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

RIVERSIDE CENTRE . . . A HUB FOR TOURISM

Riverside Centre has enjoyed a busy summer. Tourism numbers have almost doubled over last year's count (5000 from January through the end of July). Our volunteers have been busy answering questions, giving directions, selling local products, and are happy meeting people from all over the world.

Our summer student, Lydia Wamsley, has completed her position. We were fortunate to get such a bright, hardworking, and personable addition to our TTTBS team.

And for those "cruising through" we are delighted that paving has been completed, taking the stress out of navigating through and around the potholes. This wonderful addition was achieved, as most successful projects are, through teamwork, including:

- James Chandler from the Regional District for pulling the many pieces together
- YRB for donating materials and labour
- Fortis BC
- The "Growing Communities Fund" that has been distributed to regional districts and municipalities across BC
- Director Sharen Gibbs for allocating the provincial funds used for this project.

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QUIT AND QUITTERS
NEVER WIN".
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RCBFA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -Dean Corbett

Well, that was an awesome weekend! This is a big thank you for all the volunteers, attendees, performers, livestock, produce, crafts, contributors, and performers who showed their best to make our Denim and Flannel themed 80th Rock Creek Fall Fair a wonderful experience! I saw some tired and drawn expressions in the afternoons and evenings, especially on the many enthusiastic youngsters in the mornings. I'll bet they slept well Sunday night...but not as well as I did after clapping and singing along to our Heart tribute band, Barracuda!!

Next issue, I will go through the financial results of the fair, because that is what I am most often asked about. I do know so far that we had 6200+ paid attendance on Saturday. Sunday looked a bit less "crowded" but there were still plenty of people around. The Sunday rain showers held off until almost the end, but with a little dampness around noon...just enough to have people speculating and looking up a lot!

After another great community event, Glenda and I are so happy to have decided upon settling in this area back in 1980. We're grateful to the Boundary area residents who made us feel welcomed. At our first RC Fall Fair we were, like everyone else, awed by the tremendous sense of community that permeates the grounds on fair days. It is a big decision to move to an area, but something much more to decide to stay and become part of the community. Events like our fair make that a more certain resolution.

Becoming part of a community takes more than waiting around for the people and events to come to you. To be truly part of it all, one must reach out and get involved.

Our task at the RCBFA now is to build on that sense of community. Encouraging more people whether young or "old", new, or longtime residents to become part of the RCBFA family. Like other families, most of the time most of us get along well and have lots of fun together, but sometimes we disagree on issues. Fortunately, we resolve those amicably and move on for the good of the fair. We encourage all area residents to take part in our fair to ensure that it will be here and strong for another 80 years so all our descendants and their families can enjoy this wonderful weekend also.

Our next general meeting is on Wednesday, October 1 at 7 pm in the pavilion. We will review the fair, work on improvements, what things went well and decide on a few of the other things that crop up every meeting. other things that crop up every meeting. Thanks to our financial and office staff, we will also get a very clear picture of the financial results of this year's fair. You are welcome to attend with your opinions and ideas.

Thank you again for your support at our 2025 Denim and Flannel extravaganza!





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SENIORS BEING SEEN

Upcoming Sessions ...

Thurs. Sept. 18th - 1:30 pm

"Travelling Lightly," – Certified Professional Counsellor, Barb Gladue will interactively share with us how we can navigate stress from this world, and locate our own "north star."

Thurs. Sept. 25th - 1:30 pm

"Yet ANOTHER Show and Tell (back by popular request)" Bring and show us your amazing (for whatever reasons) things. (llamas, miniature horses and heavy equipment must remain in parking lot!)

Thurs. Oct. 2nd - 1:30 pm

"Fiddle Tunes and Original Poetry" by Fiddlist and Word Fancier, Ellen Tolson

One day, midish October

"TBA," – Russell Orsborn presents – "How My Dog, 'Jazz,' Saved My Life" – sharing stories and questions about Homo Sapiens' best friends. Mostly, this will not be a dry-eyed program.



