

Kettle River Echo

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

TTBS HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL "FLOWER DAY"

Trails to the Boundary hosted "Flower Day" on May 10 at Riverside Centre. What a wonderful morning it was!

Attendees were treated to an informative presentation by Invasive Species' Outreach Coordinator, Olivia Schneider. She introduced us to invasive flowers, their impact on our environment, how to eradicate them, and how to encourage the survival of our native wildflowers. We are grateful for the knowledge and information our Invasive Species staff impart to us at sessions like these.

Olivia was followed by Kasey Graff of Beaverdell's "Rebel Craft" flower farm. Kasey delivered a jaw-dropping performance playing her guitar and singing familiar songs, as well as some she has written herself. What an enjoyable way to celebrate women on Mother's Day weekend, as well as be joyfully entertained. Kasey provided each person with a small bouquet of beautiful tulips to take home with them.

As always, Riverside Centre volunteers worked seamlessly to provide lunch to all who attended (as well as some travellers passing through). Thanks to all who continue to make our community strong, kind, and happy.

~Pat Henley (President - Trails to the Boundary Society)

"In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety."
~Abraham Maslow

Find Me



Olivia Schneider



Kasey Graff



Trails to the Boundary Announces New Tour Manager for their Social Enterprise: KVR Outfitters

KVR Outfitters was established in 2024 when we purchased the business assets of long time tour company, KVR Cycle Tours, to continue the business when the owners wanted to retire. After an extensive search this Spring that attracted many applicants, we are pleased to announce Doug Teramoto as our new Tour Manager.

Doug is a retired professional athlete:

- Canada's first Pro Skateboarder
- World's fastest in class BMX 1984
- Pro Superbike Motorcycle Racer
- High level Mx Racer over 50 class
- Competitive Mountain bike racer

He comes to us with 40+ years of management experience in retail, food services, recreation and tourism. He coached and instructed sports and is a certified teaching professional in golf and snow sports. He also has extensive experience in event production. He's been the owner operator of a bicycle repair shop for over 8 years, and a bicycle mechanic since 1974.

Doug lives in the Boundary. We know him from his volunteer work with youth with Remote Control Hobbies and the Annual Soapbox Derby in Greenwood. He's a lifetime member and golf instructor at Kettle Valley Golf Club, where he is helping to develop youth opportunities at the golf club.

Doug hit the ground running before his contract was even signed. He's familiarizing himself with our tour routes and service providers and he's already sorted and evaluated our bicycle fleet. He's planning marketing & promotional activities, and is brainstorming with us potential Boundary wide events that will attract people to our area. It's all about community development!





If you are unhappy,
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If you are uninspired,
start with the mind.
EXCITE IT. EXPOSE IT. OPEN IT.



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start with the heart..
FIND YOUR WHY. BE OF SERVICE.

GOALS OF CARE & END-OF-LIFE PLANNING INFORMATION SESSION and Q&A



WHEN: May 26, 2025 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
WHERE: Downstairs Meeting Room
@ Rock Creek Medical Clinic
HOSTED BY: Amanda and Jennifer Crockett
(Nurse Practitioners)

Call (250) 446-2272 to sign up

SENIORS BEING SEEN

Upcoming Sessions...



Thur. May 22 - 1:30 pm

Midway Fire Chief, Corey Kortmeyer - "Preparation's for Fire Season"

Thur. May 29 - 1:30 pm

Daren McBee - "Pollinator Partnerships with Invasive Species"

Thur. June 5 - 1:30 pm

Erin Kitchen - "Health of Our Riparian Spaces - Why It Matters"

Thur. June 12 - 1:30 pm

TBA

Thur. June 19 - 1:30 pm

"Women in the Fire Fighting Service - Cambie's Perspectives & Experiences"

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 pm at Riverside Centre, 3990 Hwy 3, Rock Creek, BC.

For suggestions and/or further information, please contact Programme Coordinator - Michele (Shelly) Garrison at shellygarrison1@gmail.com 250-442-2415 or check our monthly schedule online at www.westboundary.com



Ms. Sophie Van Moll presenting her research findings for replacing plastic packaging materials we depend on and discard daily, polluting our water, soil, food and the bodies of all living creatures including ourselves. Ms. Van Moll created a flexible, durable fibre out of coffee ground grounds and organic glycerin, as well as several other promising "fabrics" from organic, degradable materials such as orange peel, beet juice and crushed egg shells. She won Gold Medals in the 2025 Science Fair at Perley School and at the Regionals in her grade 6, 7 and 8 cohort.

