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

IN SUPPORT OF ...

Beginning mid August, Trails to the Boundary Society will be hosting an art installation at Riverside Centre. With "mushrooms" as a theme, Riverside will help support an upcoming event. The Christina Lake "Mushroom Festival", under the capable guidance of Rocio Graham, will be held early October (keep an eye out for posters, Facebook posts, and the Echo). In support of the festival, we encourage artists of all stripes to exhibit their work to be enjoyed by the hundreds of visitors coming through the door. For questions or enquiries, call Pat at 250-528-0227.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

~Elizabeth Andrew

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RCBFA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -Dean Corbett

Unfortunately, I have been one of the many frustrated NHL Vancouver Canucks "fans" for 55 years. While I get a lot of pleasure watching their games (winning, but more often losing!), I like to read about draftees, trades, player qualities, and young players in the Canucks' system. Terms often used in player descriptions are "Tangibles" and "Intangibles". "Tangibles" like consistent practice habits, fast skating speed, agility, shot accuracy, and hockey IQ are measurable and observable actions that can make a player good. "Intangibles" such as upstanding character, maturity, team first thinking, and leading by example are traits that can make good players great. "Tangibles" can be easily seen and heard. "Intangibles" are not so apparent, but they are of immense value!

What do the Canucks have to do with the RC Fall Fair? It is in the "Tangibles" and "Intangibles". We all can see "Tangible" evidence of how great the fair is when we attend, watch, take part, and enjoy the weekend. What is not so evident is what the fair does for our sense of community and pride in purpose. The rides, shows, entertainment, food, and displays are easy to love. The feeling of community is a bit tougher to discern, but when you stand back and look at fairgoers, you can see that in their smiles, delight, engagement, and enjoyment. When I observe that in others, I am grateful to have lived and raised our family in a place with such great volunteers who play so big a part in our community!

Volunteering at the fair work bees, or during the fair itself has many "Tangible" and "Intangible" benefits for you. "Tangibles" like free day passes are easy to see and appreciate. "Intangibles" like working with others towards a common goal that builds a sense of community are perhaps more important than the "Tangibles". On a personal level, volunteering at the fair is a great way to meet new people, smile a lot, get more involved with your own family, and just have a better fair experience knowing you have contributed to a common goal. Those "Intangibles" become more evident the more often you experience them, and they bring you back to contribute again to your community and the fair.

If you are inspired to experience the "Tangible" and "Intangible" benefits of volunteering at this year's fair, we have plenty of opportunities: judging display classes, collecting camping fees, helping people park their vehicles, ensuring attendees have a safe and secure experience, collecting entry fees.....well, whatever you think is helpful and that your family would enjoy!

If you are not already an RC Fair volunteer but wish to help, our employees and event convenors can place you and/or your family in an appropriate, enjoyable fair volunteer experience. Our cheerful RCBFA office staff works weekday mornings to early afternoons at 250-446-2465.

So, let's all wear flannel & denim to put on a great 80 Anniversary Fair while benefitting from the "Tangibles" and "Intangibles" of being an RCBFA Volunteer!



PULLING TOGETHER: COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES BOUNDARY INVASIVE SPECIES SOCIETY ~ OLIVIA SCHNEIDER

Even thinking about dealing with the invasive species in the backyard can be overwhelming, never mind trying to take on the issue region wide. I am often asked what the point of trying to control invasive species is. I admit that being out in the field and seeing the extent of the problem firsthand is disheartening at times. However, I am also privileged to see just how much natural beauty we have in the Boundary. While it is challenging to find a weed free ecosystem, when I do, I am astounded by the diversity and abundance of the native plant community as well as the animals, insects and ecosystem functions they support. It is challenging to tackle the issue of invasive species on any scale, but that does not make our responsibility to steward our place of home any less. Working together is the best way for us to protect the places and systems we are most reliant upon. Whether or not we realize it, invasive species do impact our lives. Do you own a pet, like to swim in a local lake, buy from local food producers, enjoy regionally grown fruit, or live in an area at risk of fire or flooding? If you answered to any of these, you are impacted or put at increased risk by invasive species. The good news is that we can each take steps to look after our community, human, and non-human alike.