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

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With April Borgnetta

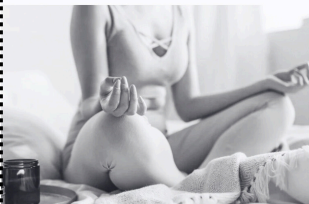


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- November 5th

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If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Kim Lindseth at 250-449-8194 by October 10 if you wish to play on a team.

If you have never curled before or it has been many years since you curled or you are interested but don't want to play on a team, join us on a Wednesday at 1 PM.

For Wednesday curling, please contact Jill Chapin or Del Gall at 250-446-2330.

BORDERLINE 4-H UPDATE: ACHIEVEMENT DAY WRITTEN BY: ADELINE BOND JUNIOR CLUB REPORTER

The Borderline 4-H club had their achievement day on June 29th at the fairgrounds. An achievement day is when every member presents a display project of what they did over the year. It's also a time to celebrate the members and leaders, and to let other people see what 4-H is all about. The day started off with the presentations from small engines, crafts, and then followed by photography. Everyone talked about their display and the judges asked questions about their project. After that we all went outside to see the horse division do their achievement in the riding arena. We had a family barbeque with salads, treats, and burgers. After that we had a water fight! Thank you to the fairgrounds for letting us host our event there. At the end of the day, we were all tired but proud of what we achieved! The members are excited for the fall fair where we show off our projects again. Hope to see you there!



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IN MEMORY ~ ELSIE KELLY OCTOBER 5, 1929 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our mother Elsie Josephine Kelly (nee Rosland). Elsie, the first of five daughters, was born on October 5, 1929, and passed peacefully on September 11, 2025.

Mom is predeceased by her husband Stanley Wallace Kelly and grandchild Bryce Arthur Kelly.

She is survived by sons Glenn (Carolyn), Brett, and Logan, and daughter Virginia (Ginny), 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

She will also be missed by her surviving sisters Astri Jolliffe, Gunhild Clegg, Erna Johnson, Thordes (Tordy) Mills.

Elsie spent much of her life in Greenwood (BC), which she considered her home, and seven wonderful years at Parkview Manor in Midway. She will be missed by her many friends in both towns.

For several years, Elsie was Teaching Assistant at Greenwood and Midway Elementary schools, and she was a long-time member of the Kettle River Art Club and the Red Hatters in Greenwood.

Mom became a Christian at an early age, attended church all her life and was a true believer in Christ. She had a gift of making everyone feel special, because of this she had friends wherever she went. She loved to have her friends over for tea and a visit, always sharing her baking and her time with whoever came by. She had a life-long love affair with huckleberries, both picking and baking. She had a special huckleberry pie recipe and if you've had it, you know how great it was!

We would like to especially thank the staff of the Silver Kettle Nursing Home (Ivy House) in Grand Forks for their tremendously kind and caring support for Mom during her stay at the facility. We honestly can't thank you enough.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 18 at the Evangel Chapel in Greenwood (401 North Kimberly Ave).



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BUILDING ON A LEGACY: OSOYOOS BRANCH OF CASCADIA CREDIT UNION ESTABLISHES ENDOWMENT FOR LOCAL IMPACT

Osoyoos, B.C. , - September 9, 2025; A new chapter in community giving has begun in Osoyoos. The Osoyoos branch of Cascadia Credit Union has made an incredible \$1 million gift to establish the Osoyoos Credit Union Community Legacy Fund with the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen (CFSOS).

This fund will provide enduring support for local programs and initiatives, ensuring that the spirit and legacy of Osoyoos Credit Union, founded in 1946, continues to shape the community for generations to come.

The gift marks a continuation of Osoyoos Credit Union's proud tradition of community support. For nearly 80 years, OCU has been a trusted partner in Osoyoos, investing in local organizations, sponsoring events, and responding to community needs with generosity and care. From supporting youth programs to enhancing services for seniors, OCU has long been a trusted and generous partner in building a vibrant, caring community.

Now, as part of Cascadia Credit Union, OCU becomes the third founding partner to establish a \$1 million legacy fund with its local community foundation. Following in the footsteps of the Summerland and Revelstoke branches, this growing network of legacy funds reflects a shared vision: that even as credit unions evolve and grow, their commitment to their home communities remains unwavering.

