

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.

HONORS AND STORIES AT 3PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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IT'S OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

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Sunday May 31 2pm – 4pm

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.
~ Audrey Hepburn



GREENWOOD BOARD OF TRADE REMINDERS & UPCOMING EVENTS



- **“Mother’s Day Yard Sale”**: May 9th & 10th (city-wide in Greenwood)
- **Emergency Preparedness Fair**: May 24th @ McArthur Centre 11 am - 2 pm
- **Art Show**: May 30th 10 am - 3 pm
- **Soap Box Derby**: June 6th
- **Founder’s Day**: July 18th (inquiries about the parade and vendor information call 250-443-9303)
- **Car Show**: August 15th

EDITOR’S CONFESSIONS

- The elusive Easter Bunny was not spotted in March’s edition of the Echo. Maybe, just maybe, it’s because I forgot to put it in. I hope you enjoyed hunting for the little rascal.
- The correct time for water samples to be dropped off at Rock Creek Medical Centre is 10 am - 12 pm (not 2 pm as stated).



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Recognizing that so many of the organizations that we value, and even sometimes take for granted, are run by volunteers, the board of Trails to the Boundary Society would like to save a corner of the Echo every month to thank the amazing individuals that add vibrancy and stability to our communities.

This month we cheer on the hardworking staff at:

- **Thrift Stores (The Bridge, Westbridge Thrift Store, Greenwood Thrift Store)**

If there are groups/individuals that you feel deserve recognition, please send your suggestions to: echoeditor@trailstotheboundary.com or phone 250-528-0227

Baldy Hiking and Snowshoe Trails Mapping

The Outdoor Recreation Council of BC has awarded a Grant of \$3,238 to the Baldy Mountain Community Association (BMCA) to upgrade trail markings, signage and mapping along the hiking and snowshoe trails on the east side of the Village. The BMCA will supply volunteer labour to do the work of trimming tree branches along with putting up the markers, signage and maps.

In Sweet Single Track, author Andrew Drouin describes Baldy's trail network as "impressive for such a small resort," while noting that signage is "somewhat confusing" and that consistent trail-naming and signage standards are needed. Several years ago, a signage and mapping project on the west side of the Village addressed these concerns through maps installed at major junctions as well as signage and marking.

By contrast, the main trails on the east side of the Village currently have minimal signage and no formal mapping. This project aims to bring east side trails up to the same standard as the west side.

The proposed project will install consistent markings and signage, trail maps at major junctions and updated digital mapping. Online maps will be posted on local sites as well as available through Sweet Single Track. This project will improve safety, consistency, and user experience across the entire Baldy trail network.

The Baldy Mountain Community Association thanks the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC for their financial support for this valuable work as well as the support of the Osoyoos Indian Band along with Baldy Mountain Resort. The group looks forward to providing trail users an improved experience by next winter.

"The trail mapping and signage project of the Baldy Mountain Community Association is a prime example of the strong commitment of volunteer-based organizations across BC that make a huge impact on outdoor recreation for local communities. ORCBC is thrilled to support increased safety and access to nature on Baldy Mountain." - Tomke Augustin, Grant Program Manager at the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

Want to volunteer for some summer fun on the trails?

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COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

every Saturday morning
@ Westbridge Community Hall
(2935 Highway 33 , Westbridge)

Bible Study (Sabbath School) is at 10 am
Divine Worship is at 11:30 am
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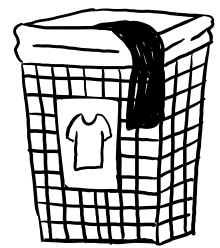
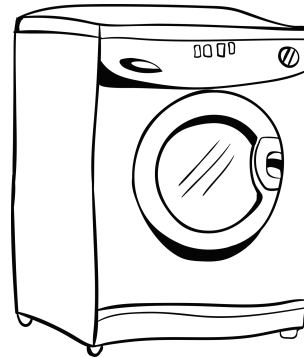


Speakers for May

- May 2: Pastor Jorge Tenorio
- May 9: Simpson Children Sacred Music Program
- May 16: Pastor Dirk Zinner
- May 23: Pastor Frank McMiller

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

The Rock Creek Community Medical Society would like to send a big thank you to the RDKB and to Sharen Gibbs, area director, for their ongoing support and generous donation to buy a much-needed washer and dryer for the medical centre!!



