "AGM"

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April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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## Boundary Family Services Programs

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For more information about the programs that are offered or to get involved with Boundary Family Services Society:

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## The Messy River Series



### Article #3 The Herpetofauna's Need for our Beautiful & 'Messy' Rivers



Herpetofauna (or herptiles) are collective terms used to refer to a group of critters that includes reptiles and amphibians. Herptiles are uniquely tied to the inherent natural 'messiness' of our rivers and riparian areas. Few other species depend so heavily on the complex ever-changing landscape of fallen leaves, branches, and organic debris that accumulate along riverbanks and forest floors.

These dynamic riparian environments offer critical foraging opportunities. Insects lay their eggs in decomposing plant matter, overwinter as larvae, and, in turn, provide a vital food source for amphibians and reptiles. Fallen plant debris also provides essential shelter, creating movement corridors that protect herpetofauna from predators and give them places to cool off during the heat of summer.

The Kettle River Watershed is home to several species of herpetofauna. Jared Hobbs, a provincial expert on Species-at-Risk in BC, has worked in this area for over two-decades, motivated to protect and conserve the rich biodiversity unique to dry interior habitats in BC's southern interior. Many of the herptiles (reptiles and amphibians) found in our area are threatened by habitat loss, road mortality and, in previous times, intentional persecution. Fortunately, today, these species have been recognized for their intrinsic value – we are proud to share our natural areas with these amazing species. We can still be thrilled by the rustle of a snake, lizard, frog, toad, spadefoot or salamander as it moves away from us as we walk by, and we can take pleasure in the privilege of seeing and hearing these species where we co-exist.

With the first warm days of spring each April, and the last rains of fall in September and October, you may be lucky enough to witness one of nature's great migrations: the mass movement of amphibians. The Great Basin Spadefoot (or colloquially referred to as the spadefoot 'toad') is one of the first amphibian species to emerge from underground overwintering areas in grassland habitats near small ephemeral ponds. Similarly, around Wards Lake near Grand Forks, residents have observed hundreds of (Western) Tiger Salamanders traveling together, making their way from their home ponds to new habitats. Sadly, we have lost some of this vital habitat essential to the tiger salamander's survival; most notably at Saddle Lake. Saddle Lake once teemed with Tiger Salamanders (and other amphibian species) before the intentional misguided illegal and very damaging introduction of invasive goldfish. Several spots in the West Boundary along Highway 3 have these "critter crossings" as well.

Native **Turtles** also rely on these riparian areas for food and temperature regulation. Basking on sun-warmed logs in wetlands and ponds is a favourite pastime of Painted Turtles as they take advantage of logs from fallen trees that create ideal resting spots.

**Snakes** are also highly dependent on these messy landscapes. Garter snakes (including Western Terrestrial Garter Snake and Common Garter Snake), North American Racer, Great Basin Gopher Snake, Rubber Boa and Northern Pacific Rattlesnake are all found in the Kettle River Watershed. It's exciting that this area is home to six of BC's nine snake species!!! Each of these species rely on leaf litter and downed woody debris for cover as they hunt for frogs, insects, and small rodents. These natural materials provide protection and refuge, keeping snakes hidden from predators while also helping them regulate their body temperature throughout the changing seasons.

If you live near a creek, wetland, pond, or river it's best to avoid "waste cleanup" to protect these vital ecosystems. Many insect species, including those that amphibians and reptiles depend on for food, spend the colder months in leaf litter and plant debris. Removal of natural tree and leaf litter disrupts their life cycles, unfortunately reducing an essential food source just as herpetofauna are emerging for the season. By leaving natural materials in place (at least for a little longer), we can each help to support the intricate web of life that thrives in these beautifully 'messy' biodiverse areas in a special area we are proud to call 'home'.

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## VALENTINE'S TEA & QUILT SHOW A SUCCESS

On Friday February 14th the Westbridge Hall held Main River WI's 87th annual Valentine's Tea and Quilt Show. Approximately 60 people gathered to view 40+ quilts and enjoyed homemade soups, buns and angel food cakes. The quilts were all "newly" viewed and varied in styles, colours, and materials. The silent auction and book sales were successful and "door" prizes were awarded. The Main River WI would like to thank all the volunteers and attendees for making the Valentine's Tea and Quilt Show such a success, but most importantly thank you to the quilters for allowing us the opportunity to present their "quilts".