Prevention is key. Preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species prevents damage to ecosystems and saves money. For example, if invasive zebra and mussels were to reach British Columbia, a 2023 report by the B.C. Ministry of Water Land and Resource Stewardship estimates that the cost of treatment, infrastructure maintenance, and the loss of income would be between \$64 and \$129 million annually. Diligently practicing Clean Drain Dry (cleaning boats and gear,

draining motors and any other areas where water may be trapped, and drying everything thoroughly) is not such a bad alternative. Other steps to preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species include planting non-invasive aquatic plants, not releasing aquatic pets or aquarium contents into natural waterbodies, and reporting invasive species. These steps help protect aquatic ecosystems as well as our favourite swimming, fishing, and boating spots.

Invasive species are just as able on land as they are in water, impacting recreation areas, terrestrial ecosystems, agricultural operations, and everything that is connected. Prevention during recreation includes cleaning footwear, gear, pets, and vehicles after outdoor recreation, staying on established trails, and buying and burning local firewood to prevent the spread of invasive wood boring insects. In your yard or garden, you can help by planting non-invasive ornamental plants, checking wildflower and birdseed mixes for invasives, and not composting invasive garden species. Be careful not share the invasives you have on your property with neighbours. Unfortunately, many people are still unaware of the real risks posed by invasive ornamental garden species. Every year there is a post on Facebook selling knotweed clippings or yellow flag iris bulbs. Even with a warning to buyers, there is no guarantee that they will plant those species responsibly. As a buyer, asking questions and doing research before getting ornamental species, either from a community member or business (nurseries and retailers still sell invasive plants despite the risk!), is the best way to keep invasives out of your garden and surrounding ecosystems.

At this time of year, many

farmers, ranchers, and livestock owners are bailing, selling, and buying hay. I have seen more than one invasive plant filled fielded, cut, dried, and bailed. The risk of spread on equipment is high. After working in an infested field, make sure to thoroughly clean equipment before transportation or working in another location. Informing buyers of the species present in feed allows them to make an informed decision for the maintenance of their own land and the health of their animals. If you are a buyer, talk to your supplier about any concerns and learn to identify invasive plants.

A concern we often hear from community members is that while one neighbour is working diligently to control the invasive plants on their property, another is letting the weeds spread unchecked. Despite their best efforts, the first neighbour has a never-ending battle, costing money and time, as wind and wildlife track seeds back onto their property. The British Columbia Weed Control Act states that “an occupier [a person who owns or is responsible for property] must control noxious weeds growing or located on land and premises...” It is important to remember that not everyone has the information, resources, or ability to tackle invasive plants. Invasive plants do not grow according to imaginary lines and so neither should our strategies to control them. Communicate with your neighbours about any potential concerns and try and find ways to work together. This may mean sharing information about invasive plant management tools or creating a physical barrier to stop seed spread. Perhaps a neighbour without resources to treat their whole property would be willing to manage a buffer zone on the border by hand

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West Boundary Li'l Explorers

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



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pulling, spraying, or mowing. Find solutions that work for both of you! Remember that there is both financial and informational assistance through the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and the Boundary Invasive Species Society so do not hesitate to reach out, 250-446-2232 or info@boundaryinvasives.com.

Invasive species impact each of us one way or another. Preventing their spread and the introduction of new invasive species, protecting our ecosystems, and working to restore damaged habitat are all things in which we are all capable of participation. Whether our actions are big or small, fulfilling our responsibility to look after the place we live benefits ourselves and our communities. Help us spread the word, not the weed!



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GOINGS ON AT THE ROCK CREEK MEDICAL SOCIETY

We have had some very interesting meetings recently to report on, the first on June 2, 2025 where Harald Zinner (president), Hazel Self (vice-president) and Sailles Sutton (Society bookkeeper) met with Lisa Jameson and Leah van Roode from Contracted Services with Interior Health. They met at the clinic where they were introduced to our two Nurse Practitioners and our two Medical Office Assistants. Leah and Lisa had a tour of the Medical Centre including the newly expanded space of both the reception area and the adjacent examination room. We discussed current activities at the Centre both in the delivery of primary health care as well as other community services. We discussed current plans for bringing in lab services (bloodwork) perhaps one day every other week or possibly even one day a week. We also discussed the need of a paved parking lot.