"We're seeing a remarkable regional story unfold," said Aaron McRann, CEO of CFSOS. "One where three credit unions - each deeply rooted in their communities - are shaping the future with care, generosity, and collaboration. It's a hopeful and inspiring moment, and we're proud to be part of it."

Each of the three legacy funds will generate annual grants from investment earnings while preserving the original capital in perpetuity. The Osoyoos and Summerland Credit Union legacy funds are held with the CFSOS, while the Revelstoke Credit Union legacy fund is held with the Revelstoke Community Foundation. It's a model that mirrors the strength of the credit union movement itself: local, resilient, and built to last.

Greg Sol, former CEO of Osoyoos Credit Union and current Chief Operating Officer of Cascadia Credit Union, reflected on the milestone:

"For nearly 80 years, Osoyoos Credit Union has been part of the fabric of this community, and this legacy fund is our way of ensuring that impact continues long into the future," said Sol. "We're proud to honour the trust our members have placed in us by creating something that will support local needs year after year. Even as we've grown to become Cascadia Credit Union, our values remain rooted here in Osoyoos. This community will always be at the heart of who we are. We're grateful to our members and partners for helping us build a fund that will carry forward

the spirit of Osoyoos Credit Union for generations to come."

The partnership between Cascadia Credit Union and the Community Foundation network is a natural alignment; Both are grounded in the belief that strong communities are built through long-term investment, local leadership, and a deep understanding of place.

Local charities and organizations interested in learning more about future grant opportunities through the Osoyoos Credit Union Community Legacy Fund are encouraged to connect with Cascadia Credit Union or the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen.



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RDKB SECURES RECORD \$1.18 MILLION IN FIRESMART COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) has been awarded \$1,185,962.21 in FireSmart Community Grant funding—the largest amount the regional district has received to date. This marks the fifth consecutive year the RDKB has been supported through the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program, administered by the Union of BC Municipalities and funded by the Province of BC.

This significant investment reflects the continuing success and growth of FireSmart programming across the region. With increased staffing, new initiatives, and strong community uptake, the RDKB is strengthening wildfire resilience at every level—household, neighbourhood, and region-wide.

“Securing this level of funding is both an honour and a responsibility,” said Carlene Pires, RDKB Emergency Program Coordinator and FireSmart Coordinator. “It shows confidence in the work we’ve been doing, from delivering home assessments and community education to piloting innovative tools like the FireSmart Trailer. Most importantly, it means more residents will have access to the knowledge, resources, and supports they need to lower their wildfire risk.”

Highlights of RDKB’s FireSmart programming:

- Expanding staff capacity – funding now supports two year-round full-time positions (FireSmart Coordinator and Lead Wildfire Mitigation Specialist), in addition to three seasonal Wildfire Mitigation Specialists serving the region.
- Building stronger fire response capacity – through cross-training with local fire departments on wildfire response.
- Supporting residents directly – through the RDKB FireSmart Assessment Program and residential rebate program. From June 2025 to date, more than 250 assessments have been completed, 45+ events held, and 18 rebates issued—totalling nearly \$48,000—with the program open until October 31, 2025.
- Fuel management planning: Work is underway to plan and develop fuel management projects in Montrose, Trail, Warfield, and Greenwood, guided by Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans completed in 2024.
- Innovative outreach – the FireSmart on Wheels Trailer, launched in 2024, continues to be a highly visible and popular addition at community events, making wildfire education more engaging as well as accessible.

“Wildfires are a reality in our region, but with strong partnerships, engaged communities, and now this incredible funding boost, we are better equipped than ever to prepare and adapt,” added Pires.

“This funding not only strengthens our capacity to protect homes and neighbourhoods, but it also empowers our residents to take action,” said Andy Morel, RDKB Board Chair. “The success of FireSmart in the Boundary and Greater Trail comes from collaboration—between local governments, fire departments, and community members—working together toward a safer, more resilient future.”



Carlene Pires, RDKB Emergency Program Coordinator and FireSmart Coordinator, with Ember the FireSmart Fox and the FireSmart Trailer on Wheels.



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RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

FireSmart Grant

UBCM has awarded the RDKB \$1,185,962.21 in FireSmart Community Grant funding.

Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Process/Contract Award/Initiation

Staff will begin the process of updating the solid waste management plan for the entire regional district, including the Village of Midway, the City of Greenwood, the City of Grand Forks, the City of Rossland, the Village of Warfield, the City of Trail, the Village of Montrose and the Village of Fruitvale. Consultants Sperling Hansen Associates Inc. will complete the review, update and renew it.

Contract Extension - Idabel Lake Garbage/Recycling Bin Maintenance Work

The Idabel Lake Waste Transfer Facility Maintenance Contract will continue to be fulfilled by Philip Petit until August 31, 2028.

1907: Building Inspection Amendment

The Building Amendment Bylaw No. 1907, 2025 was adopted. The bylaw removes references to tiny homes on wheels, as those are now considered to be recreational vehicles regulated under the Motor Vehicle Act. The bylaw also exempts small freestanding detached decks and accessible platforms from the Building Bylaw to give greater flexibility to owners of recreational vehicles.

Area E Grant-in-Aid approved

- Big White Mountain Community Development Association - Big White Annual Community Event: \$2,000
- Village of Midway - Midway Community Garden: \$2,000
- Rock Creek & Boundary Fair Association - restock of supplies for the AED: \$1,050
- Bridesville Community Club - accessibility ramp for the community hall: \$25,850

Next Board meetings: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 then October 8, 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 "C" 4-H Club Summer Update

It has been such an exciting year for the Boundary "C" 4-H Club! We had our annual Cattle Baron's Ball fundraiser on April 26, and it was a huge success. Thank you to all of our auction buyers and people who supported us by being there!

We have been working with our projects for the last few months to prepare for our achievement day - the Rock Creek Fall Fair. It was an exciting event, and all of our members did very well.

Our 2025 Rock Creek Grand Champions:

In our **Beef Division**, the Grand Champion Steer was shown by Garret Klein and the Reserve Grand Champion was Mia Schmalz, both from the Boundary "C" 4-H Club. Garret Klein also won the Grand Champion Showman, and the Reserve Grand Champion was won by Sarah Kelly. The 4-H Grand Champion Female was shown by Cianna Lindquist.

and the 4-H Reserve Grand Champion Female was Lexie Lindquist.

The Grand Champion Lamb in the **Sheep Division** was shown by Lydia Wamsley from Boundary "C", and the Reserve Grand Champion was Jacey Hallstrom from the Lower North Thompson 4-H club. The Grand Champion Showman was Kennady Hallstrom, and the Reserve Grand Champion Showman was Jacey Hallstrom.

Tatumn Rudniski was our senior Grand Champion, and the Intermediate Grand Champion was Meadow Gratrix-Lornson; in the Boundary "C" **Horse Division**.

In our new division, **Photography**, Conner March won Grand Champion Showman, and 1st place Introduction to Photography was Wyatt Rosin.

Quinn Trelenberg was the Overall Grand Champion Dog Showman, and the Reserve Champion Dog Showman was Adeline McDougald. The **Dog Division** represented our Club well with a beautiful table display and a Sunday afternoon show in the livestock ring.

Congratulations to all of the winners of this year's Fall Fair, and a huge thank you to the judges, sponsors, parents and spectators!



-Lydia Wamsley
Stand-in Club Reporter
Boundary "C" 4-H Club

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The Stagecoach

By: Vic Boychuk

Also known as "the stage or the coach".

The stagecoach was a large carriage pulled by 4 or 6 horses depending on the weather and the terrain. Depending on the size the coach could carry up to 12 passengers. The driver sat elevated in front which was called "the box". The nickname for the driver was sometimes called "the whip". The whip was very seldom used. It was more of a status, and considered as the badge of honour and a symbol of their profession. It is not like you see in the movies where the horses are going full gallop and the driver snapping the whip all the time.

Beside the driver sat a guard with a shotgun in case of any robbers, as the stage would also carry mail and many times gold from the gold fields. This is where the term "riding shotgun" comes from. When the seats were full inside the coach, people could sit on top where the luggage was carried. This was where the second-class passengers sat if the coach was full. There was also a space under the driver's seat "front boot" and at the back of the coach "back boot" for luggage and mail. The back wheels of the coach were large, which made it easier for the horses to pull. The front wheels were smaller this made it easier for the horses to turn.