# Rock Creek & Boundary Fair Association ~ Employment Opportunities

## GENERAL MAINTENANCE PERSON

The Rock Creek & Boundary Fair Association is looking for an energetic and enthusiastic person who enjoys working outdoors to join its team on a seasonal basis. The successful applicant would be responsible for assisting with the care and maintenance of the Association's buildings including minor carpentry and painting and assisting with the maintenance of the Association's equipment (tractors, groomers, lawn mowers, etc.), assisting with grounds and lawn maintenance including weeding, some custodial & garbage duties and is also expected to assist with set up/tear down for special events.

This position is part of the Canada Summer Jobs Initiative and applicants must be eligible under the requirements to apply for this position. This is a sixteen-week posting; however, employment will continue beyond that to the end of September. Start date is May 5, 2025, and end date is September 26, 2025 (flexible start and end date) with 30-35 hours per week at \$21.00 per hour. Applicants must be between 15 and 30 years of age at the beginning of employment, must be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident and have a valid Social Insurance Number and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

Job Requirements: Valid BC Driver's License preferred, criminal record check, physical stamina, able to work outdoors, effective communication and listening skills and be able to follow instructions from supervisors, experience with lawn and farm equipment, comfortable with hand and power tools, be willing to do some labour-intensive jobs and have reliable transportation. Must be available to assist on Work Bee weekend September 6th & 7th as well as through Fair weekend. Previous experience in building trades and/or mechanical background is an asset.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter with resume by email to [office@rockcreekfair.ca](mailto:office@rockcreekfair.ca) or by mail to 3880 Kettle Valley Road South, Rock Creek, B.C. V0H 1Y0. Deadline for receipt of applications is April 11, 2025, at 5:00 pm, interviews to follow.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Subject to funding approval from Canada Summer Jobs Initiative.

## GROUNDS & LAWN MAINTENANCE PERSON

The Rock Creek & Boundary Fair Association is looking for an energetic and enthusiastic person who enjoys working outdoors to join its team on a seasonal basis. The successful applicant would be responsible for the care and maintenance of the Association's lands including lawn care, irrigation, weed control, and is also expected to assist with set up/tear down for special events.

This position is part of the Canada Summer Jobs Initiative and applicants must be eligible under the requirements to apply for this position. This is a sixteen-week posting; however, employment will continue beyond that to the end of September. Start date is May 5, 2025, and end date is October 15, 2025 (flexible end date) with 30-35 hours per week at \$21.00 per hour. Applicants must be between 15 and 30 years of age at the beginning of employment, must be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident and have a valid Social Insurance Number and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

Job Requirements: Valid BC Driver's License preferred, criminal record check, physical stamina, able to work outdoors, effective communication and listening skills, be able to follow instructions from supervisors, leadership skills, experience with lawn and farm equipment, comfortable with hand and power tools, be willing to do some labour-intensive jobs and have reliable transportation. Must be available to assist on Work Bee weekend September 6th & 7th as well as through Fair weekend. Previous experience in lawn care and/or mechanical background is an asset.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter with resume by email to [office@rockcreekfair.ca](mailto:office@rockcreekfair.ca) or by mail to 3880 Kettle Valley Road South, Rock Creek, B.C. V0H 1Y0. Deadline for receipt of applications is April 11, 2025, at 5:00 pm, interviews to follow.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Subject to funding approval from Canada Summer Jobs Initiative.

## CAMPGROUND HOST for the Blaine Memorial Campground (Rock Creek Fairgrounds)

The Rock Creek & Boundary Fair Association is looking for an energetic and enthusiastic person who enjoys working outdoors to be our Campground Host throughout the summer from June 26th to September 1st, 2025. This is a part-time paid position for one person, but a couple may live on site, and it offers many live-on-site benefits, plus earn extra income!

### BENEFITS WE OFFER:

Free campsite at our beautiful campground on the river, water hook up, 30-amp or 50-amp power, free showers in our facilities, limited sewer (pump out not hook up) and WIFI. Park host must provide their own RV unit and maintain a clean campsite.

### DUTIES INCLUDE:

Attendant hours are 4-5 hours per day and 5 days per week (Thursday afternoon to Monday morning) at a rate of \$22.00 per hour. Host is required to maintain campsites, including minor lawn care & maintenance, weeding and irrigation, opening and closing of gates during hours of operation, the maintenance, stocking, cleaning & sanitization of out houses and washroom/shower facilities, garbage collection. Will be required to use online computer booking software (tablet provided) to review daily check-ins & check-outs, assist with drop in guests, collect fees, provide campground safety and guest liaison.