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Bird Day Brings Learning to Life

Submitted by Norma Howes

The 5th Annual Bird Day was another wonderful day of learning about our feathered friends and their environment. The program began with Norma Howes, who updated us on the Great Horned Owl family that successfully raised two owlets last year. This was followed by a pictorial report on the Christmas Bird Count and a discussion on how the bird group hopes to encourage everyone to keep track of the birds they see throughout the year. A checklist is available at Riverside where sightings can be recorded. With bird numbers seeming to decline, this effort is more important than ever.

Jenny Coleshill, presenter of “Where Water Meets Wings,” spoke about how birds of the riparian corridor use different trees and riverbanks to build nests near water. She highlighted the importance of large, old cottonwood trees, which provide vital habitat for many species—especially the Lewis’s Woodpecker.

Barb Stewart followed with “Birds and Bunchgrass,” sharing insights on birding in grasslands. She emphasized the importance of binoculars and learning bird silhouettes, noting that sparrows can be particularly challenging to identify and are often referred to as “LBBs” (little brown birds).

The day concluded with door prizes, snacks, and time to visit and share stories.



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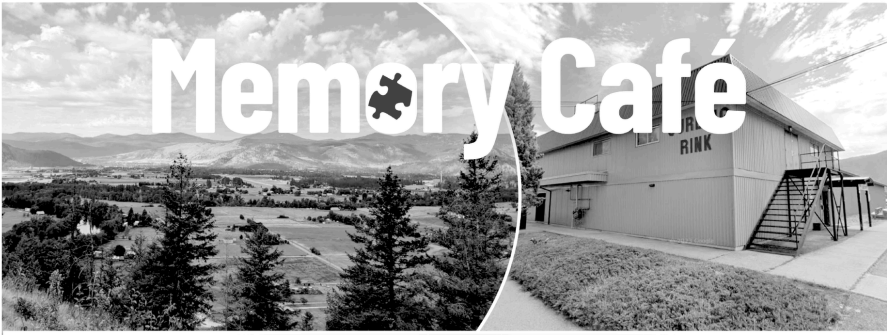
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 By Pascal Archambault
 SHOWTIME Theatre Company, Penticton

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Q & A with physician, nurse clinician and those with lived experience

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The application process for the 2026 graduating class is now open, and all BCSS graduates are encouraged to apply. The deadline for student application is May 28, 2026.

Celebrating Our 2025 Award Recipients

Last year's scholarships and bursaries recipients are **Duncan Harfman** and **Kieriana Guillet** each receiving \$1500 in financial support.

Your Support Makes a Difference

We rely entirely on the generosity of our community to continue providing these awards. No donation is too small. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution and help make a difference in a student's future, donations can be made by cheque to:

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Join Our Board

We are currently looking for additional directors to join our dedicated team. As a board member, you would play a vital role in ensuring success of our scholarship program. We meet just twice a year and would love to welcome new members who share our passion for supporting local students. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at info@kettlevalleybursary.com.

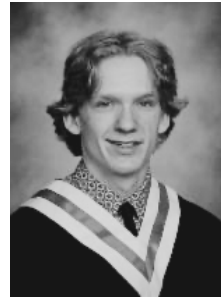
Thank You for Your Generosity

These scholarships and bursaries not only ease financial burden for students but also empower them to pursue their dreams. We deeply appreciate your ongoing support and generosity. Together, we can continue to invest in the future of our graduates at Boundary Central Secondary School.

With gratitude,

Rose Zitko, President

Kettle Valley Bursary and Scholarship Society



Duncan Harfman



Kieriana Guillet

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE UPDATE Submitted by Donna Ansetz



In 1956, long-time Women's Institute member Mildred Roylance was instrumental in establishing the Kettle River District Women's Institute (KRDWI), as the West Kootenay District WI was the closest/only district at that time.