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Information Bulletin

BC Wildfire Service

Public reminded to be cautious with open burning

CASTLEGAR – A recent stretch of warm weather and drier than average conditions has lead to a quickly receding snowpack and low humidity in many parts of the region.

It is the responsibility of each individual to stay informed about prohibitions in the Southeast Fire Centre and to ensure that all burning is done safely and in accordance with regulations. More information about open burning can be found here: [Open Fire and Safe Burning](#).

The Southeast Fire Centre is also asking anyone who conducted a Category 2 or Category 3 pile burn over the fall and winter to check their burn site(s) and ensure they are fully extinguished.

Why is this important?

- In early spring, shortly after the snow has melted, but before vegetation begins to green up, dead grass, leaves and deadfall branches can become more susceptible to burning
- Trees, especially conifers, have a low moisture content, which makes them especially vulnerable in early spring
- It is possible for winter burn piles to 'overwinter' and burn deep into the ground, smouldering undetected until they re-emerge at the surface, potentially causing a wildfire

If you intend to light a **Category 3 fire**, you must first obtain a burn registration number. You can find detailed instructions on how to register for a burn number here: [Burn Registration](#).

Category 3 open fires are **not in compliance** if:

- They are not registered
- The registration number has expired
- A Category 3 prohibition is in effect

This may result in you being found in violation of the **Wildfire Act and Regulations**.

Before lighting any open burn, a person should monitor the current and forecasted weather conditions and check with their local government for any bylaws which may prohibit or restrict burning in their area.

To report a wildfire, dial *5555 on a cell phone or call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free. You can also report a wildfire using the BC Wildfire App **Report a fire** function. Reporting through the app lets you upload images and can be used without service.

To report an unattended campfire or open burning violation, call the RAPP line on 1 877 952-7277.

Stay up-to-date with the latest wildfire news on:

- [BCWildfire.ca](#)
- Facebook and Instagram
- BC Wildfire Map
- BC Wildfire App: available for Apple and Android

Contact:

Fire Information Officer
BC Wildfire Service – Southeast Fire Centre
250 318-7715

Connect with the Province of B.C. at www.gov.bc.ca/connect

REGIONAL 4-H DEMONSTRATIONS

This year the Kamloops-Okanagan Regional 4-H demonstrations were hosted by the Boundary 4-H District. On Saturday, May 10, 4-H clubs from Kamloops, Shuswap and the Boundary sent teams of two to the RC fairgrounds to present to the panel of judges (Rhonda Herder, Richard Siddall, & Taylor Maciborsky). There were two junior teams and five senior teams. From the Boundary, Malia Eek and Alyana Molloy presented "Dutch Braid" and earned 2nd place in the junior category. Adaline Molloy and Montana Maarhuis placed 5th in the senior heat with "Lemo Demo: How to Make Lemonade". Moving onto the provincial competition are the Shuswap team, D. and M. Simmons, with their demonstration of "Fuel for the Future" and a team from Kamloops, C. Smith and I. MacDougall, presenting "Knead for Speed". All presentations were informative and awesome!

BORDERLINE 4-H CLUB BOTTLE DRIVE

WHEN & WHERE

JUNE 2ND - JUNE 5TH

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Our 4-H club has 27 members and 5 divisions, including: the cloverbuds, horse, small engine, arts and crafts, and photography.



WAYS TO DONATE

- We will have a cargo trailer parked at West Boundary Elementary School where you can drop off bottles during the day from Monday, June 2nd - Thursday, June 5th
- Come meet the 4-H club members and drop off your bottles on Thursday, June 5th between 5-7pm at West Boundary Elementary

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

borderline4hclub@gmail.com



30 cheat codes for life that no one tells you:

1. **Wake up early** – More time, less stress.
2. **Make your bed** – Small wins set the tone.
3. **Drink water first thing** – Hydration boosts energy
4. **Plan your day** – Avoid last-minute chaos.
5. **Use the 2-minute rule** – Do small tasks immediately.
6. **Dress well** – Confidence starts with appearance.
7. **Smile often** – Changes your mood and others'.
8. **Learn to say no** – Protect your time and energy
9. **Carry cash** – Helps control spending.
10. **Mute notifications** – Avoid distractions.
11. **Use alarms/reminders** – Stay on track
12. **Take deep breaths** – Calm your mind instantly.
13. **Write things down** – Memory isn't perfect.
14. **Use "undo send"** – Saves you from email mistakes.
15. **Listen more than you speak** – Learn more, talk less.
1. **Batch tasks** – Multitasking is a myth. stay active.
2. **Move your body** – Walk, stretch.
3. **Have a go-to outfit** – Saves decision fatigue.
4. **Break big tasks into steps** – Easier to start.
5. **Keep a small emergency fund** – Life happens.
6. **Read daily** – Knowledge compounds.
7. **Keep snacks handy** – Avoid energy crashes.
8. **Schedule social time** – Relationships matter.
9. **Use "do not disturb" mode** – Guard your focus.
10. **Listen to upbeat music** – Instant mood boost.
11. **Limit screen time before bed** – Sleep better.
12. **Smile when answering the phone** – You'll sound better.
13. **Use people's names** – Builds connection fast.
14. **Automate bills & savings** – Avoid late fees, grow wealth.
15. **End your day with gratitude** – Helps you sleep happier