The second meeting was held on June 13, 2025, where Harald Zinner (president), Louise Bayles (secretary) and Sailles Sutton (Society bookkeeper) met with Donegal Wilson, our MLA and her executive assistant, Christina Quadvlieg. Donegal and Christina were given a tour of the Medical Centre including the newly

expanded space in both the reception area and the adjacent examination room.

We shared with them how the community provided financial support for various capital items and projects. The Lions Club donated \$10,000. towards the renovation/expansion and the Osoyoos Credit Union donated \$5000. For the acquisition of new cabinets for this area. The community not only donated funds towards this project but also provided free labour to make this expansion a successful reality. The Phoenix Foundation donated funds for the purchase of an autoclave which is used to sterilize medical instruments.

We shared with Donegal that through Interior Health there are two Nurse Practitioners providing primary health care services to the communities/regions of Rock Creek, Bridesville, and Westbridge including the Christian Valley area as well as Beaverdell and Carmi. They were also advised that Interior Health provides financial support for the two Medical Office Assistants that support the Nurse Practitioners.

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and other community services.

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Also discussed were the current plans by Fortis to turn off electricity in the event of high-risk potential of forest fire. The impact on the delivery of health care services during any power outage was discussed and what could be done to minimize such an event. The idea of installing a natural gas generator was suggested. This concept is now being assessed by the Society, but it will also mean how funds could be acquired to implement the acquisition and installation of any such generator.

The cashier told me "Strip Down Facing Me". By the time I realized they meant the debit card, it was too late.



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Construction of the Columbia and Western Railway began in 1890, with building being done in segments. The last link was completed in 1902, bringing a continuous rail line between Nelson and Midway. This was named the Boundary Subdivision in 1910, with links to the Kettle Valley Railway starting at Midway. Discoveries of copper and gold led to the development of various smelters along the route, notably Trail, Greenwood, and Grand Forks. The City of Paris mine had a spur line to Trail, The Granby mine at Phoenix went to Grand Forks, and the Deadwood spur went from Greenwood through Deadwood Camp to the Motherlode.

Even though vast deposits of copper were found in the Boundary in 1891, it was not feasible to develop this until the CPR's Columbia and Western Railway came into the area in 1899. It was only then that ore could be extracted and refined economically. Steep grades, challenging geography and tremendous manpower were required.

Strong competition and rivalry existed between the US and Canada for railway dominance in the area, and the CPR scored a major victory when it completed the Boundary route which meant it was easier for American communities along the Kettle River to ship via CPR than to use the Great Northern in Washington state. This was not without its challenges, most notable the "Battle of Midway", but trade that was once dependent on the Great Northern and Spokane was now under British Columbia's control and almost ceased to flow across the border to the United States. The railway was responsible for stopping the flow of Kootenay/Boundary trade to the US at a critical time in B.C.'s history and resulted in a strong east/west connection across Canada.

When Copper prices fell after WW1 every mine in the Boundary was closed between 1918 and 1920. The

CPR however continued moving passengers who by this time could travel from Nelson to Vancouver in 1 day and increased its lucrative freight service and large quantities of coal, lumber and fruit were shipped across the country. Over time, however, alternative travel decreased its viability. Harsh weather conditions, the completion of the Hope-Princeton highway in 1951, and air travel took their toll. The rails were abandoned and then removed in 1990.

Today the route is enjoyed by hikers and cyclists and is part of the Trans Canada Trail – linking Canadians together in yet another way. Unfortunately, even this is now at risk in the Boundary.

The Columbia Western Rail Trail between Castlegar and Christina Lake has just been removed from the Recreational Trail System and

downgrade to a wilderness path. This means that there will be no stewardship, funding, planning or preventative maintenance. This will deter public use and put the trail's future at risk. This is a vital part of our BC Heritage and critical to Boundary tourism and our outdoor recreation economy. You can go to change.org to the petition: "Restore Stewardship of the Columbia Western Rail Trail: Christina Lake to Castlegar" to learn more and take action.

"Saving the Boundary's history - one story at a time".