Today, KRDWI is one of only five districts in the province, with 34 members enjoying food, laughter, and socializing while listening to speakers such as Vicki Gee, who spoke about the Food Hub, and Lori Weidenhammer, a naturalist who presented on bees. Thank you to judges Sam Hall and Sandy Fairburn for the five-item display competition, recycled article judging, decadent dessert judging, and the "Best Dressed Era Member" award.

The silent auction and book sales completed the fun-filled "Spring Fling: Bee Kind" themed day, which was attended by approximately 25 women. A big thank you to the Rock Creek WI for hosting the event at the Kettle River Wildlife Club.

SENIORS BEING SEEN

Upcoming Sessions...

Thursday April 23, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- "Random Stones of Kindness: A Painting Class." Join us in this 'hands-on' experience in creating unexpected community connections!!!!

Thursday April 30, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- "Spring Planting: Ideas and Tips," with Master Gardener Cheryl Ahrens

Thursday May 7, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- "Seniors' Purpose: One of the Six Pillars of Health." – Conversation and Q & A with Community Paramedic, Spencer Condon, EMT

Thursday May 14 & May 21, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- To Be Announced

Thursday May 28, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- "Continued Escapades of the Rotten Bottom Ladies" – Written and read by author Adrienne Haynes. Dare you to keep a straight face.

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



Ron Everson showing exquisite family heirloom at Seniors' "Show & Tell"

KETTLE RIVER LIONS TURN FUNDRAISING INTO MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY HELP

The Kettle River Lions use monies raised through various fundraising endeavours each year to fund recurring projects like Christmas Vouchers for families and individuals needing a helping hand, the annual Community Easter Dinner, as well as helping with a variety of types of requests for assistance.

Help from corporate and private donations helps us help more people. All donations big and small are greatly appreciated. We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the following:

- West Boundary Community Forests
- Christian Valley Service
- StellerVista Credit Union
- McMynn's
- Fossen Air
- Freeman's Country Supply



William Boltz, Glenn Miller, Ed Fossen Family, Kelly Harpur, Colleen Jensen, Franklin Stent, and T & J Tomkins for their donations in recent months, as well as other anonymous donors.

Thank you . . . your support means a lot!



IN MEMORY ~ SUSAN (SUE) FIELDING OCTOBER 29, 1945 – NOVEMBER 29, 2025

- Sue passed away suddenly in her home.
- She was very involved in Girl Guides and had open units in Rock Creek, Midway, Grand Forks, and Christina Lake.
- Sue enjoyed quilting and donated many to Victim's Support.

REMEMBERING SUE

APRIL 25, 2026
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Westbridge Recreation Society's 1st Annual Mother's Day Craft Market

Westbridge Community Hall
Sunday, May 10th, 2026

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and crafters for the 10 tables.

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The Messy River Series



Article #13
"Following the Heat"



Spring is here. With the arrival of breeding birds, the leafing out of cottonwoods, and insects waking, nature is a busy place right now.

The sun is back — not just in hours, but in strength. As the angle of the Earth shifts, its rays land differently, and that warming influences everything.

You can see it clearly here in the Kettle Valley. Running east to west, the difference between north- and south-facing slopes is hard to miss this time of year. South-facing hillsides soak in the sun first, drying out and greening up faster. Arrow-leaved balsamroot pushes up early, lighting up the hillsides in yellow. Across the valley, north-facing slopes lag behind — cooler, slower, still holding onto spring a little longer.

This uneven warming — this exchange of heat from the sun to the land — drives the timing of life. It's called phenology: the seasonal timing of natural events. When buds open. When insects emerge. When birds arrive. When snakes leave their dens.

And right now, snakes are on the move.

As the days warm, snakes begin emerging from their winter dens, often on rocky slopes that catch the sun. After months underground, they need heat quickly to become active again. Unlike birds or mammals, snakes rely entirely on their surroundings to warm their bodies.

And that's where things get complicated. The same sun that warms a rocky slope also heats our roads. Asphalt absorbs and holds heat far more than soil or vegetation. By afternoon, roads can become some of the warmest surfaces on the landscape.