Small hacks, big impact. Which one's your favorite?



MIDWAY COMMUNITY CLUB

Annual GENERAL Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 25TH

MIDWAY SOCIAL CENTRE --- 2 PM

OUR AIM IS TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY !

* NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME*

FORENSIC NURSING BURSARY AVAILABLE

The British Columbia Women's Institute is once again proud to announce we are accepting applications for our Forensic Nursing Bursary!!

Each Bursary, up to \$1,000.00, will be awarded to a Registered Nurse that is licensed, working, and residing in the Province of BC and currently enrolled in a FNE education course at BCIT - FSCT 7810 or FSCT 7840.

The Bursary is meant to cover the cost of tuition and any remaining funds are meant to assist with the expense of purchasing required texts.

This competition requires a completed Bursary application form, proof of enrolment, and a brief summary outlining your activities and ambitions. Please submit all of the documentation to the BCWI Provincial Office no later than two weeks prior to the start of FSCT 7810 or FSCT 7840 start dates in order to be eligible.

The governing body of the British Columbia Women's Institute, the Board of Directors, will select the winning recipient of each BCWI Forensic Nursing Bursary. We will announce the winner promptly. The funds will be distributed once you forward original receipts and proof of successful completion of the course to our Provincial Office.

Recipients of the Bursary must consent to writing a follow-up letter to the BCWI Provincial Office one year after receiving the Bursary. In this letter we want to hear how this bursary helped you, what you accomplished, if you are practicing as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, if you are still working in BC, and any other experiences from the last year that you would like to share.

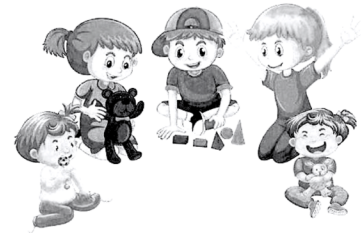
For more information on the Bursary please visit our website, www.bcwi.ca or email us at bcwi@bcwi.ca

West Boundary

Family Connections

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

September to June



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

A healthy snack will be provided.

Registration is not required for this program

For any further information please email:
mary-ann.dennis@bfiss.org

This program is presented by Boundary Family Services and funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada



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The Messy River Series



Article #5 Spring Freshet: A Driving Force of the Messy River



It's that time of year again—the snowpack is melting across the watershed, sending pulses of water down our rivers. This annual event, known as the spring freshet, is one of the key forces shaping our messy rivers.

Flooding is a familiar experience for many in the Boundary, and for some, freshet season brings heightened anxiety. But while high water can be destructive in human terms, it's also a vital ecological process. The spring freshet transports sediment—important for building floodplains and gravel beds—and moves coarse woody debris, which adds structure and complexity to aquatic habitats. These materials help rivers shift and meander, creating new side channels, wetlands, and microhabitats that support diverse plant and animal communities. In short, freshet is the river's way of renewing itself.

Perhaps most critically, spring freshet sets the stage for the summer. As water spills out of riverbanks and slows in the floodplain, it spreads across wetlands and backchannels. Some of that water seeps into the ground, recharging the aquifers that supply us with cool, clean water during the dry months. The ground itself acts like a natural filter, cleaning the water as it moves through layers of soil and rock. This recharge is essential—not just for drinking water and irrigation but maintaining baseflows in rivers and streams high enough to support fish, amphibians, and other aquatic life through the hottest parts of the year.

When spring freshet is healthy, the whole system benefits: wetlands remain saturated, groundwater stays available, forests are less stressed, and salmonids and amphibians find refuge in cool, connected waters.

But we also know that climate change is making freshets less predictable. Warmer winters, rain-on-snow events, and altered snowpacks can all affect how—and when—water moves through the system. That's why building resilience at the community level is so important.