~Maureen Grant

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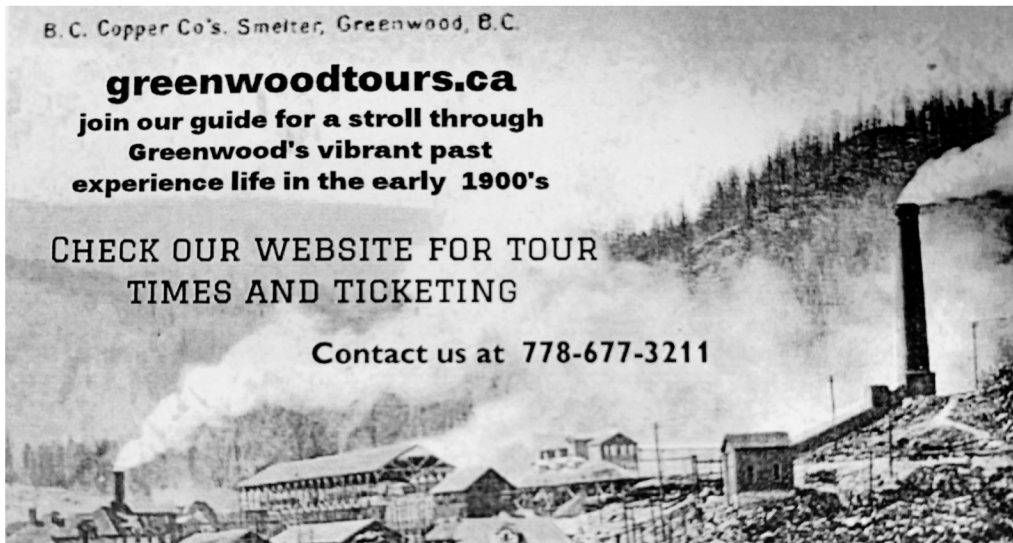
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RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

June 25, 2025 Board Meeting

Advocacy Issues for Upcoming UBCM Convention

The Board directed staff to request meetings with Provincial ministers to discuss the following issues at the Union of BC Municipalities convention this September:

- Meeting with Premier Eby regarding Provincial downloading and the Fire Underwriters Survey
- Ask the Province to lobby the Fire Underwriters Survey, in partnership with local governments and the Fire Chiefs' Association, regarding fire insurance and fire apparatus replacement requirements (Minister Begg, Public Safety)
- Extend hours of Provincial Parks

Cooling and Warming Centre Policy

Staff were directed to review the RDKB's Cooling and Warming Centre policy for alignment with the Emergency and Disaster Management Act and to bring this to the July Board meeting. Opposition, with 35 letters against and only 2 in support

Area E Grant-in-Aid approved

- Grand Forks Border Bruins Hockey Club – learn to skate: \$2,000
- Boundary Community Partners Association – volunteer appreciation event: \$1,500
- Trails to the Boundary Society – 3 chainsaw certifications: \$900
- Midway Public Library – access to membership initiative: \$8,000

Next Board meeting: Wednesday, July 30, 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>

BOUNDARY COUNTRY VISITOR CENTRES RECEIVE FUNDING BOOST FROM MRDT

Boundary Country, BC – Boundary Country Tourism is pleased to announce that each of the region's five visitor centres will receive \$10,000 in funding from the Municipal Regional District Tax (MRDT) accessible through the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. This funding will directly support staffing costs, ensuring these essential hubs continue providing exceptional visitor services throughout the busy tourism season.

Visitor centres benefiting from this funding include Greenwood, Grand Forks, Christina Lake, Rock Creek, and Midway. The financial support aims to enhance visitor experiences, enabling centres to maintain adequate staffing levels to manage increasing visitation, provide personalized visitor services, and promote local tourism experiences.

"Visitor centres play a critical role in tourism within Boundary Country, providing valuable information and fostering positive visitor interactions," said Symphony Tourism Services and Boundary Country Tourism Operations Manager Amy Kneller. Investing MRDT funds into staffing ensures our centres can sustainably meet visitor demands, ultimately benefiting local businesses and communities."

The Municipal Regional District Tax, collected from accommodation providers, supports tourism marketing, programs, and projects designed to attract visitors and stimulate local economies. Allocating MRDT funds to support visitor centre staffing underscores Boundary Country Tourism and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary's commitment to community-focused tourism development.