For a snake, that's irresistible. What looks like a road to us is, to a snake, a perfect basking spot — a place to warm up, get moving, and survive. But those same roads cut through their seasonal habitats, between dens, feeding areas, and water.

This time of year is one of the hardest for them. The exchange of heat — from sun to road to snake — becomes a trap.

A messy river can't change the strength of the sun — but it can change how that heat moves across the landscape.

Where a river is intact and a little bit wild, it creates layers of temperature. Shade from cottonwoods cools the ground. Moist soils and dense vegetation don't heat up the same way exposed ground or asphalt does.

Instead of one overwhelming heat source, you get choices.

For snakes and other cold-blooded wildlife, that matters. A snake warming on a slope can quickly move into cooler cover — into grass, under woody debris, or down toward a shaded riparian area. Heat isn't something they're trapped in — it's something they can move through.

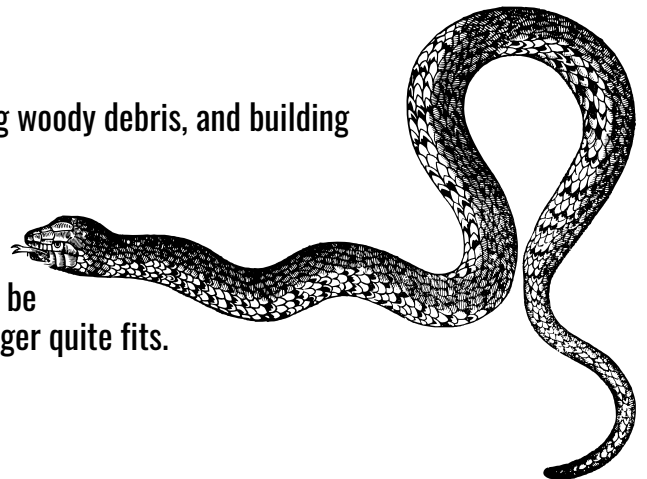
That's what a connected, messy system provides: gradients.

But when landscapes are simplified — clearing vegetation, removing woody debris, and building roads through important ecosystems — we lose those gradients.

So, as you're out this spring — especially on warm afternoons — it's worth slowing down a little and keeping an eye out for these remarkable animals. Roads near rocky slopes and riparian areas can be crossing points for snakes trying to navigate a landscape that no longer quite fits.

Because sometimes the story of a watershed isn't just about water.

Sometimes, it's about heat — and how life follows it.





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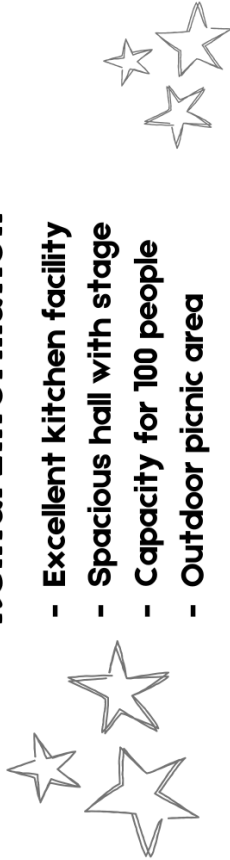
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RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 25, 2026 meeting

Cannabis Retail Store Licence – Big White

The Board recommended issuance of a Cannabis Retail Store licence for Mountain Dogs (1551135 BC Ltd.) located at 47-5350 Big White Road.

Provincial Downloading

The Board will send the following resolution to the Province of BC, local MLAs, MPs, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments:

WHEREAS the Provincial and Federal Governments are seeking to reduce their expenditures; and

WHEREAS local governments have already experienced significant downloading of responsibilities and services from senior levels of government; and

WHEREAS local governments are legislatively required to maintain balanced budgets and are not permitted to operate in deficit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary strongly objects to and will not support any further downloading of responsibilities, services, or costs from the Provincial or Federal Governments without full, stable, and sustainable funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary calls on the Provincial and Federal Governments to respect the fiscal limitations of local governments and to cease the practice of transferring responsibilities without the necessary financial resources.