In some case where a two horse "team" was used it was referred to as "2up", two teams were "4up" and three teams were "6up". The front team of horses was the smallest and the smartest, they were the "leaders". The team closest to the stage was called "the wheelers", they were the biggest and the strongest. They took most of the load and held back the coach on a steep hill. The middle team was called "the swing team" and they helped in the turning of the coach. The driver held the reins in a certain way so he could control all the horses. He also used verbal commands, which the horses responded too.

Along the main line, there were way stations, an average of 18 miles apart, with fresh horses waiting at each stop. Many of these stops also had a roadhouse where meals, drinks, and accommodations were available. The way stations were usually run by old horsemen, who loved working with animals and who took great care of them. There were even competitions to see which hostler could turn out the best conditioned teams, with some going so far as blackening and polishing the horses' hooves.

To prepare a stagecoach for departure, first the mail, the express packages, and the baggage were loaded and tied down securely. Then, the passengers took their places, with the women being first. The driver, accompanied by an armed guard with a locked "strongbox" and/or a secure "treasure bag" then climbed into place. Then the horses were led out, two at a time and backed into place, then hitched up and the reins passed up to the driver. Once the hostler had all in place and ready to go, he quickly backed away, the driver released the brakes, and the team lunged forward. After about 100 yards, they settled into a brisk trot, which they could keep up for considerable distances.

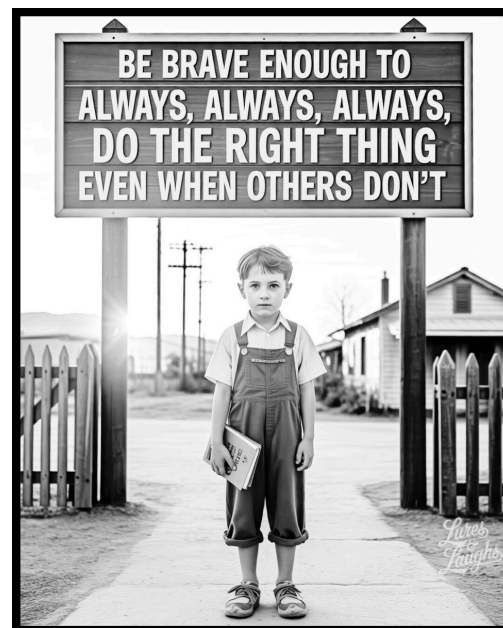
Winter service was maintained even though the temperatures reached 30 below or lower. Passengers wrapped themselves in robes, fur coats, buffalo robes or layers of thick woolen clothes. Large, heated stones helped to keep their feet warm.


If a young person wanted to become a driver, he started at age seven or eight using a wooden rig until seventeen when he started to use real horses. It took quite a long time for drivers to learn to drive a coach as it wasn't a very easy job. Most drivers were under the age of 40 and made around \$150.00 per month, plus free room and board.



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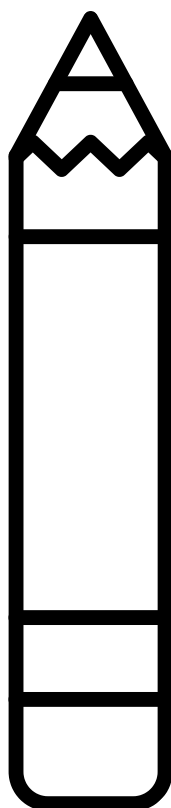
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Nature's Architecture: The
Wisdom of Trees



The structure of a tree can mirror the structure of a watershed—it is a perfect simile. The fine twigs are like the tiny headwater streams high in the mountains, the branches resemble the larger tributaries, and the trunk itself becomes the mainstem of the river—the Kettle. But just as a watershed is more than flowing water, a tree is more than trunk and branches. Its architecture tells us how it fits into its ecosystem, and how it shapes the world around it.

Ecologists study tree architecture to understand not only how trees survive, but how they interact with water, fire, and the species that depend on them. Different tree species build themselves differently: the angle of their branches guides the development of their root systems, and their bark and branching patterns influence how they respond to snow, drought, and fire.