Resilience can look like many things: protecting and restoring wetlands that act like sponges during high flows; reconnecting rivers to their floodplains; planting riparian vegetation that slows erosion and shades the water; and designing infrastructure that works with the river instead of against it. It also means making space for the river to be messy—to rise, fall, spread, and shift.

Freshet is not the enemy; it's a pulse of life. And when we understand it, respect it, and make room for it, our communities and ecosystems are better off—not just in spring, but all year long.

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INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE IN THE RDKB

Boundary Invasive Species Society ~ By Olivia Schneider

Boundary area landowners are no doubt peering out windows to check on the progress of pastures and backyards. Unfortunately, more likely than not, the brilliant green contains some combination of invasive species mixed in with the timothy, bromes, or native Idaho fescue. Even if it has not bloomed yet, a white blanket of hoary alyssum will soon drape area D while the west end of the district contends with baby's breath and common bugloss. Though dealing with so many persistent invaders can seem overwhelming, the native wildflowers splashing our grasslands and forests right now are a reminder of all we have worth protecting. Managing invasive species on your own property maintains pasture for pets, livestock, and local wildlife as well as your own use and enjoyment. Management work also helps prevent the spread to valuable ecosystems — ecosystems such as grasslands, forests, wetlands, and waterbodies that provide priceless habitat and ecosystem services to both wildlife and humans.

Control of invasive species is best achieved by using a mixed management approach. Of course, prevention should always be first step but for many of us that boat has already sailed. Hand pulling, digging, herbicide, competition seeding, watering, and fertilization are all available tools. The Boundary Invasive Species Society (BISS) is available to help with all your identification and management questions. If you want help identifying plants and developing a management plan, we are also happy to visit your property and speak to you in person.

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) has four programs available to residents in areas E, D, and C. The RDKB New Invaders program covers the full cost of herbicide treatment or manual removal for priority invasive species on up to 5 acres by RDKB contractors. The costs

and coordination associated with treatment will be handled up front by the RDKB and the BISS. The species covered under the New Invaders program include Japanese, Bohemian, and giant knotweeds (sometimes called bamboo), baby's breath, common tansy, hoary cress, and common bugloss, among others.

The RDKB Cost Share program provides a 50% refund on the cost of herbicide treatment up to \$500 on 5 acres. Program participants must submit the Cost Share form found on our website to the RDKB to receive reimbursement. Species covered under the Cost Share program include hoary alyssum, invasive hawkweeds, sulfur cinquefoil, nodding thistle, and scentless chamomile, among others. For a full list of species covered by RDKB programs or other program details, visit the resources page of our website to download the RDKB Cost Share form

The RDKB Equipment Loan program is available free to all RDKB residents. The available equipment includes tractor and ATV mounted sprayers, backpack sprayers, and an ATV mounted seeder. Details can be found on the resources page of our website, or you can contact us directly. Do not forget, if you double bag your invasive plants, you can take them to any RDKB landfill or transfer station for free!

Whatever stage you are at with invasive species on your property, we are happy to help. Whether you are seeking help to identify plants, looking for information about different management strategies, want to learn more about any of the RDKB programs, or report an invasive plant, feel free to reach out to the Boundary Invasive Species Society at 250-446-2232, info@boundaryinvasives.com, or through our Facebook or Instagram. Let us work together to protect our homes, communities, and shared land.

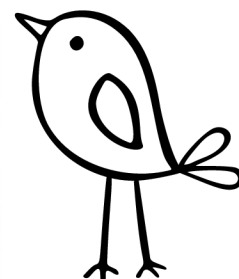



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BABY'S BREATH



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COMMON BUGLOSS

RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 30, 2025 Board meeting

FortisBC talks Wildfire Safety

(The Board received a delegation from FortisBC, who stated that Fortis has been expanding efforts to mitigate wildfires. To that end, they are initiating the Public Safety Power Shutoff Program (PSPS) whereby the utility could shut off power for up to 72 hours during periods of extreme wildfire risk and extreme weather. They are trying to avoid tree contacts, which could result in wildfire. This decision would be done after consultation with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR), the BC Wildfire Service, and other agencies. The delegates emphasized that such an action would be a last resort. A study identified the following communities as having the highest risk: Greenwood and Rock Creek. RDKB staff and the Board have concerns about the program and its potential impacts on residents so will send a letter to the Province of BC and the BC Utilities Commissions.

