

Kettle River Echo

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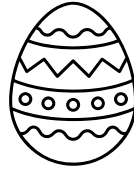
Contributions for the next newsletter are asked to be submitted no later than the 15th of the month.

WELCOME BAGS

WELCOME

Trails to the Boundary is putting together more welcome bags to be distributed to newcomers to the area.

If you would like to contribute something from your business, to be included in these bags (eg. gift cards, business cards, discount vouchers, or items), please drop them off at Riverside Centre between the hours of 10 am - 4 pm.



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

~Abraham Maslow



NEW DROP-OFF LOCATION FOR WATER SAMPLES

The Rock Creek Medical Centre has made it possible for businesses to drop their water samples off at the clinic twice a month.



The 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, between 10 am - 2 pm, will accommodate this service so that travel to Midway is not necessary.

*Note: **This is for businesses only.**

Thank you to the clinic for providing this service.

School staff and students in School District 51

(Boundary) will be on Spring Break from March 20 - April 6.

Their first week back runs from April 7 - April 10 (Friday)



VOLUNTEER CORNER

volunteer

[vol-uhn-teer]

: noun

One who performs an act of service willingly and without payment or compensation. One who believes one person can make a difference.

: verb

To offer time and talents in service of others. To care about people and the larger community. To act in a selfless manner.

: thank you

For your giving your time, your skills and your heart. You have made a positive impact.

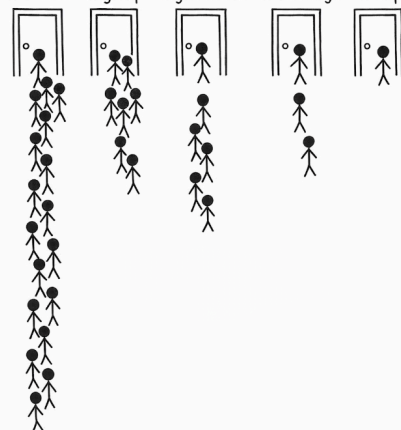
Recognizing that so many of the organizations that we value, and even sometimes take for granted, are run by volunteers, the board of Trails to the Boundary Society would like to save a corner of the Echo every month to thank the amazing individuals that add vibrancy and stability to our communities.

This month we cheer on:

- 4-H club leaders
- Kettle River Lions Club
- Food Share

The Lines of Life

To criticize To gossip To get involved To encourage To help



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

SENIORS BEING SEEN

Upcoming Sessions...

Thursday, March 19, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- “Further information on Cybersecurity and AI,” – back by popular request, Christina Werry, Boundary Family Services Seniors' Navigator, returns with more solutions to address ever-evolving and complex issues in protecting sensitive financial and other personal information when we use our cell phones, computers, etc.

Thursday, March 26, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- “How Fire Fighters Get 'Er Done!” Midway Chief, Corey Kortmeyer. With actual training footage and shots of real-time fire fighting, Chief Kortmeyer will take us through the paces of how his crews stay fit and ready to do this dangerous and sometimes scary work.