Boundary Country Tourism invites both residents and visitors to engage with their local visitor centres this season and discover the diverse experiences Boundary Country has to offer.

For further information, please visit: www.boundarybc.com

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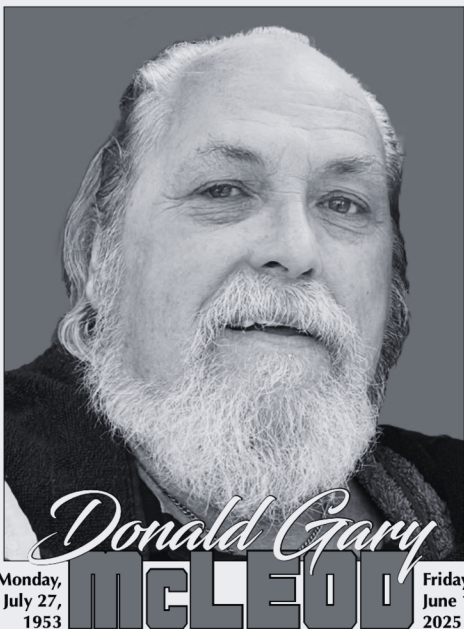
IN MEMORY ~ DON MCLEOD JULY 27, 1953 – JUNE 13, 2025

On Friday, June 13, 2025, Don McLeod of Greenwood passed quietly to rest in the Grand Forks Hospital after a short battle with cancer. His sister, Patricia Williams of Peterborough, Ontario, and brother Doug McLeod of Vanderhoof, BC, were at his side when he passed away.

Don was born on July 27, 1953, in Oshawa as were all of his siblings. Don has two brothers, one predeceased him, and three sisters. Patricia is from Peterborough, Penny is in Toronto, and Cheryl is in Oshawa. Don has two children: a son, Kelly, and a daughter, Alexandria. Alexandria and her husband were able to see their father before he passed away.

Don was an active member of the Kettle Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church in Westbridge. He went to sleep with the hope of the resurrection at the second coming of Jesus Christ. Although Don had a stroke a number of years ago resulting in his right side being paralyzed, he was always cheerful with a positive attitude. He would always say, "Living in a dream"; when asked how he was.

A memorial service for Don McLeod is planned for Sunday, July 20 at 10:00 am in the Grand Forks Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4500 Hillview Road, Grand Forks.



History of the Troy Ounce

By: Vic Boychuk

If you buy a one-ounce gold coin and place it on a standard grocery store scale, you will find that it's approximately 10% heavier than an ounce of beef. For example, a seller could claim that a precious metal weighs 100 ounces, but you would be losing around 10% of its value because it actually only weighs 90 Troy ounces.

It may seem like a complicated system, but there are good reasons that precious metals have their own unit of measure. The Troy was retained as the standard unit of measurement over the avoirdupois ounce (regular ounce) to ensure purity standards and that common measures remained consistent over time

It is not known for sure when or where the Troy weight system was born. The name is derived from Troyes, a trade market in France. Merchants came from all over the world to buy and sell goods, so a standardized weight system made doing business much easier. Many places in Europe came up with their own version of the Troy ounce, but the French Troy is believed to be the system most closely related to the one that we use today. The Roman monetary system used bronze bars as currency, and the bar that was equal to one pound today was referred to as an "aes grave." A twelfth of that was called an "uncia," or ounce. Today, a troy ounce is a twelfth of a Troy pound. One regular ounce is 28.35 grams, while a Troy ounce is 31.1 grams. To find Troy ounces multiply regular ounces by 0.91.