RDKB to Lease its Land in Rock Creek

The RDKB will lease its property in Rock Creek (3526 Hwy 3) to the Boundary Community Ventures Association for a term of 20 years for the development of Food Hub infrastructure and activities. The lease rate payable to the RDKB shall be \$1.00 for the term.

K already contributing. The Board will review the request and follow up.

Boundary Integrated Watershed Grants

The following BIWS grants were awarded: Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society (\$3,169); Grand Forks Wildlife Assoc. (\$2,621); Okanagan Nation Alliance (\$6,210); and School District 51 (\$10,000).

RDKB Grand Forks Administration Building

Staff will continue to evaluate alternate new building scenarios for the Grand Forks administration building and report back to the Board in late May 2025.

Recommendation to Reject Liquor License Application

The Board recommended that the Liquor Primary application for the Fourth Ace Bard & Smokehouse in Big White be rejected after several residents expressed opposition to the application.

Grants-in-Aid for Area E

- BC Rural Centre - Keeping It Rural Conference: \$2,500
- Okanagan Nation Alliance - Fish in School: \$1,000
- Beaverdell Community Club - Easter Time Food Share: \$1,000
- Kettle River Food Share Society - Easter Time Food Share: \$1,000
- Midway Social Centre Society - 10'x12' Shed Foundation: \$1,765.61
- Kettle River Museum Society - student support: \$6,000
- Westbridge Recreation Society - community reader board sign: \$2,500
- Trails to the Boundary - BC Rural Conference: \$1,600
- Beaverdell Community Club - Faithful Hands and Hearts: \$500
- Greenwood Recreation Association - Soapbox Derby: \$2,500

May 14, 2025 Board meeting

FortisBC's Public Safety Power Shutoff Program

The BC Utilities Commission has ordered Fortis BC to suspend the implementation of its Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) policy.

Grants-in-Aid for Area E

- Greenwood Board of Trade - Founders Day: \$2,500

Next Board meeting: Monday, May 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>



GOLDEN HORIZONS PROGRAM

The Golden Horizons Grant is sponsored by New Horizon for Seniors and the Westbridge Recreation Society.

This project allows Seniors to participate in fitness, food and art classes that support mental health, financial health, heart health and nutritious meals. The activities are tailored for Seniors interests, abilities and learning something new.

Events in May & June

Canvas Art
(Tues 1 - 4 pm) Max 6

May 27th

- Acrylic Basics - Skies & Trees by Louise Fossen

June 17th

- The Art of Acrylic Pouring by Debbie Thomas



Nourishing Foods
(Mon 10 - 1 pm) Max 6

with Keegan McLaughlin (Chef)
May 26th

- Broccoli Salad with cranberries & walnuts
- BLT on homemade bread with aoli

June 23rd

- Chicken Parmesan with Marinara Sauce
- Coleslaw & Chocolate Mousse

All events are free to attend, but pre registration is required

Register at the Westbridge Thrift Shop, or email goldenhorizons65@gmail.com

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Ghost Town: Camp McKinney By: Vic Boychuk

Camp McKinney began as a single claim. In the spring of 1887, Al McKinney and Fred Rice staked the Cariboo while William Burnham and Edward Lefevre staked the Amelia claim. Later they were referred to as The Cariboo. Camp McKinney was located on the southeastern slopes of Mount Baldy. At this time there were only a few prospectors in the area. When McKinney inspected some of the quartz samples, there was gold hanging on the quartz. It didn't take long when there were prospectors like flies all over the mountain side. The fall of the same year a request was put in to the Minister of Lands for a town site. The town site was surveyed and registered as "McKinneyville" by the miners' request.

Because the mines were more than 200 miles from a railway, the only way of reaching them was by wagon road. The last 100 miles was on horseback on an Indian Trail. Many of the claims were abandoned. In 1888 the government built a first-class trail from the Indian village of In-ka-neep through Camp McKinney and onto Rock Creek. At this time there were about 25 properties being worked.

Well, the new trail was better, but it was still impossible to haul ore or heavy machinery on this trail. In the spring of 1892, some of the trail was washed out. Most of the people, including the few businesses of McKinneyville, moved to Fairview which was connected to Penticton by a good wagon road.

By 1894 The Cariboo Mining and Milling Company was formed with \$800,000 shares being issued. The new owners of the Cariboo packed a steam engine, boiler, 10 stamp mill and an assay outfit from the abandoned mine in Golden, Washington. The duty on this equipment was \$880.00 and was delayed by permission of the Customs collector. Apparently, the check was given but not signed by the owners. That year the mill worked 163 days, milled 3,100 tons of ore and produced \$34,750 worth of gold and about 60 tons of concentrate. In 1895 the small mill produced over \$100,000.00 in ore, and 1896 their operation yielded over \$131,000.00.