Thursday, April 2, 2026 - 1:30 pm

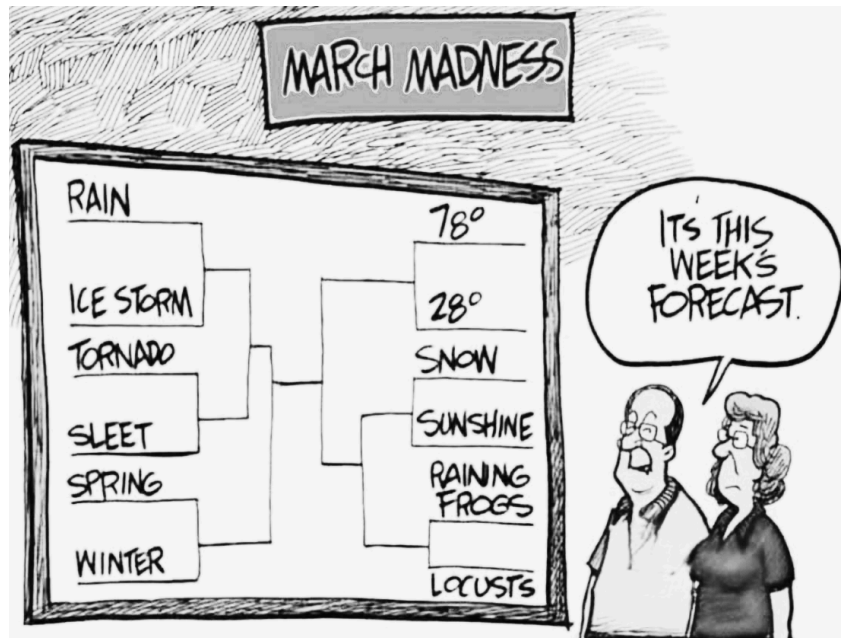
- “Holding the Centre”... Counsellor Barb Gladue will talk with us about how we connect with and preserve the calm, strong place within ourselves – that place from which we can naturally renew our sense of safety and peace in the midst of external chaos.



Feb. 19th - Horticulturist J. Hicks (shown with family Katrina and Linda) presented “Resilient Planting Choices for the Boundary,” taking into account the significant and ongoing changes in our seasonal temperatures and water resources.

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



**Wherever you go, no matter the weather,
always bring your own sunshine.**
-Anthony J. D'Angelo

MAIN RIVER WI 90 TH ANNIVERSARY

OUR HISTORY

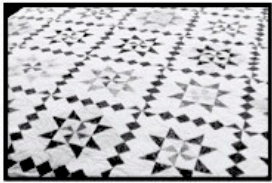
MARCH 7, 1936 - MARCH 7, 2026

MAIN RIVER WI was organized on March 7, 1936 with Mrs. Warnock as President and Mrs. Haggart as Secretary/Treasurer. By April ten members had joined, paying a 15 cent fee. Irma Haggart remembers taking her mother, Mrs. Filmore, to the March meeting; as their car sank to the axles in mud about a quarter of a mile from the meeting place.



They walked the rest of the way and left John to get the car out of the mud.

An entry of fancy work was sent to the Vancouver Exhibition that year and the group also adopted a welfare boy. A small hall was built in 1937, which later became a school. An old house was repaired and made into a hall. In the early years a children's poultry club was sponsored. The group was active throughout the war years, sending parcels to soldiers overseas, knitting socks for the Red Cross, and keeping up their own community projects. To serve their large, scattered rural community, the Institute made special efforts to address local concerns, such as road conditions, lack of electrification etc. They also contributed to provincial projects when they were able.



The Main River Women's Institute's name was chosen because most of their members lived up Christian Valley on the Kettle River, also known as the Main River.

February 14, 1986 was Main River's 50th anniversary. Irma Haggart was presented with the 50th anniversary quilt made by the members.

Over the past forty years the Main River WI has kept busy with:

- Making emergency bags for Grand Forks Hospital
- Raising funds to support Boundary Secondary School with a Bursary
- Help in many facets of the Rock Creek Fall Fair
- Supporting the Westbridge Community Hall with catering weddings, memorials, anniversaries
- Making donations of financial assistance to the BC Children's Hospital
- Supporting the Kettle Valley Food Share Society, Rock Creek Medical Centre and many more.



The Main River Institute is still going strong today, supporting the community and holding enjoyable monthly sessions at the Westbridge Thrift Store.

We have seven members and the group continues to support their community in many positive ways.

The annual Main River WI Valentine's Lunch and Quilt Show is a very popular event and we thank you for coming!

PARKVIEW MANOR'S FUNDRAISING PAIRS CRIB TOURNAMENT!

670 Ninth Ave, Midway



This FUN tournament will be held in the PVM Dining Room and will consist of a round robin format with 30-minute games. Pairs will be randomly selected at the start of the tournament.

FUNDS GO TOWARDS STUDENT BURSARY, ACTIVITIES AND BUS TRIPS!

MARCH 30
9AM - 4PM
(with lunch break)

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winners take 50%!