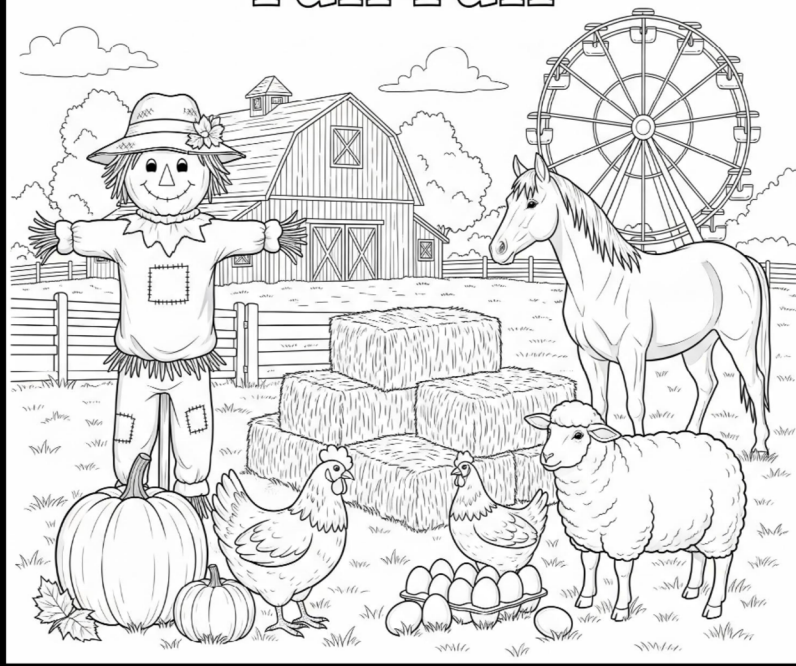
King Henry II of England (he was born in France) adjusted the British coinage system to be more reflective of the French troy system. Troy weights, as we know them today, were first used in England in the 1400s. By 1527, the Troy ounce became the official standard measurement for gold and silver in Britain, and the U.S. followed suit in 1828. All precious metals are measured in Troy ounces except copper, as copper is a base metal. Some of the most common precious metals are Platinum, Gold, Silver, Palladium, Ruthenium, Rhodium, Iridium, and Osmium.



I NEED TO RE-HOME A DOG. IT'S A SMALL TERRIER, AND TENDS TO BARK A LOT. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, LET ME KNOW AND I'LL JUMP OVER MY NEIGHBOR'S FENCE AND GET IT FOR YOU.



80th Rock Creek & Boundary Fall Fair



2025 Colouring Contest

Entry Deadline: **August 29, 2025**

Visit www.rockcreekfallfair.ca/colouring-contest to download a printable copy.

Age Groups: 4 to 6 years, 7 to 9 years, 10 to 12 years. Please ensure the name of the entrant, age (as at Aug. 29/25), and phone number are on the back of the entry.

1st place prize, in each age category - one (1) all day Shooting Star Amusement ride pass.

2nd & 3rd place prize, in each age category - one (1) day pass to the Fair AND one (1) voucher to Birdies Donuts or Jillybeans Ice Cream.

Only one entry per person.

All winners will be notified on or before Sept. 5th. Entries to be dropped off at the fair office/mailed to: 3880 Kettle Valley Rd S, Rock Creek, BC V0H 1Y0

Also we have a new Exhibit Entry this year, which is:

People's Choice Poultry Display - Entries may be comprised of up to 3 birds (up to 10 birds if a hen & chicks) or up to 24 eggs.

Suggestions/Ideas: a specialty breed with small poster outlining the heritage or traits; a mother hen & chicks; a rainbow egg "basket" arranged in a fancy way, etc. Top 3 entries determined by the "poultry team" and the public will help choose overall winner! PRIZES: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$30 and 3rd - \$20. For full details on how to enter this and other exhibit categories visit website at

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BOUNDARY DISTRICT CURLING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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The Messy River Series



Article #6 Birds of the Messy River: Breeding in the Chaos



Did you know that more species of birds nest in riparian areas than any other habitat (Knopf et al. 1988)? The brushy shrubs, leaning cottonwoods, tangled willows, and hidden nooks created by our messy rivers provide perfect places for birds to nest, hide from predators, and safely raise their chicks.

Here in the Kettle River Watershed, we are lucky to have an incredible variety of birds — a blend of species found in both the Okanagan and the Kootenays. Many of these birds depend on our rare Black Cottonwood Riparian Forests. These big cottonwoods, with their missing limbs, hollow trunks, and rough bark, might look a little scruffy to some, but they are ideal nesting spots for many species. The Western Screech Owl is one of the birds that loves these natural tree cavities.