This is a seasonal position therefore we cannot accept requests for holidays off, however you will have two weekdays off and will have time off during our private rental events. Host must be offsite from July 28th – August 5th, 2025.

Job Requirements: Valid BC Driver's License preferred, criminal record check, physical stamina, able to work outdoors, effective communication and leadership skills, ability to deal with public and have reliable transportation. Previous experience in tourism or campgrounds is an asset.

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## VENDOR COORDINATOR & OFFICE ASSISTANT 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 5, 2025, and ending September 26th, 2025.

The successful applicant would be responsible for helping to prepare for our fall fair including but not limited to: reviewing vendor applications & requirements, keeping a complete vendor list & preparing vendor package, plotting and planning vendor layout map based on requirements, stake out and mark vendor field, assist all vendor's needs and inquiries prior to and during fair, direct, coordinate the vendors arrival and departure on fair weekend, after fair cleanup and wrap up. As well as assist in the office as needed by the Fair & Facilities Manager and the Finance Manager. Must be available to assist on Work Bee weekend September 6th & 7th as well as long hours through Fair weekend September 13th & 14th.

Job Requirements: Valid BC Driver's License preferred, criminal record check, physical stamina, computer and office skills, organized and productive, be able to work independently and together as a team player, ability to work under pressure and deal with public, effective communication and leadership skills.

The job will be a minimum of 3 hours per week during May 5 to August 29th, 2025, and again during September 16-27th after the fair. Must be willing to work a minimum of 5 hours a week from September 2-14th with extra hours during fair week and weekend. Salary will be \$22.00 per hour.

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As springtime approaches, it's always nice to see our neighbours' calves & lambs frolicking in the fields. And of course, the birds, two of my favourites being robins and meadowlarks. Soon we will be turning our attention to the garden and all the things a new season brings.

March is the end of the fiscal year for the Regional District and as we wind up budgets, it's a good time to review things such as fire services, weed control, food security, and various other services the RDKB provides. A special thanks to all who came out to the Town Hall March 6th in Rock Creek where we reviewed budgets and services and residents asked really good questions.

Below are just some of the programs I've supported through Services and Grant-in-Aid, a tool which enables each regional director in the RDKB discretionary spending. This allows me to support youth, seniors, recreation, food shares, and environmental programs in the West Boundary.

- Kettle River Food Share
- Beaverdell Friends Helping Friends Food Share
- Trails to the Boundary Trails Coordinator & Operations
- Midway & Greenwood Libraries
- Rock Creek & Boundary Fall Fair
- Upgrades to Community Halls
- West Boundary Connect (Info/Business Directory/Event Website)
- Parkview Manor
- Pickleball courts for Big White
- Kettle River Echo (\$1200 increase for 2025)
- Hospital Hospice Society
- Beaverdell Community Hot Lunch Program
- Rock Creek Medical Clinic
- Greenwood & Midway Museums
- Paving Project for Riverside Centre (spring/summer 2025)

I continue to help with local recreational events & fundraisers in Area E including curling, softball, golf, and youth soccer, hockey, and a soapbox derby. Also happy to add support for our local ski areas through grants for the 2025 Para Snowboard World Championships at Big White and for the Baldy Mountain Fire Committee who are actively involved in wildfire prevention strategies.

I am also continuing the funding for the Emergency Preparedness Fair which will be held in Midway this year with a focus on Food Security. Pat Henley made a presentation to the RDKB Boundary Services Committee on this event, and we all appreciate her work on this. She also brought the committees attention to Richard Dunsdon, the RDKB representative for the Village of Midway who has spent countless hours on the Midway Community Garden. If you haven't been there, it's a must see! You're able to purchase an assortment of quality LOCAL produce and can also rent space to grow your own garden. Thank you, Richard & Pat :)

In my position as Regional Director, it empowers me to help the various Societies in the area and I'm grateful for the way our community pulls together to support each other. I've recommended that a Volunteer Appreciation Day

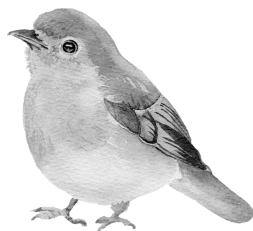
be held this year, and research is currently underway to explore holding this event at the Rock Creek Fairgrounds in May. If you are involved with a society in the West Boundary and would like to join the fun, please email Boundary Community Partners Association at: [bcpa@gmail.com](mailto:bcpa@gmail.com) or call me directly at 250.689.0177, I'd love to hear from you. **Stay tuned for further information on this event to honour our volunteer task force!**

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## Bald Eagles By: Vic Boychuk

Since ancient times, eagles have been seen as symbols of strength, power, and freedom by various cultures around the world. In Native American culture, they are considered sacred birds that possess spiritual qualities such as courage and wisdom.