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Bill - 250-449-8171

"Don't get skunked!"

Claim your seat and pay your **\$10 entry** by **March 23** or you'll be left in the stink hole!

HUMAN BODY FUN FACTS

- The smallest bones in the human body are the stapes bone in the middle ear.
- Humans share about 50% of their DNA with bananas.
- The human nose and ears keep growing throughout their entire life.
- Brown eyes are the most common color.
- Taste buds live for about 10 to 14 days before they're replaced.
- Fingernails grow much faster than toenails, about four times as fast.
- Walking uses around 200 different muscles in your body.
- The heart is approximately the size of a clenched fist.
- Grown ups have 32 teeth.
- An average yawn lasts for about six seconds.
- Your nose can pick up and recognize an incredible three trillion different scents.

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- Most people can't touch their own elbows with their tongues.
- It's impossible to sneeze while keeping your eyes open.
- Just like fingerprints, every person has a unique print on their tongue.
- Fingernails grow much faster than toenails, about four times as fast.
- You can't smell things while you're fast asleep.
- Taste buds in your mouth live for about 10 to 14 days before they're replaced.
- About 70% of an adult's body is made up of water.
- Brown eyes are the most common color you'll see.
- The human brain cannot feel pain.
- The femur, which is the thigh bone, is the strongest bone in the human body.
- The human nose and ears keep growing throughout their entire life.
- Your nose doesn't grow like Pinocchio's when you lie, but it can feel warmer.
- The smallest bones in the human body are the stapes bone in the middle ear.
- Try as you might, you can't talk while breathing in or out at the same time.
- Your heart is approximately the size of your clenched fist.
- All babies are born with blue eyes, even if they change color later.

88TH ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY TEA & QUILT SHOW: 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAIN RIVER WI

Submitted by Donna Ansetz, Secretary for KRDWI Main River WI

On Saturday February 14th, 2026, approximately 68 people gathered at the Westbridge Hall to enjoy a wonderful 88th Annual Valentine's Day Tea and Quilt Show (yes, Angel food cake with strawberries and whipped cream for dessert) celebrating Main River Women's Institute's 90th Anniversary (March 7, 1936).



Lynne McKillican, president of the Main River WI, welcomed everyone for coming and with Nicole Hudon gave a brief history of the women of Westbridge and Christian Valley, who established the MRWI. Several of the women were decades-long-time members.

The walls, all around 2 rooms, held 37 (new to viewing) quilts comprising of decades old "handmade" for family members to "New Art" creation wall hangings. Ginger Ferguson's 100+ years-old quilt top "was her mother's grandmother's" made of 100's of tiny round circles of very thin, cotton fabric hand stitched together. Judy Foucher's quilt "was to be donated to a child in foster care." Just some of the stories shared while enjoying a delicious lunch provided by the members of MRWI.

After an introduction by president, Lynne, Dolores McNee was introduced to present a "Vintage Clothing" collection owned by 83-year-old Natalie Drache, and presented to those in attendance by her entourage of 3 assistants. While descriptions were read of the vintage clothing, they were presented around the hall for viewing close up. Items included in the presentation were:

- a real mink satin lined coat complete with a "muffler"/ purse
- "robin" egg blue sequined evening gown "worn by mother while dining at the Captain's table on a cruise"
- rayon sleeveless top and shorts outfit "worn to the lake by mother" in muted Hawaiian print colours of orange & blue also on the "form" was a "buttons down the front" lace dress with brown velvet trim along the bottom "worn by favourite auntie in 1934" complete with a small "handkerchief" of lace to complete the ensemble worn on her head.



Natalie also had a "Dress-up Trunk" that held costumes that her mother had made as well as vintage photos, valentines and other treasures for viewing. A big thank you to the ladies for a wonderful presentation that even the men in attendance enjoyed!