Five-Year Financial Plan Adopted

The Board adopted Bylaw 1934, 2026, the 2026-2030 Five-Year Financial Plan. The RDKB thanks all those residents who provided feedback during our budget consultation process. We value your input!

Area E Grant-in-Aid approved

- Boundary Central Secondary School Theatre – sound equipment – \$1841.50
- Kettle River Food Share Society – Directors/Officer and Commercial Liability Insurance – \$2382
- Phoenix Cross Country Ski Society – grooming compactor bar – \$2000
- Rock Creek and Boundary Fair Association – to replace the unsafe structure at the fairgrounds – \$20,500
- Rock Creek Community Medical Society – to purchase a new washer and dryer – \$1500

April 15, 2026 meeting

The Board approved the following grants to come out of the Boundary Integrated Watershed Service:

- Boundary Mushroom Festival (\$5,365.00)
- Boundary Woodlot Association (\$5000.00)
- Christina Lake Stewardship Society (\$6,115.00)
- Okanagan Nation Alliance – Amphibians (\$8,000.00)
- School District 51 – Perley Elementary (\$2,520.00)

Area E Grant-in-Aid approved

- Parkview Manor Tenants Committee – upgrades to common room, television and sound system – \$6246.40
- The Nature Trust of British Columbia – for the fee simple securement of 321 acres of native grasslands – \$500

Next Board meetings: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 1 pm

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RCBFA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Dean Corbett

Beefore I attended kindergarten, on days when Mom went to school, I was looked after at the Brown family farm in Surrey (it is still there, and you may have seen it in zombie movies). I remember several ladies getting together in an upper room of the 1890's JT Brown farmhouse and clicking their thimbles and buzzing. When asked what they were doing, I was answered, "Quilting bee." Details are foggy, but I fondly recall the buzzy work and laughter going on for most of the morning. Around the same time, Dad and other fathers in the neighbourhood developed a ballfield in a local park (also named JT Brown...I even went to JT Brown Elementary School!). I don't recall much about the work; other than the huge fires they lit to clear up the stumps and us kids getting to roast marshmallows on sticks. These were my first introductions to work bees, followed in later years with like activities on our rugbee clubhouse where cold beers (the nectar of rugbee guys!) took the place of marshmallows!

Work bees are sweet! RCBFA ones are truly the bees knees because unlike so many other chores, you get to work together with a variety of interesting people to accomplish a common and appreciated task. Lately, four of us old-timers met for 2 mornings to dismantle the old rickety arena announcer's booth. It was swaying quite badly, the stairs were questionable, and it was generally unsafe. The first day our average age was 73+ and our accumulated age was 220 years! We worked steadily, we joked, we told stories that did not drone on, and we had a great time. The second day, the 80-year-old was replaced by a 71-year-old, and we continued until the booth was gone. Talk about beeing able to see the results of your efforts! A local contractor has been hired to rebuild the structure to building code standards and make it a pleasant addition for future equestrian events.

On April 11-12 we had another buzzy 2-day work bee. Saturday, 30+ 4-H members and their families, several RCBFA members and others combed, raked, loaded, and disposed of pinecones and needles in the Blaine Memorial Campsite which was a hive of activity! We took 10+trailer loads to the compostables pile at the landfill! The next day it was great to collaborate with many members of the Kettle River Horse Club to do same job in the wilderness campsite area.

Other RCBFA work bees happen dependent on the job, skill sets required and weather. Sometimes we look for swarms of people, other times we call on a specific group to fly in at short notice. The biggest, buzzingest bee is early September, when 100++ workers transform our peaceful nest into a ready-to-go hive for the fair. Tables get set up, tents erected, bleachers cleaned and generally things are spruced up. Amazingly, nobody bumbles around with little to do, and many bring their Queen Bee or Honeycomb along to make it a family affair. The grounds wax and morph into a different place with so many young and old, new and experienced worker bees helping. Afterwards, we light on a table and marvel at beeing part of such positive activity!