Take the subalpine fir. Its narrow spire and drooping, skirt-like branches are built for snow country, shedding heavy winter loads before they can snap the tree's limbs. As rain and meltwater drip toward the outer edges, its shallow, horizontal root systems spread out at the drip line, drinking in the moisture. Those same low-hanging branches also connect the ground to the crown, creating fire ladders that help carry flames upward. In doing so, the fir participates in the stand-replacing fires that reset high-elevation forests, opening space for new growth and renewal.

Now consider the ponderosa pine. Its sharp-angled branches funnel rainwater down the trunk, feeding a deep tap root that searches far below for moisture in the grassland. Like the Douglas-fir, the pine protects itself from fire with thick bark and by self-pruning its lower limbs. This allows low-intensity ground fires to pass through, recycling nutrients and rejuvenating the grasses and flourish beneath these open canopies.

And then there is the black cottonwood, the architect of the floodplain. Its broad, arching branches lean out over rivers, shading fish and cooling the water below. Its roots run both deep and wide, binding soil and holding banks together during spring floods. Unlike the high-country fir or the fire-adapted pine, the cottonwood has chosen a different strategy: it has made itself tasty. Beavers feast on its bark and branches, felling trees along the water's edge. Yet this is no loss—the cottonwood has built resilience into its design. For every tree that falls, cuttings and sprouts take root, and in time ten new cottonwoods rise in its place. In the mess of gnawed stumps, toppled trunks, and tangled branches, new life always takes hold—proof that disorder along a river's edge can be its greatest strength.

Tree architecture, like the branching of a river system, is not accidental. Each species—fir, pine, Douglas-fir, and cottonwood—has its own design, shaped by snow, fire, flood, and even beavers. Together they remind us that nature's strength lies not in neatness, but in adaptation, disturbance, and renewal. Just as a forest thrives on fallen wood and fire, a river thrives on logjams, side channels, and shifting banks. Both trees and rivers hold the same wisdom: resilience grows in the mess.

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Tuesday, October 7, 2025
9:30 am - 12:00 pm PST

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Public is always welcome

Presentation:

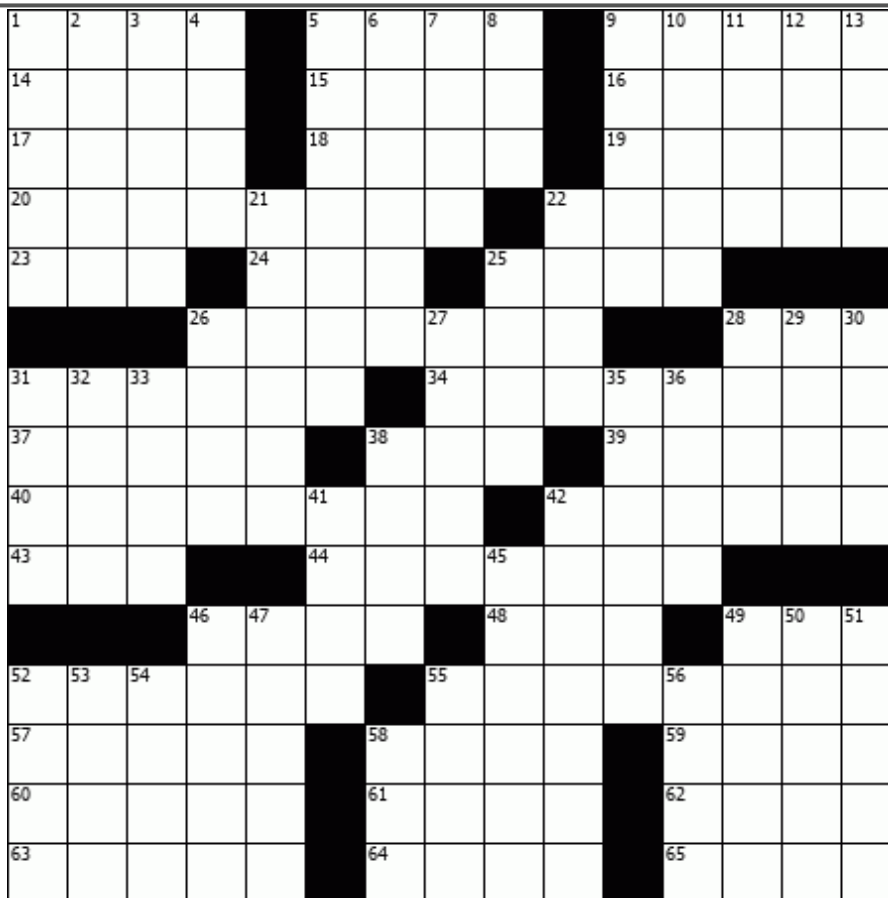
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including site inspections, freshet
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Crossword