On stage, the Main River WI banner hung alongside the (1992) last "Quilt Block Exchange" quilt. The twelve blocks were made by:

- Top L-R: Lisa Fillmore Donna Ansetz,
- 2nd row L-R: Marjorie Thomas (wrote the book "A Stitch in Time") Barb Davidson, Ruth Gould
- 3rd row L-R: Gay Weber, Bunny Pedersen, Patsy Cuthbertson
- 4th row L-R: Yvonne Davison, Irma Haggart (long time member of MRWI), sister Regina (Jean) Fillmore (joined MRWI in 1938 and "Speed-Sewed" her block), and the last member Lynn Paul.

In 2011 the blocks were "finally" put together by long-time Rock Creek WI member M.E. (Jacki) Austinson, who hand stitched each square differently, as well as hand stitching the border - no "long arm" machine was used.

Surrounding the vintage Singer sewing machine was a washboard, agitator, brown glass gallon Javex, K.V.R. train lantern, Ogilvy cookbook (1904), the first spiral bound cookbook and various other 1930's era items.

After raffle prizes were given the silent auction closed as well as the sales of plants and books.

Lynne McKillican thanked everyone for coming and a gave a special thank you to the ladies taking the time to share their vintage clothing collection with all of us.

It was a very enjoyable day socializing with friends.

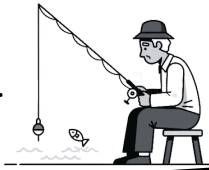


HOOK, LINE & SINKER

I SAW AN OLD DUDE WITH A FISHING ROD OUTSIDE MY LOCAL BAR FISHING IN A PUDDLE. HE LOOKED REALLY COLD. I SAID TO HIM, "COME ON IN AND GET WARM. I'LL BUY YOU A DRINK."

AS WE HAD A COUPLE SHOTS OF WHISKEY, I THOUGHT I'D HUMOUR HIM AND ASKED, "HOW MANY HAVE YOU CAUGHT TODAY?"

"WELL, COUNTING YOU... THAT MAKES 8 SO FAR."



You Are Invited



Meet the Artists of
Riverside Centre

on

Sunday, April 12th
1-4 pm

Art will be available for purchase
Cash only

Spring Is Always Here

FIRE STORIES

The 2015 Fire Committee appreciates members of the community that are submitting 2015 fire-related stories, photos, etc. All these memories, experiences, and lasting effects are valuable to the history of our community.

These can be sent to echoeditor@trailstotheboundary.com or dropped off at Riverside Centre. If you need assistance, call Pat at 250-528-0227.

FROM COMPOST PEEL TO BIG DEAL...

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary is giving its Solid Waste Management Plan a major refresh - and needs YOUR voice to help shape what comes next.

Waste touches every household and every business in our region. What's working? What could be improved? What should the next 10 years look like?

Take the survey by April 5 and be part of the conversation:

<https://jointheconversation.rdkb.com/solid-waste-management-plan-update>

Bonus: Complete the survey and you'll be entered to win one of TWO \$50 Everything Gift Cards!

This is your chance to help guide recycling, waste reduction, landfill planning, and diversion programs across the region.

Because smart waste planning starts with community input.



(L-R) Janine Dougall, GM of Environmental Services, RDKB Board Chair Grace McGregor and Terry Martin, Chair of the Solid Waste Management Plan Steering and Monitoring Committee

ZIP IT UP!

I forgot to zip my pants today, so a lady politely told me, "Sir, your garage is open."

I zipped them up and asked, "Did you see my MONSTER TRUCK parked inside?"

The lady smiled back and said, "No, just one small TOYOTA with two flat tires."

I understand the need to be a responsible adult... But every day? Every single day???



SHAPE THE FUTURE OF WASTE IN THE RDKB TAKE THE SURVEY



We're updating our Solid Waste Management Plan & YOUR voice matters!