You needn't bee an old-timer or newly arrived in our colony, just bee willing to help and not bee waspish or broody. Keep an eye on WBee Connect and The KR Echo for future chances to help at a work bee in our community.

WIFI PASSWORD PLEASE

A man at a funeral interrupts the priest and says, "Excuse me, do you have the WiFi password?" The priest stares at him and says, "Good God, man, have some decency. This is your mother's funeral!" The man says, "Is that all lower case?"



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FRIDAY JUNE 26, 2026

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Meeting to start at 1 pm
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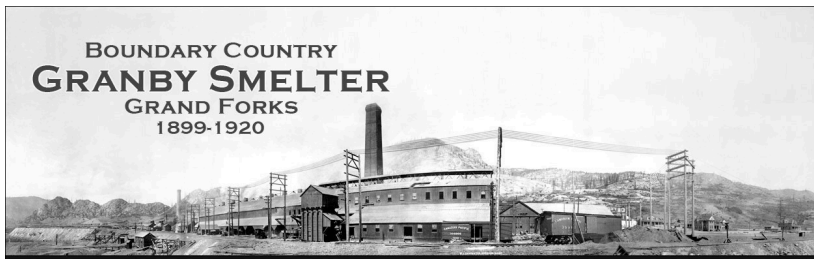
Granby Smelter By: Vic Boychuk

A copper smelter was built in Grand Forks due to the discovery of copper at Phoenix. Jay P. Graves of Spokane filed a few claims on Knob Hill (future city of Phoenix) but needed money to develop the mines. He found a group of men in Granby, Quebec and they formed The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Co. Ltd. In 1895 the first two furnaces were blown in and as time went on more mines sent their ore to the Granby Smelter. The Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) arrived in Phoenix hauled the first trainload to the smelter in 1900. In 1901, the addition of two more furnaces increased daily capacity to 1,500 tons. By that time, underground mining had changed to the room and pillar method to create stopes instead of the square set method which saved a lot of timbering. In 1903, three small steam shovels worked surface operations producing half the mine's production, being one of the earliest attempts at open-pit mining in BC. By 1904 eight furnaces were producing a steady stream of ore from various mines at Phoenix. Mine improvements included the Granby car, two giant steam shovels, two steam locomotives, and loading facilities for the Great Northern Railway (GN) line which arrived in 1905. GN quickly replaced CP in hauling most of the mountain's ore through gentler grades. The blister copper produced by the smelter was shipped to the Nichols Chemical Company in Brooklyn, New York for further refining. By 1908, Granby Consolidated owned 35 claims at Phoenix and smelter processing peaked to 1,178,800 tons. At this point the Granby Smelter was the largest in the British Empire and the second largest in the world.

The bricks used to build the Granby Smelter were produced near Grand Forks. A great portion of the bricks used in the Mother lode, and The BC Copper Co. in Anaconda were also manufactured near Grand Forks. It took nearly half a million bricks to build the Granby smoke stack 150 feet high.

After the end of World War One (The Great War) copper prices dropped, Phoenix was closing most of the mines. The Smelter closed permanently on June of 1919. By year end, the mine equipment was removed from Phoenix, the portals dynamited, and the railway tracks lifted.

Abel Bixley Ward Hodges (1862-1942) managed the smelter in Grand Forks. He was born in Wisconsin, raised in Saint Louis, and died in Los Angeles. In 1905 Hodges perched a second-hand electric automobile in Spokane and drove it down Bridge Street (now Market Avenue), "people ran out of their houses, stores and saloons, their eyes popping, to get their first look at a horseless carriage."