Bald Eagles are diurnal creatures, meaning they are most active during the day. They spend the majority of their time perched on high branches or soaring through the skies in search of food. While the name "bald" might lead you to believe that these eagles don't have any feathers on their heads; they are not actually bald. Instead, they have white feathers on their head that form a distinct crown-like pattern against their dark brown body feathers. The transition from dark brown to white usually occurs around 4-5 years when they reach sexual maturity.

In the mid-20th century, it was feared that Bald Eagles may go extinct. Populations had dwindled considerably. Thanks to conservation efforts and protective laws, bald eagle numbers have made a remarkable recovery. By 2007, they were officially removed from the endangered species list, and their population continues to grow. One of these significant efforts was banning DDT (dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane), an insecticide that had severe effects on an eagles' reproductive abilities. The ban came into effect in 1972 after extensive research showed how DDT affected, not only eagles but also other birds and marine life.

Nowadays, Bald Eagles can be found in almost all regions of North America. They remain most concentrated in BC, Yukon, and Alaska, where there are still vast tracts of undisturbed wilderness for them to nest.

The Bald Eagle is one of the largest birds in North America. On average, it measures 3 feet in length from beak to tail and can weigh between 6 to 14 pounds. The female is slightly larger than the male, with a wingspan that can reach up to 8 feet, while males have a wingspan of about 6 feet.

A distinctive feature, that set the Bald Eagle apart from other birds is their sharp, curved beak, which they use for tearing into prey and carrying it back to their nests. Their talons are equally sharp and powerful, allowing them to grasp onto prey mid-flight or catch fish from the water's surface. They also hunt for small mammals, like rabbits and squirrels, as well as other birds,

like ducks and geese when there are no fish available. The eyesight of a Bald Eagle is also remarkable, with keen vision that allows them to spot prey from great distances while soaring high above the landscape. Their eyesight is compared to that of a human using binoculars. Bald Eagles also have a powerful set of lungs that enable them to communicate with other eagles over long distances and claim their territory loud and clear. Bald Eagles may go for several days without eating as they are still digesting the original meal. The size of eagles can vary depending on the region. However, Alaskan bald eagles are usually the largest. They can live for up to 30 years.

Bald Eagles also exhibit impressive aerial acrobatics during courtship rituals. Mating pairs will engage in a series of thrilling swoops, dives, and flips while locked together in mid-air with their talons clasped onto each other.

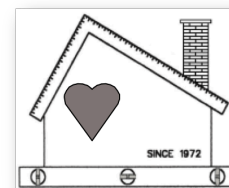
Bald Eagles typically live near large bodies of water, such as coasts or inland lakes, where they can easily find their main food source – fish. They build their nests, called "aeries", in tall trees near the water's edge and are maintained year after year. Bald Eagles are known to mate for life and return to their aeries each breeding season to raise their offspring. They build a stick nest, around 6 feet in diameter and 4 feet high. The male brings the materials such as sticks, grass, moss, and downy feathers, and then the female puts it all together. Eggs are white in color and take 35 days to hatch. Bald Eagles will usually lay 2 to 3 eggs over a few days, and they will hatch in order of being laid. The first flight of a young Bald Eagles is usually around 10 – 12 weeks.

Some Bald Eagles fly south for the winter while others fly to places like the town of Harrison Mills, BC which is the home of the largest gathering of eagles in the world. The valley hosts over 250 pairs of nesting bald eagles, and thousands more migrate here over the winter. Look for them from mid-October to late January. Goldstream Provincial Park (a short drive from Victoria) is another place famous for its annual salmon run, where Bald Eagles follow the salmon. About the size of Ireland is the vast area of pristine wilderness of central and northern coast of British Columbia (from Knight Inlet to the Alaska Panhandle) where Bald Eagles and Bears follow the salmon runs. These are just some of the places where Bald Eagles can be seen.