Take online Survey



Ask Questions



Follow Project

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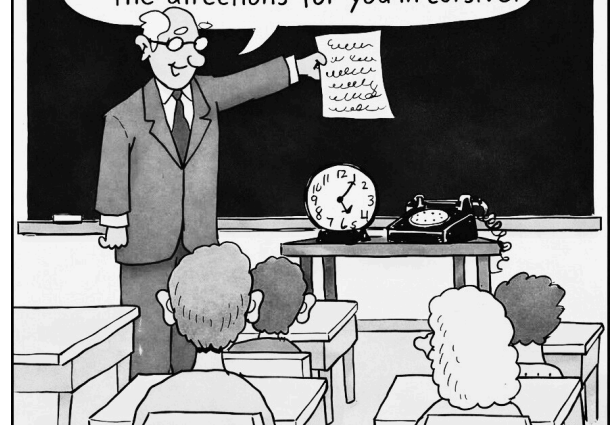


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Take a few minutes to complete our online survey and tell us what's working, what's not, and what you want to see over the next ten years. Prefer paper? Pick up a copy at your local municipal office.

Your input will help guide waste reduction, recycling, and diversion across the region — and move us closer to zero waste.

Your final exam will be to figure out how to use an analog clock and a rotary phone. Don't worry. I have written the directions for you in cursive.



Boundary "C" MONTHLY REPORT

By: Malia Eek Club Reporter

The Boundary 'C' 4-H Club has kept busy this month writing and practicing their upcoming speeches! The club speeches will be on March 14th at BCSS and the district speeches are on April 18th. Practice days were also held on February 19th and March 12th where members could rehearse their speech and get tips. Best of luck to all members!

Rally day is another exciting event approaching us, where members from the whole district meet to test their judging skills and present their educational displays. Members are hard at work refining their skills and project knowledge.

The 30th annual Cattle Baron's Ball is also coming up on April 25th! The dinner and dance will be accompanied by live music featuring The Sammy Steele band, as well as our live and silent auctions. Tickets to our main fundraiser of the year will be available soon! More information will be available soon, so stay tuned to the Boundary "C" Facebook page. Hope to see you there!

Midway
Public Library
AGM
Monday March 23, 2026
@ 6pm
612 6th Ave, Midway

Join us for refreshments, meet the board and see what we have planned for 2026. Everyone welcome!



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FREEMAN'S
COUNTRY SUPPLY

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Spring has
SPRUNG!

Whatever you're busy doing in the beautiful Boundary this spring, we are here for you as your local "Country Living Store"! Fencing, feed, seed, fertilizer, metal roofing, gardening supplies, and so much more...

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Spring is definitely in the air, with calves scampering in the fields, buttercups poking out of the ground, and many of us navigating muddy roads as they thaw during the day - still freezing at night.

This spring the RDKB is welcoming a new Chief Administrative Officer, James Chandler, as Mark Andison, the former CAO retires after many years of dedicated service. James Chandler, the former Operations Manager and Deputy CAO has transitioned into the role seamlessly, and the RDKB board and staff alike are pleased with the decision to promote James into this role.

Spring also brings a new budget for 2026, and the RDKB has held five townhalls to present the budget to the public as legislated. In Area E, West Boundary, I tried a different format called World Café, which was a bit different from our previous town halls. In the past we have asked everyone to hold their questions until the end of the slide presentations to make sure everyone gets a chance to ask questions. Even doing it that way, often we spend most of the time on a specific service and not all voices are heard. With the World Café format, the CFO presented slides on the budget, and then everyone was able to ask specific questions regarding specific services from the managers at side tables with various information and handouts. Next year, I'm considering allowing questions addressing the whole room which should create a feeling of being heard and possibly spark some ideas and questions from others. With a combination of both styles, I'm hoping residents will feel heard without having to focus on one service or specific questions consuming all the time of the public meeting.

The past few years of my term as Regional Director, I was able to accomplish some infrastructure upgrades, such as;

- New grandstands at the Rock Creek & Boundary Fall Fairgrounds
- An accessibility ramp at the Bridesville Community Hall
- New windows (the old ones were nailed shut) at the Big White Ski Patrol Building
- Heater in the Midway Curling club
- Bathroom upgrades and a communication board for the Westbridge Hall

As well as help societies with insurance and events, youth & seniors, as well as supporting health initiatives;

- Road Rescue Vehicle Extrication Tool - Midway Fire & Rescue
- AED equipment for public spaces
- Youth daycare, education, sports programs
- Parkview manor printer and transportation
- Holiday celebrations for community events



Also, it was a great pleasure to be able to supply a new first responder vehicle to the Beaverdell Fire Department (due to a change in the criteria for the Canada Community Building Works fund) and a plan to extend an existing space to house this vehicle. Beaverdell also benefits from a new tender vehicle for the department and additional training.