The original McKinneyville town site didn't amount to too much. Instead, businesses started to develop along the wagon road beside the Cariboo claim. The Camp McKinney Hotel, butcher shop, a general store were all opened by The Cariboo Claim.

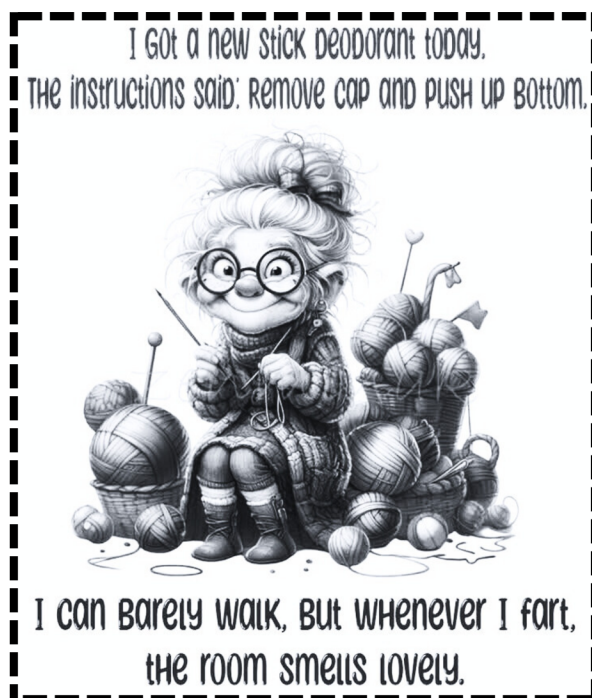
Another place that was developing was 3 miles away beside the busy Victoria Mine. A handful of men were there busy building houses, and roads, a general store, cabins for the miners, etc. Both places prospered, but the town beside the Cariboo Claim was more of the main town. Some people even opened businesses further away. C.P. McCuddy got some land west of Camp McKinney, built a hotel, and a big barn that housed 100 horses.

In 1897 a Schoolhouse was built, a black smith shop, more miners' cabins and stage buildings. In Camp McKinney's heyday there were five hotels with saloons.

The deeper they dug the richer the gold, At 100 feet the gold vein was 6 feet wide and at 200 feet the vein was 11 feet wide. In 12 days, 25 men removed 500 troy ounces of gold.

By 1901 The Cariboo produced 16,862 tons of ore yielding 9,439 ounces of gold bullion. The new plant included two boilers, a 60 horsepower Corliss engine, two Johnstone vanners, a Wilfley table, a Blake crusher and some other machines. Each month 400 tons of ore, valued at \$15,000 were crushed. There also were the concentrates, which were hauled to Midway and from there shipped, by the newly built Canadian Pacific Railway, to the Hall Mining and Smelting Company's smelter at Nelson. Fifty to sixty men were employed. Up until October 1900, dividends of \$478,087 were paid, and in 1902, \$496,837 were paid out. By 1902 only the Cariboo was still producing some good ore, while the rest of the mines were closing. In January of 1904 the Cariboo Mine closed for good. That killed Camp McKinney. Few companies tried to redevelop the Cariboo Mine, and some more ore was shipped over the years, but it wasn't very profitable.

As for Camp McKinney, much of the buildings that were left were destroyed by a forest fire in 1919, a second forest fire in 1932 completed the destruction. The buildings that were left were burned down by West Kootenay Power to lessen the threat to their power lines.





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A wife being the romantic sort sent her husband a text " If you are sleeping send me your dreams. If you are laughing send me your smile. If you are eating send me a bite. If you are drinking send me a sip. If you are crying send me your tears. I love you!"



The husband, typically unromantic, replied " I am on the toilet. Please advise."

ROCK CREEK COMMUNITY MEDICAL SOCIETY AGM

The Rock Creek Community Medical Society will be having its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the boardroom of the Rock Creek Medical Centre. The purpose of the AGM is to elect the directors for the 2025-2026 year as well as present and receive reports on the activities of the Rock Creek Community Medical Society. All residents of Rock Creek, Westbridge, Bridesville and Beaverdell are invited to attend. In order to vote, a person must be a member of the Society. Memberships can be purchased at the time of the meeting. Come and support your Community Medical Society.