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**"I work with animals," the guy says to his Tinder date. "That's so sweet," she replies. "I like a man who loves animals. Where do you work?" "I'm a butcher," he says.**



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## From the Hill

## TARIFFS

Since Donald Trump came into office just over a month ago, Canada—and the world—have been thrown into a tumultuous time of trade wars, foreign policy through insults and a general topsy-turvy world order.

Trump's talk of crippling tariffs on exports to Canada are a serious threat to the Canadian economy. Agriculture, forestry, the auto industry and many other sectors could be devastated. What final form they will take is still to be seen as every week seems to be a roller-coaster of threats and reversals. Trump's schoolyard bully tactics of calling us the 51st state have galvanized Canadian patriotism as we pledge to boycott American goods and services and buy local whenever possible. Provinces have taken American products off the shelves of liquor stores and many Canadians have changed their holiday plans to avoid Florida, Arizona and California.

The Trump claim that these tariffs are meant to force us to strengthen our border against the trafficking of fentanyl is also insulting. Only a tiny amount of fentanyl enters the USA through Canada (more comes the other way) and that amount has fallen sharply since the tariff threats began. These trade actions are simply meant to hurt Canada and send our jobs south.

In dealing with Trump, we've learned that strength is the only response he listens to. Canada has responded with dollar-for-dollar counter-tariffs, a tactic that worked well when Trump slapped tariffs on steel and aluminum in his first term in office.

While I fully agree this is a powerful and effective strategy, we have to be careful that we don't shoot ourselves in the foot by putting tariffs on niche American goods that are critical to Canadian industries without alternative sources. One example of that is the inclusion of scrap batteries on the Canadian counter-tariff list. KC Recycling in Trail relies on a steady flow of scrap lead-acid batteries from the USA—it's literally one of the few big recycling plants in western North America. So adding a significant cost to their inputs will force them to shut down their operation, and that hurts Canada much more than it hurts the United States.

We also need to be ready to support workers and businesses that may be seriously impacted by these trade disruptions. The NDP has asked that parliament be recalled to discuss supports that could include a modernized Employment Insurance system to make sure laid-off workers don't have to wait weeks without wages.

Trump's actions on the world scene have been even more concerning. The United States is now the odd one out in the countries allied against the actions of Russia, something that was inconceivable in previous years. Europe is rallying behind Ukraine, pledging significant increases in support to fill in the gap left by the USA, and I'm happy to see that Canada has been at the table at those talks. If we allow Russia to have any gains in Ukraine and give them an opportunity to rearm after an unfair peace deal, it will only encourage them to push into other eastern European countries.

Canada will be hosting the G7 meetings this summer in Alberta. The NDP has demanded that we not allow President Trump to enter the country for those meetings, considering his legal status as a convicted felon and his ridiculous actions against our country.

Canada is not broken. We are strong and free and ready to take on whatever threats the Trump administration wants to throw at us. Elbows up!

## Boundary "C" 4-H Club Conquers Another Year of Speeches!

The Boundary "C" 4-H club has been keeping busy with activities over the last couple of months. The club held their monthly meetings in February and March and divisions have been meeting individually to go over projects and some divisions practiced impromptu to help prepare for speeches.

On March 8th, our annual Speech Day was held at Boundary Central Secondary School in Midway. The kids got to present their speeches or demos to a panel of judges. The required time for junior members speeches is between 3 to 5 minutes with senior members needing to hit a time of 5 to 7 minutes. Kids that chose to do a demo were required to be 8 to 10 minutes long. Senior members are also required to do an impromptu speech where they are given a topic on the spot and then required to speak on that topic for 1 to

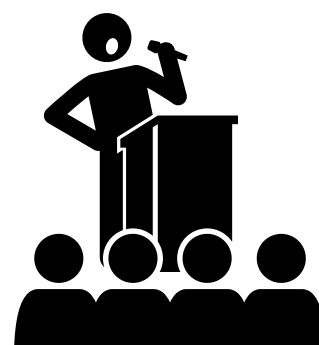
2 minutes. All of our members did fabulous again this year and we are very proud of everyone for doing such an outstanding job!

For the junior level speeches: third place went to Ava Fostvedt, second place went to Conner March, and first place went to Cianna Lindquist. There was only one junior demo this year and first place went to Alyana Molloy and Malia Eek. For senior level speeches: third place went to Elizabeth Tsigonias, second place went to Meadow Lornson, and first place went to Lydia Wamsley. There were two senior demos: first place went to Adaline Molloy and Montana Maarhuis and second place went to Garret Klein and Sarah Kelly. Everyone that placed will all be heading on to districts where they will showcase their speaking skills. Congratulations to everyone who placed!