I continue to fund food security through the various Food Shares and Community Dinners throughout the West Boundary.

DIRECTOR'S

I'd like to share some of the committee work I've been doing for the Regional District and will touch on that in my next submission. Many thanks to the Echo for organizing a specific area in this paper designated for RDKB updates and the Director's Corner to share our work and matters concerning West Boundary residents.

As we continue spring clean-up while the snow recedes, and now as many celebrate fasts & feasts this time of year, let's remember to be grateful for the basics many of us take for granted; food, water, shelter, transportation, and family love & support. And personally, I'm especially thankful for a community willing to step up and help a neighbour or acquaintance, many times without asking. All of us in the Boundary are fortunate indeed!



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RCBFA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Dean Corbett

Fall Fair Themes over the years have reflected the history, economic and social activities of our local communities. It is important to have interesting fair themes because many exhibitors like to make their projects follow the theme and a catchy theme helps to garner interest and excitement among fairgoers. Each year's theme is proudly displayed on that year's Exhibitors' Handbooks which are printed each May. For many of our hundreds of exhibitors they are like receiving an old-time catalogue...remember the your excitement and anticipation fostered by those Sears and Eatons books?

Our 2026 theme is Gold Pans and Cattle Brands, and it reflects the very beginnings of permanent, white settlement in our area. In 1859 gold was discovered in yet to be named Rock Creek and there was a rush of prospectors to the creek in the early 1860's as word got out. The Dewdney Trail from Hope to Fort Steele, shortly afterwards brought supplies, families, as well as law and order to the area. Rock Creek had its ups and downs, but eventually beef was grown locally rather than trailed into the area to supply miners and smelter workers in the Boundary.

Gold pans were essential equipment tools for prospectors, but so were shovels. Branding irons and ropes were important tools for cowboys and ranchers, but so were horseshoes and lariats. Somehow, Gold Pans and Cattle Brands sounds better than Shovels and Lariats! Thank you to all who entered our 2027-28 theme contest. Picking the themes has been a fun and interesting activity in the past, and by the time this is printed, we'll have two year's, themes ready.

This year we hope to have theme related activities for attendees to do, hear and see. We are engaging gold panners and enthusiasts to bring back the "Miners' Alley". Local amateur entertainers (Sat and Sunday morning) are encouraged to pick songs and poems that have the Gold Pans and Cattle Brands theme in their songs...Clementine? Big John? Ol' Paint? Cattle Call? How about coming to the fair dressed like a rancher or miner? Our ever-popular children's treasure hunt will have gold medallions hidden throughout the grounds for kids turn in to receive prizes and a chance to get a ride wristband!

If you are a potential or long-time exhibitor, think about building the theme into your fall fair project. Cattle and Horse Show participants have it easy here, but what about sewing a quilt with the theme prominently displayed? How about decorating canning jars, cakes and cookies being with cattle brands or gold pans. Women's Institute members always seem to follow the theme and arrange their beautiful displays match. There will be a special prize given for theme related entries, so stay tuned to the Exhibitor's Book for what that prize is and get your Gold Pans and Cattle Brands projects ready to go for Sept 19-20, 2026!

Notice of AGM

Kettle Valley Golf Club
Annual General Meeting

April 12th, 2026

Time: 11:00 am

at the

Kettle Valley Golf Clubhouse

3280 Highway 3 Rock Creek, BC

Members are reminded that
Lifetime Members in good standing
are entitled to vote in the
elections of executive and
directors to be held at the AGM.



YOU CAN HELP THE ROCK CREEK MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Rock Creek Medical Society meets on the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, downstairs at the Rock Creek Medical Centre.