Harald Zinner (President - Rock Creek Community Medical Society)



Midway Fire/Rescue

Midway Fire/Rescue - The Village of Midway Council and Staff would like to formally welcome and introduce the new Midway Fire/Rescue Chief, starting February 3, 2025, Corey Kortmeyer. He joins the Village with 20 years experience, most recently he was the Fire Chief for the Town of Osoyoos, and prior to that he was the Fire Chief at the District of Elkford. Welcome to Midway, Corey!



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RCBFA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -Dean Corbett

"Volunteer" comes from the Latin word "Voluntarius", and it means "willing or of one's own choice". All humans act in voluntary ways because we make choices, some big, some small, throughout our lives. 90 years ago, a young boy in Burnaby, BC along with a few friends, asked an owner of a vacant lot on Edmonds St if they could build a lacrosse box on his property. The owner agreed and the kids got scrap wood and tools together to construct their own lacrosse arena. They worked out of choice or their own volition. At least one of them went on to play junior lacrosse with the Adanacs (yes, that's Canada spelled backwards), which is still a professional lacrosse team now based in Coquitlam. That young fellow later chose to volunteer for flying duty in the RCAF and Bomber Command (all members of Bomber Command were volunteers). That chain of events led him to choose a university education vs monetary or land compensation for his military service, and to choose to marry his teenage sweetheart that he met partially because he was recognized in Burnaby as a good lacrosse player. He then worked with several other former military volunteers and lacrosse players to lead a large construction company (more building) resulting from that 1935 lacrosse box construction.

Where does this go and what does it have to do with the RC Fall Fair? The above is a much-abbreviated version of my dad's voluntary life. Dad was also an "akela" (scout leader), baseball coach, District of Surrey business consultant (working with a noted name from the past: Bill Vanderzalm!), church choir singer, and Colebrook Community Association member. His 1935 choice to help build a lacrosse box created a chain of choices that led to among many other things...me! Who knows what chain of events might come from your past or present acts of service?

There will be a Volunteer Appreciation and Opportunity Event at the RCBFA pavilion and grounds on Saturday, May 24 from 11-2. Sharen Gibbs, our RDKB Director, has organized this to show newcomers, youngsters, families, and old-timers like me some of the positive ways they can affect our community. Bring your appetite, a flying disc (Frisbee), and get ready for some fun activities.

Are you looking to meet new or old comers or share a common interest or passion with other like-minded people? Perhaps you like organizing or working at special community events like the Fall Fair, helping ensure our community has a medical treatment facility like the Rock Creek Medical Society, enhancing the safety of our community by being a firefighter or you enjoy, wildlife activities, food sharing, gardening, hiking, or hosting tourists and providing a local newspaper like Trails To The Boundary does. I could go on and on because there are about 50 non-profit volunteer organizations from Greenwood to Beavercreek, all offering valuable, interesting, and positive community services and activities. They run on the efforts of people, hopefully like you, who choose to be "Volunteers".

The RCBFA is always in need of pre-fair work bee volunteers Sept 6th and/or 7th (you get a 1-day pass for choosing to work one day!) or on the actual fair days (Sept 13-14 as well as a few days prior).

Voluntarius means choice. When you choose to give of your time, expertise, interest, and efforts for the good of your community, maybe a life-changing or life-giving chain of events will follow...hopefully a positive one resulting in great things!