We would like to thank all of the judges that volunteered and took time out of their day to come judge our speeches! You are much appreciated, and our speech days could not be possible without you!

Now that speeches are over, we are excited to start preparing for our annual Cattle Baron's Ball! Look forward to seeing you all there!

By: Adaline Molloy (club reporter)



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## LOCAL PRIMARY STUDENTS ORGANIZE FOOD DRIVE

Hello community members,

We are grade 1, 2 and 3 students from West Boundary Elementary School.

We listened to our teacher read us a book called "The Soup Kitchen" and we thought it would be nice to give food to people who don't have a home and those who are less fortunate.

We would like your help to donate food for people who might be hungry and in need of our help. The donations will be given to the Kettle Valley Food Share.

We are all a part of our community, and we want to show kindness to our community members that need it.


We will start collecting nonperishable food items after Spring break on Monday March 31st, 2025. We will leave boxes out in front of the main doors at our school and invite you to drop off food items. We will collect food from Monday, March 31st, 2025 - Monday April 14th, 2025.

Our goal is to collect 1000 items. We will keep track of the donations in a graph that we will work on in math class.

Thank you, for your help,  
- Sincerely,  
grade 1, 2 and 3 students







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A retired couple had another couple over to visit. While the women were busy in the kitchen, the men made small talk.

"We went to the most wonderful restaurant last night," said the host.

"Oh! I'd like us to try a new restaurant. What was its name?"

The host thought a minute. "You know those flowers that have a perfume-like odour? They're often red. And the stems have thorns."

"Oh, you mean roses?"

The host turned in his chair and shouted into the kitchen; "Rose! What's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"




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## UPCOMING ENERGY SAVING EVENTS

TRAILS TO THE BOUNDARY IS SUPPORTING CONNECTIONS



RDKB HomeSmart and FortisBC are teaming up in your community to talk about energy-saving programs. Pop in and chat about what programs can help you save money on your energy bills.

**Thursday, April 3**

Westbridge Thrift Store  
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 Rock Creek  
 Riverside Centre  
 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Friday, April 4**

Beaverdell  
 Lunch Program  
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

**Sunday, April 6**

Emergency  
 Preparedness Fair,  
 BCSS in Midway  
 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



RDKB HomeSmart & FortisBC Community Outreach

## SENIORS BEING SEEN

"Seniors Being Seen" is on Spring Hiatus. Check [www.boundaryconnect](http://www.boundaryconnect) for updates or phone Riverside Centre (250-528-5955).



Teacher Amber Duncan, on March 6th, talking with us about common causes of conflict and how we can help ourselves and others find respectful and peaceful resolutions. Valuable skills in fraught times.



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- Osoyoos Save-On-Foods
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- Rock Creek and Boundary Fair Association
- Rock Creek Centex Gas Station
- Rock Creek Christmas Fair
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- Wes Feist
- and the many anonymous financial/food donors

A special thank you to Midway RCMP officer Bill Hughes and Conservation officers in Grand forks for organizing a donation of confiscated game meat at Christmas time.

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

And a great big thank you for the ongoing donations of refundable beverage containers. We take the funds from the cans/bottles and purchase food.

Duncan Scott - President of Kettle River Food Share Society

**Hot\*L Update! We spoke with Carissa Boynton at the Hotel Midway to get an update.**

## How's it going at the Hot\*L?

I love this building and its history! I'll be honest that it's not always easy, but I believe that we are steadily making progress towards opening. We just won a Spark grant from the BC Tourism Innovation Lab and are so excited about that!

## What are your plans for the building?

I'm planning to open the hotel in its traditional use as a hotel, bar, and cafe. I'd like to see a thriving community built in and around the hotel, rooted in local talent. Our open house generated so many ideas, from movie nights to food truck festivals and pop-up events, and I'd like to see them brought to life!

## Will you move to Midway?

Yes, but not yet! I have some responsibilities in the lower mainland that need me at the moment.

## How can the community be involved?

If you have an idea, talent, skill, or business idea, and you'd like to use that at the hotel, you should definitely get in touch. It's always really encouraging to me when I get visitors to the website, or feedback through the social media channels.

## How will you use the Spark award?

I'm going to put in some bicycle infrastructure, like a lock up, wash station, fixit station, and charge point. We have an amazing area for bicycle riding, and I'd like to support our riders.