Across

1. Interlock
5. Canyon feedback
9. Search blindly
14. She, in Marseille
15. Baldwin or Guinness
16. Remodelled
17. Portal
18. Categorize
19. Call forth
20. Assess
22. Ralph ____ of fashion
23. Grant's enemy
24. Neckline style
25. Building area
26. Tell again
28. School gp.
31. Vacation spot
34. Tyrannosaurus, e.g.
37. Singing voices
38. Ventilate
39. Pollute
40. Spanish music style
42. Actress Julia ____
43. Bar bill
44. Arms depot
46. Expectation
48. Modern
49. Help!
52. Noisy insect
55. High-mindedness
57. Audibly
58. Quartet count
59. Indian of Peru
60. Writing tablet
61. Entice
62. Blemish
63. Fall bloom
64. Operated
65. Jaunty

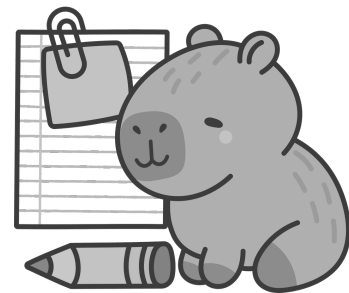


Down

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| 1. Olympic award | 22. Debtor's burden | 42. Expressed scorn |
| 2. Wed secretly | 25. Recipe direction | 45. Put up with |
| 3. Skiing hill | 26. Space | 46. Terre ____, Indiana |
| 4. Frau's spouse | 27. Juan's goodbye | 47. More peculiar |
| 5. Least hard | 28. Bucket | 49. Because |
| 6. Storage area | 29. Melody | 50. Hollywood award |
| 7. At this location | 30. Humanities | 51. Intelligent |
| 8. Tenth mo. | 31. Huckleberry Finn's craft | 52. Mexican house |
| 9. Excellent | 32. Jazz singer ____ Fitzgerald | 53. Afflictions |
| 10. Musical show | 33. Pierce | 54. Outer garment |
| 11. Stench | 35. Canada's capital | 55. Certain debts |
| 12. Toll road | 36. Go by ship | 56. Speech problem |
| 13. Eve's garden | 38. Land measure | 58. Winter illness |
| 21. Reluctant | 41. Wine valley | |

Solution on page 9

CELEBRATE
your mistakes
it means
you're
Learning



What's the opposite
of lady fingers?

Mentos

How do you console
an English
teacher?

There, their,
they're.

Why is Peter Pan
always flying?

Neverlands
Because he

I like this joke because it
never grows old!

We've Merged!



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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)
- **Bodies in Motion** @ Westbridge Community Hall 1-2pm (starting Nov. 12 - Dec. 3)
- **Yoga** @ Westbridge Community Hall 2 - 3 pm (starting Oct. 1 - Nov. 5)

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
- **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 - 2pm) starting May 4
- **Narcotics Anonymous** (12:30 pm - 1:30 pm) Rock Creek Medical Centre basement room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

Seniors Being Seen: Barb Gladue - navigate stress from this world, and locate our own "north star."

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (9 AM - 3:30 PM) @ SONORA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN OSOYOOS

- Government of Canada services

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

- Seniors Being Seen: Show and Tell - Bring and show us your amazing things.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: Ellen Tolson - Fiddle Tunes and Original Poetry

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 (9:30 AM - 12 PM) @ BEAVERDELL COMMUNITY HALL

- Kettle River Watershed Advisory Council meeting

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