The Granby Smelter, Grand Forks, BC - (1901-1902)

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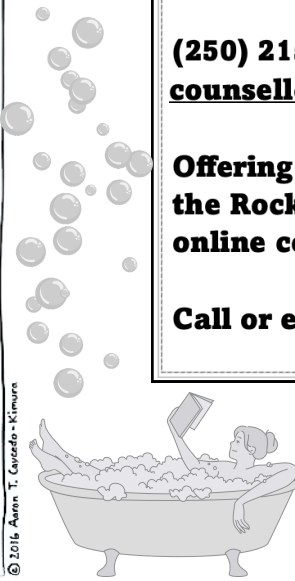
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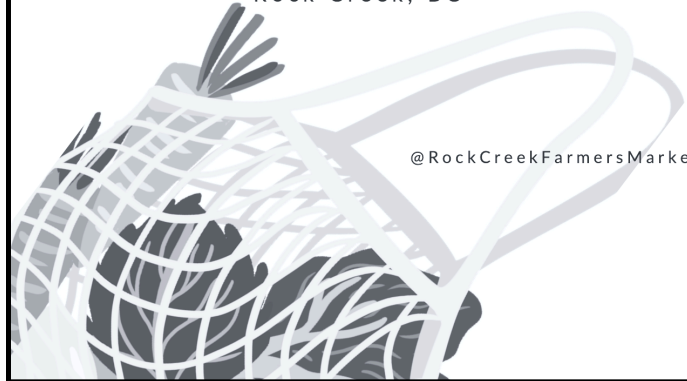
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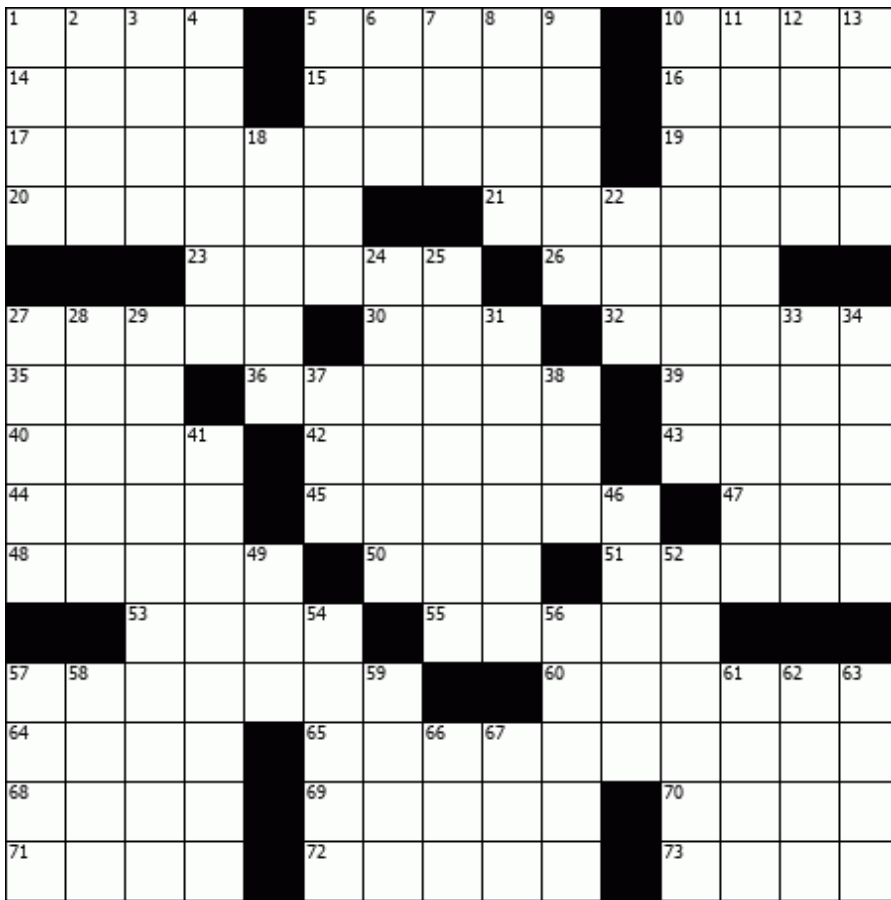
Gas prices are so high that I went to the car dealership and test-drove 3 cars to run my errands.