Please help us by becoming a member.

A thriving membership makes grant funding more accessible.

For \$5, memberships are available by attending meetings or giving to staff at the Medical Centre, along with your name, email and phone number.



My wife just asked me when I was going to stop quoting Elton John song lyrics. I said, "I think it's gonna be a long, long time . . ."

RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

February 11, 2026 meeting

Selkirk College: "Stories to Solutions" Rural Homelessness Project

The RDKB will participate in Selkirk College's "Stories to Solutions" Rural Homelessness Project by providing an in-kind donation of 5 days per year of staff time.

ALR Exclusion Request - Key Electoral Area E/West Boundary

RDKB staff will prepare an ALR exclusion application for 1810 Gough Road and proceed with public consultation

Area E Grant-in-Aid approved

- The BC Rural Centre Society - support the planning and development of the 2026 keeping it rural conference - \$5000
- Diverse Family Roots - weekend retreat for families with disabilities to reset - \$500
- Main River Women's Institute - online Food Safe course X 2 - \$138
- Rumblestiltskein Fibre Arts Guild - to support materials for quilts donated to those in need and workshops for those of all ages - \$500
- Boundary Youth Soccer Association - to purchase essential youth soccer training, field, and program support equipment - \$2500

February 25, 2026 meeting

Audited Financial Statements

The RDKB's Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 were approved.

Budget - Big White Security Service

The RDKB's Board of Directors deferred approval of the 2026-2030 Big White Security Service Five-Year Financial Plan as the RDKB is still receiving feedback from Big White property owners on the service.

Consolidated 2026-2030 Five-Year Financial Plan - Second Draft

The RDKB's Board of Directors received the second draft of the consolidated 2026-2030 Five-Year Financial Plan and provided directions to staff for any changes, if any.

Area E Grant-in-Aid approved

- Boundary District Curling Club - to purchase an emergency defibrillator - \$1117
- Greenwood Recreation Association - 3rd annual soap box derby - \$500
- Kettle Valley Golf Club - to purchase an emergency defibrillator - \$1117
- Kettle River Food Share Society - to match funds donated at the Rock Creek Christmas Craft Fair - \$1177.90
- Boundary Helping Hands Feline Rescue Society - to cover expenses incurred from vehicle transportation to rescue and veterinary care for cats - \$500

March 4, 2026 meeting

Big White Security Service

As a result of the Big White Security Service Review Survey completed by residents, the Area E/West Boundary (Big White) Security Service Five-Year Financial budget will reflect a reduction in the level of service to 12 hours per day year-round for the security service. The financial savings will be allocated to the Big White Recreation and Culture Service.

Area E Grant-in-Aid approved

- Boundary Pipe Band Society - assist in the purchase of kilts for the band - \$1000
- Beaverdell Community Club and Recreation - An Easter grant to support residents living below the poverty line who face limited access to affordable groceries and rely on us as their primary source of healthy foods - \$1000
- Boundary Child Care Resource and Referral - for the Family Matters program in Midway - \$1500
- Kettle River Food Share Society - Easter fund - \$1000
- Trail to the Boundary Society - replacement Ricoh printer - \$12,880

Next Board meetings: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 1:00 pm

This is a portion of the RDKB Board Highlights. To subscribe directly to the full RDKB Board Highlights: <https://jointheconversation.rdkb.com/board-highlights>

Settlement & Language Services

Free support for immigrants in the Kootenay & Boundary region!



If you are a ...

- Permanent Resident
- Refugee
- Temporary Foreign Worker
- Naturalized Citizen
- Provincial Nominee
- International Student

We can help with...

- Learning about your community
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- Referrals and access to services
- Workplace skills
- Preparing for citizenship
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- ...and so much more!

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Welcome

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Columbia, British Columbia By: Vic Boychuk

There was intense competition between Columbia and Grand Forks to be the commercial and railroad center of the valley.