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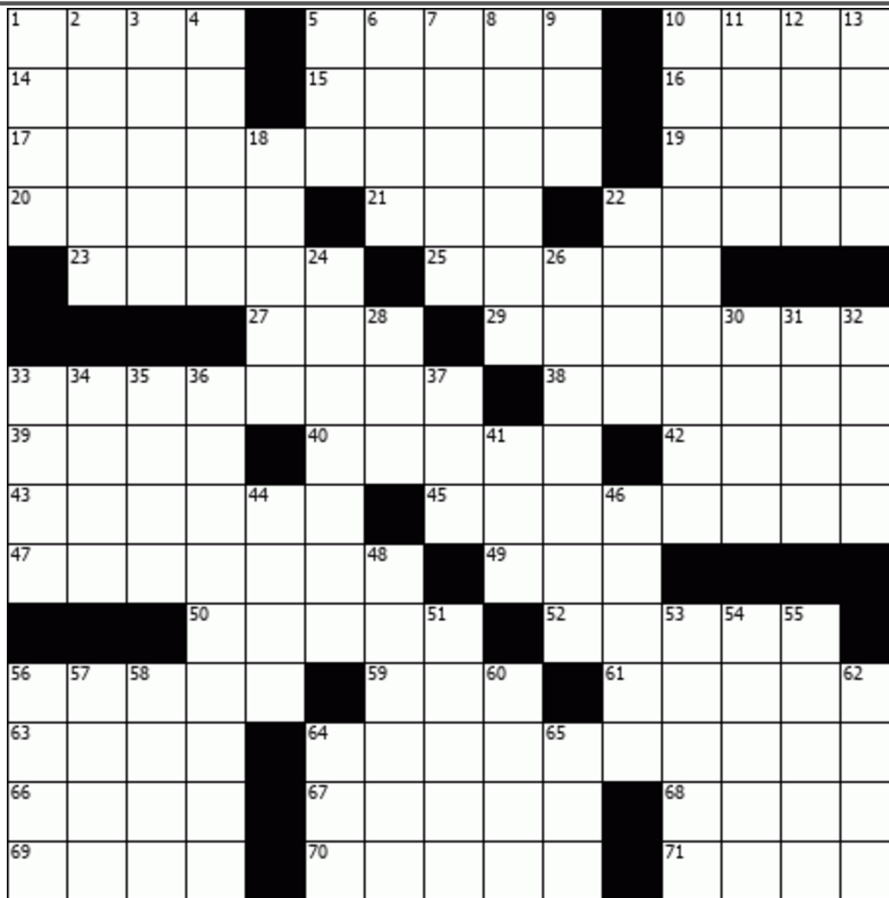


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Crossword

Across

1. Not fem. or neut.
5. Wall coating
10. Letterhead image
14. Highest point
15. Breakfast meat
16. Baking device
17. Driver's lever
19. Kelly or Krupa
20. Arrive gradually
21. At __ (confused)
22. Pub game
23. Sandwich shops
25. One getting out of bed
27. Gave lunch to
29. Student musician's show
33. Get loose
38. Reason for a crime
39. Scent
40. "Otello" composer
42. Medical insurance grps.
43. Mexican shawl
45. Christmas tree attachment
47. Leather workers
49. Jazz instrument
50. In a protective container
52. Sentry's weapon
56. Hiking routes
59. __ double take (react)
61. Greek-salad item
63. Bread spread
64. Marriage arranger
66. Computer option list
67. Song starter
68. Region of land: Abbr.
69. "Hey, you!"
70. So far
71. Concordes



Down

1. Church service
2. Played a part
3. Strike down
4. Agnes de Mille's uncle
5. "Antiques Roadshow" network
6. "Oohs" partners
7. Less friendly
8. Whiner's phrase
9. Explosive letters
10. Math-table number
11. All done
12. Polite fellow
13. Change for a five
18. Table setting piece
22. Art __ (1920s style)
24. Network computers
26. Study group
28. Expected any minute
30. "Newsweek" rival
31. Stratford's river
32. "__ we forget"
33. Not findable
34. Creative thought
35. Poet's daybreak
36. Diversify
37. Paid player
41. AMA members
44. Soup veggies
46. Self-evident truth
48. Some autos
51. Goofy
53. Low-heeled shoes
54. Prefers
55. Chris of tennis
56. Splendor
57. British brews
58. Change for a 20
60. Land unit
62. Messes up
64. Actress Farrow
65. All the rage

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- **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 Several Art Markets are planned throughout the year. For a schedule, more information on upcoming markets and vendor applications, please email: 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 Centre (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

- **Walking:** Meet up at McMynn's (9 am)
- **Beaverdell Farmer's Market** (10 am - 2 pm) starting May 4

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

- Seniors Being Seen: "Preparation's for Fire Season"

SATURDAY, MAY 24 (11-2) @ RCBFA PAVILION

- Volunteer Appreciation and Opportunity Event

SUNDAY, MAY 25 (2 PM) @ MIDWAY SOCIAL CENTRE

- Midway Community Club AGM

MONDAY, MAY 26 (1:00-3:00 PM) @ ROCK CREEK MEDICAL CLINIC (DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM)

- Goals of Care and End-Of-Life Planning Session and Q&A

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

- Seniors Being Seen: "Pollinator Partnerships with Invasive Species"

JUNE 2 - JUNE 5 @ WEST BOUNDARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Borderline 4-H Club Bottle Drive

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

- "In the Dell Art Zone" (1-4 pm) @ Beaverdell Community Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 5 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: "Health of Our Riparian Spaces - Why It Matters"

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

- "In the Dell Art Zone" (1-4 pm) @ Beaverdell Community Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: "Women in the Fire Fighting Service"

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 (6 PM) @ RC MEDICAL CENTRE

- Rock Creek Community Medical Society AGM

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