The Boundary is lucky to have the charismatic Lewis's Woodpecker, a species that depends on the dead and dying cottonwoods that line the Kettle and Granby Rivers. While many people see these old trees as ugly or dangerous, they are actually full of life, providing homes for woodpeckers, bats, squirrels, insects, and many other creatures.

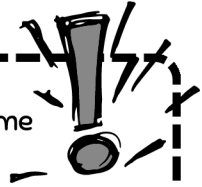
Beyond the cavities, the thick shrubs and willow tangles along the riverbanks shelter small songbirds like the bright Yellow Warbler and secretive Common Yellowthroat. The quiet backwater channels and side ponds give safe nesting places to Wood Ducks and Hooded Mergansers. And above it all, Bald Eagles and Western Tanagers perch high in the trees.

The constant movement and reshaping of the river — through floods, erosion, and shifting channels — keeps this habitat rich and diverse. Without the natural messiness of the river, many of these birds would struggle to find the places they need to raise their young.

As a gentle reminder: this time of year, many birds are still nesting. If you're planning any clearing of trees or shrubs near rivers or wetlands, consider waiting until later in the season, after nesting has finished. A little patience now helps ensure healthy bird populations for years to come.

So, the next time you see a leaning cottonwood or a flooded side channel, remember: the messy river is busy taking care of the birds.

With wildfire season here, residents are strongly encouraged to sign up for the RDKB's free emergency alert system and to plan for an emergency. Visit here for more info <https://emergency.rdkb.com/> This is a great time to confirm your registration with Voyent by opening up the app.



Stay Updated

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TOILET TROUBLES

There were 3 men who wanted to buy toilets, so they went to the nearest store and were looking at the new designs of the toilets.

The first guy asks for a toilet that would go nice in his log cabin out in the woods, so the salesman sells him a toilet made of wood.

The second guy asks for a toilet that would be nice for an igloo, so the salesman sells him a toilet made of ice.

The third guy asked for the nicest toilet they have that would go in the National History of Canada Museums employee restroom, so the salesman sells him a singing toilet with a picture of the Canadian flag on the tank.

Well, they all get what they asked for. The next day all 3 men come back with their toilets.

The first man says, "This toilet sucks. Whenever I try to use it, I get pieces of wood stuck in my butt."

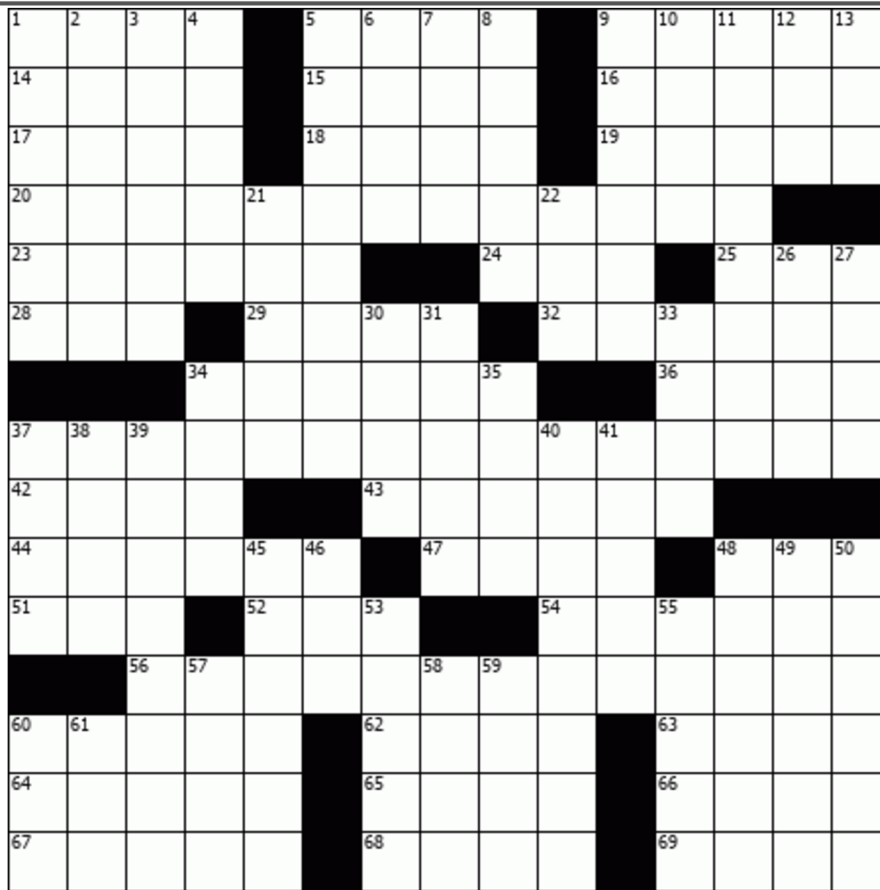
The second man says, "This toilet sucks. Whenever I try to use it my butt gets frozen to the seat and I have to use a hairdryer to get my butt off."