## How do we find you?

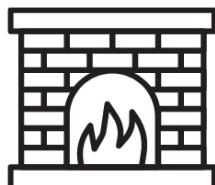
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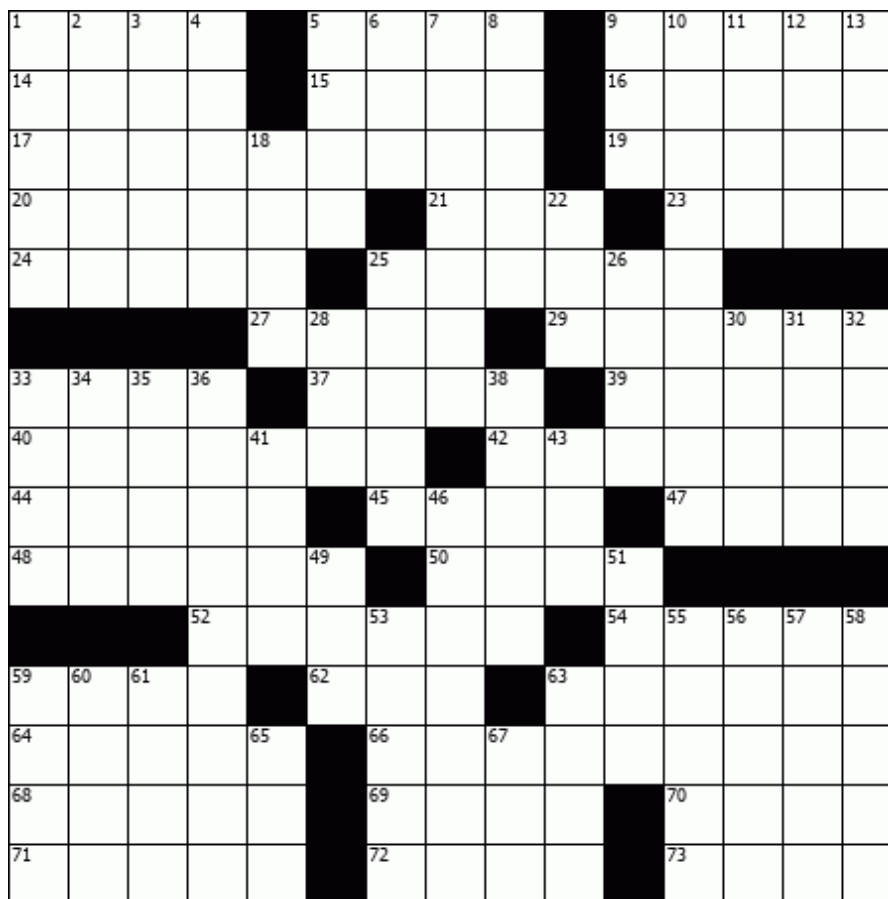




## Crossword

## Across

1. Curved doorway
5. Saga
9. Direct
14. Folk knowledge
15. Acme
16. Chicago's airport
17. Constitution change
19. Actress \_\_\_\_\_ Sarandon
20. Save
21. Extreme anger
23. Robin's home
24. Motor court
25. Approached
27. Debtor's burden
29. Leveled
33. Recipe direction
37. Glamorous \_\_\_\_\_ Hayworth
39. Eat away
40. Arms depot
42. Anticipate
44. Sight or smell
45. Earth
47. Lions' lairs
48. Sofa
50. Range
52. Showy
54. Screen \_\_\_\_\_
59. Smear
62. Addition result
63. Deli offering
64. Fertile desert spot
66. New plane's aviator (2 wds.)
68. Cookie cookers
69. Hawaiian island
70. Speechless
71. Homer Simpson's wife
72. Winter vehicle
73. Stinging insects



## Down

1. Siren
2. Juliet's love
3. Wave top
4. Therefore
5. Gentle
6. King Kong, e.g.
7. Indulgent
8. Spare
9. Distress signal
10. Boomed
11. Relaxation
12. Ages
13. Housing expense
18. Monotonous
22. Before, to poets
25. Armstrong and Diamond
26. Perpetually
28. Nest egg letters
30. Facial feature
31. Genesis site
32. Inferior grades
33. Talk back
34. Forest plant
35. Negative contraction
36. Renovating
38. Burning
41. \_\_\_\_\_-do-well
43. Grand \_\_\_\_\_ Opry
46. Breakfast cereal
49. Printers' measures
51. Memo letters
53. Cars
55. Out on \_\_\_\_\_ (2 wds.)
56. Worth
57. Overact
58. Ceremonies
59. Explosion sound
60. Fluid rock
61. Consumer
63. Small earring
65. Opposite of NNW
67. That female

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# THINK Spring



Where do bad rainbows go?