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Crossword



ACROSS

- 1. Circus lineup
- 5. Classic TV's 86, for one
- 10. Subtle "Over here!"
- 14. Start up a computer
- 15. Louisiana waterway
- 16. Lung opening?
- 17. Narrowly avoid overtime, in a way
- 19. Drainage pump
- 20. Splits to unite
- 21. Party leader?
- 23. Old hat
- 26. Chophouse request
- 27. Handled clumsily
- 30. Exterminator's target, perhaps
- 32. Nissan rival
- 35. Japanese Prime Minister Hirobumi
- 36. Office chair feature
- 39. Track encounter
- 40. Searches for gold, in a way
- 42. Flared dress
- 43. --- fixe (obsession)
- 44. Isle of exile
- 45. Thingamajig
- 47. Sports-car protector
- 48. With cunning
- 50. Dead-end job
- 51. So far
- 53. Gung-ho
- 55. --- voce (softly)
- 57. Loco
- 60. Undo, as an amendment
- 64. Bug-eyed
- 65. Narrow escape
- 68. Bit of chicanery
- 69. West Pointer
- 70. Vitamin pill addition
- 71. Monopoly card
- 72. Helps in the worst way
- 73. Tolstoy's "--- Karenina"

DOWN

- 1. French clergyman
- 2. Santa's revenge
- 3. Matador's victim
- 4. Treeless plain
- 5. Bottomless gulf
- 6. Yakker's gift
- 7. Suggested object for a tit for tat
- 8. Life preserver?
- 9. Teach one-on-one
- 10. Deli offering
- 11. Made it out of a packed aisle
- 12. Some bottom lines, in math
- 13. Good night for soldiers
- 18. Data for detectives
- 22. 2001 title role for Sean Penn
- 24. Hand on deck
- 25. Jealous
- 27. Vocal cords, in slang
- 28. In the least bit
- 29. Eked out the victory
- 31. Take care of, as a nurse
- 33. Plow innovator John
- 34. Bothered incessantly
- 37. High roller's roll
- 38. Place for a shepherd
- 41. Saved, as a shipwreck
- 46. Historical info
- 49. Yang's counterpart
- 52. First name among Italian leading ladies
- 54. Bangladesh's capital
- 56. Waste allowances
- 57. Shakespeare, for one
- 58. Chills and fever
- 59. Hunk of marble
- 61. Entitle oneself to
- 62. River to the Severn
- 63. Melodious Horne
- 66. Keats specialty
- 67. Place for an acting president?

SOLUTION ON PAGE 11



Why do gardeners plant bulbs?

going
are where they are
So that the worms can

Why did the Rolling Stones stop making music?

Because they got to
bottom of the hill.

A guy asks a lawyer about his fees.

"I charge \$50 for three questions," the lawyer says.

"That's awfully steep, isn't it?" the guy asks.

"Yes, I suppose so," the lawyer replies. "Now what's your final question?"

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MONDAYS

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

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)

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** McArthur Centre, 1375 Veteran's Lane, Greenwood meets on the 1st Thursday of each month. Meeting times vary. Please email for more details: info@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)
- **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
- **Westbridge Thrift Store** open 10 am - 3 pm
- **Rock Creek Farmer's Market** @ Rags, Relics, Rutabagas (9-1)

SUNDAYS

- **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, APRIL 23 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: "Random Stories of Kindness: A Painting Class"

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 (5:30 PM) @ ROCK CREEK FAIRGROUNDS PAVILION

- Cattle Baron's Ball

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: "Spring Planting: Ideas and Tips"

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

- Seniors Being Seen: "Seniors' Purpose: One of the Six Pillars of Health."

SATURDAY, MAY 10 (10 AM - 2 PM) @ WESTBRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL

- Westbridge Recreation Society's 1st Annual Mother's Day Craft Market

SATURDAY, MAY 2 (11 AM - 2 PM) @ GRAND FORKS CURLING CLUB

- Memory Café

THURSDAY, MAY 28 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: "Continued Escapades of the Rotten Bottom Ladies"

SATURDAY, MAY 30 (10 AM - 3 PM) @ KETTLE RIVER ART CLUB

- Kettle River Art Club Annual Show

SUNDAY, MAY 31 (2 PM - 4 PM) @ PARKVIEW MANOR

- Parkview Manor's 25th Birthday Open House

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 (BBQ: 12 PM / MEETING: 1:00 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Kettle River Food Share Society Annual General Meeting

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