Then the third guy steps forward and sighs, "You wanna talk inconvenient? Every time I try to use my toilet, I sit down and it immediately starts playing 'O Canada.' And you can't stay seated for the national anthem... So I have to stand back up. I haven't gone to the bathroom in two days!"

Crossword

Across

1. Motor ending
5. Russian news agcy.
9. Not spoken
14. Selfish person
15. Off-Broadway award
16. Atlanta university
17. WWII battle site
18. Seaweed
19. Smooches
20. Oft quoted greeting (with 37-Across)
23. Diner
24. Paddle
25. Potassium hydroxide
28. Tint
29. Pretentiously suave
32. Put back into the freezer bag
34. Followed
36. Listen closely
37. End of the greeting (see 20-Across)
42. Steep rugged rock
43. Charred
44. Not becoming
47. Cygnet
48. Kind of meal
51. Hole's starting point
52. Terhune barker
54. Communication between planes?
56. Greeting recipient (see 20-Across)
60. Climb
62. Anchor
63. Animal pelt
64. Appropriates
65. Otherwise
66. Make the final cut?
67. Straight up
68. Mathematical groups
69. Pouches



Down

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|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Sharp-pointed | 21. Tiger's tools? | 46. Youngest Lincoln |
| 2. Wandering | 22. Prohibit | 48. Lake in upstate New York |
| 3. Computer key | 26. Lawn location | 49. Bitter |
| 4. Irregularly notched | 27. Part of BPOE | 50. Beliefs |
| 5. Servile | 30. Aparicio of the White Sox | 53. British ladies of society |
| 6. Highly competent | 31. Affirmatives | 55. Fire remnants |
| 7. Highway sight | 33. Food fish | 57. "The Shadow" star |
| 8. Alliance from 1954 to 1977 | 34. Greater likeliness to win | Baldwin |
| 9. Professor's goal, perhaps | 35. Kind of poker | 58. Unwelcome rooter |
| 10. Mingo portrayer Ed | 37. Deer tail | 59. Party giver |
| 11. Relating to a spiral-shaped ear cavity | 38. Flying fish-eater | 60. Sault ____ Marie |
| 12. Anger | 39. Junior, perhaps | 61. Word with box or cable |
| 13. Cobb and Detmer | 40. Some rub-outs | |
| | 41. Kelly and Hackman | |
| | 45. Furthest along | |

Solution on page 9

it's okay
to make
mistakes

I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper. She told me that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad. That fly didn't stand a chance.



Why can't you hear a pterodactyl going to the bathroom?

Because the "P" is silent.



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- **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)
- **West Boundary L'il Explorers** at McMynn Village Park in Midway (9:30 am - 10:30 am) - for July and August

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- **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)
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- **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 (Last one for the season: Friday, June 27)
- **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 - 2pm) starting May 4
- **Narcotics Anonymous** (12:30 pm - 1:30 pm) Rock Creek Medical Centre basement room

THURSDAY, JULY 24 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: Meet West Boundary Senior Services Representative: Diane Barker

THURSDAY, JULY 31 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: Allan Early (attorney) & Marsha Early (MSW) present: ZERO Waste & Building and Manufacturing

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: Lydia Wamsley: "4-H Champion: How It Started and What Career Skills 4-H Has Given Me"

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 @ ROCK CREEK MEDICAL CENTRE (DOWNSTAIRS ROOM)

- Foot Care Clinic

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