To prism. It's a light sentence but it gives them time to reflect.



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### MONDAYS

- **Cribbage** @ Parkview Manor (6:30 pm)
- **Walking:** Meet up at McMynn's (9 am)

### TUESDAYS

- **Music Jam** @ Midway Social Centre (1 pm - 3ish) 1st and 3rd Tuesday
- **Greenwood Senior's Thrift Store** open 11 am - 3 pm

### WEDNESDAYS

- **Greenwood Seniors Bingo** (1 pm)
- **Walking:** Meet up at McMynn's (9 am)

### THURSDAYS

- **Kettle River Horse Club** meetings (7 pm) @ the Riverside Centre in RC (second Thursday of each month)
- **Crafts** @ Midway Social Centre (9 - 11:30 am)
- **Kettle River Art Club** in Greenwood meets on the 1st Thursday of each month. New members and guests welcome! Located in the McArthur Centre, 1375 Veteran's Lane. Meeting times vary. Please email for more details to: [info@kettleriverart.org](mailto:info@kettleriverart.org) Several Art Markets are planned throughout the year. For a schedule, more information on upcoming markets and vendor applications, please email: [markets@kettleriverart.org](mailto:markets@kettleriverart.org)
- **Greenwood Senior's Thrift Store** open 11 am - 3 pm
- **Technology Support** @ Riverside Centre (11 am - 1 pm) Feb. & Mar.
- **Westbridge Thrift Store** open 10 am - 3 pm

### FRIDAYS

- **Family Connections** (9:30 am - 11 am) @ Rock Creek Medical Centre
- **Games:** @ Midway Social Centre (12:30 - 3 pm)
- **Games:** @ Greenwood Seniors Center (1 - 4 pm)
- **Walking:** Meet up at McMynn's (9 am)
- **Westbridge Thrift Store** open 10 am - 3 pm

### SATURDAYS

- **Greenwood Senior's Thrift Store** open 11 am - 3 pm (closed Saturdays of a long weekend)
- **Lions Meat Draw & 50/50** from 3-5 pm at Prospector Pub in Rock Creek
- **Walking:** Meet up at McMynn's (9 am)
- **Westbridge Thrift Store** open 10 am - 3 pm

### SUNDAYS

- **"In the Dell Art Zone"** (1-4 pm) @ Beaverdell Community Hall
- **Walking:** Meet up at McMynn's (9 am)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29 (6:30 PM) @ 541 SEVENTH AVE., MIDWAY

- Midway Social Coffee House with Live Music

### MONDAY, MARCH 31 - MONDAY, APRIL 14 @ WEST BOUNDARY ELEM. SCHOOL

- Food drive for grade 1, 2, 3

### THURSDAY, APRIL 3 (10 AM - 12 PM) @ WESTBRIDGE THRIFT STORE

- RDKB HomeSmart & Fortis BC Energy Saving Event

### THURSDAY, APRIL 3 (1 PM - 4 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

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### FRIDAY, APRIL 4 (12 PM - 1 PM) @ BEAVERDELL LUNCH PROGRAM

- RDKB HomeSmart & Fortis BC Energy Saving Event

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5 (9 AM) @ ROCK CREEK FAIRGROUNDS

- Work Bee (bring gloves, rates, tools, snacks & energy)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6 (11 AM - 2 PM) @ BCSS IN MIDWAY

- Emergency Preparedness Fair [Food Security focus]

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6 (11 AM) @ KETTLE VALLEY GOLF CLUB

- AGM

### SATURDAY, APRIL 12 (9 AM) @ ROCK CREEK FAIRGROUNDS

- Work Bee (bring gloves, rates, tools, snacks & energy)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 12 (10 AM) @ WESTBRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL

- Wholistic Health Weekend

### SATURDAY, APRIL 12 (10:30 AM - 3 PM) @ 1475 VETERAN'S LANE, GREENWOOD

- Kettle River Art Club's Annual Spring Artisan Market

### SATURDAY, MAY 3 @ GREENWOOD

- 2nd Annual Soap Box Derby

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