The west part of Grand Forks was a separate city known as Upper Grand Forks. A post office opened under that name on January 1, 1897. But when a Toronto syndicate bought the town site, they lobbied for a name change, because the mail bound for Upper Grand Forks was going to Grand Forks, North Dakota instead. Some townspeople suggested the name be either "Yale" or "Columbia". The Yale-Columbia Lumber Co. was incorporated around the same time (Just a coincidence!).

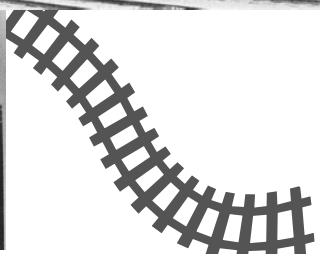
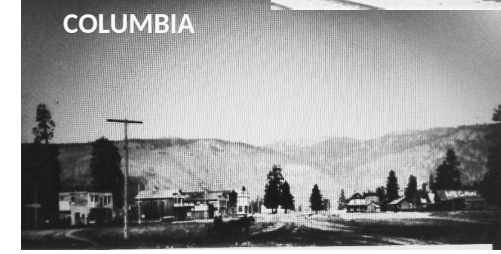
After some debate Columbia was decided and became an incorporated city on May 4, 1899. Well, that didn't go well with some folks. A business owner in Grand Forks was jailed for saying some nasty things about Columbia. The Grand Forks founding mayor was accused of helping burn down a Columbia hotel. The charges were dropped when a key witness failed to show (wonder what happen there!). The Columbia stage coach refused to let passengers off in Grand Forks. The CPR built their station in the City of Columbia because the City of Grand Forks would not allow any employees of the CPR to enter into the City of Grand Forks. Most resident of Grand Forks did not like the CPR, because when the CP came into town, they wanted, not only land but some buildings to put Grand Forks on the CPR Map. The Canadian Pacific Railway depot at Columbia was called Grand Forks and people of Columbia didn't like that, they asked the name be changed, but it never happened.

Finally, it all ended in 1901 when residents of both towns voted to amalgamate. Various names for the new city were suggested, including Amalga, Empire, and Miner. Miner got the most votes, but the board of trade later convinced the powers that Grand Forks would be the best (although it didn't become official until January 1, 1903.) The name Grand Forks was chosen to represent the confluence of the Kettle and the North Kettle (Granby) Rivers. The name Columbia survived a while longer.

The post office continued under Columbia until it closed on September 30, 1914. The post office reopened as West Grand Forks on May 1, 1917, but people referred to it as Columbia into the late 1930's.

The C.P.R. train station, still stands and is today the Grand Forks Station Pub and Columbia Grill.

At its peak, Columbia had six streets, four hotels (Escalet, Canada, Pacific, and Queen's), five real estate brokers, three blacksmith shops, two livery stables. barber shops, bakery, boarding houses, dressmaker, druggist, newspaper, wagon maker, grocery store, church and all the rest of the essential amenities.



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Divine Worship is at 11:30 am
Vegetarian Potluck to follow

Speakers for March

March 21: Pastor Dirk Zinner
March 27: Pastor Frank McMiller



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

September to June



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

A healthy snack will be provided.

Registration is not required for this program

For any further information please email:

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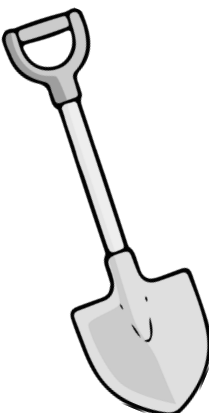
Westbridge Community Hall
Sunday, May 10th, 2026

Doors will open to the public at 10am
and close at 2pm.



We are looking for artisans
and crafters for the 10 tables.

Crafters, and anyone looking for more
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DON'T DIG UP THE GARDEN!!

80 year old dad writes to his son in prison
and says, "Ay lad why did you have to get
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garden to dig it over, to plant me
vegetables. Miss ya son."

Son writes back, "Whatever you do dad, DO
NOT DIG UP THE BACK GARDEN!"

A couple of days later the police turn up
with spades and forks and dig the whole
garden up. The policeman in charge speaks
to his inspector and says, "No drugs or
contraband found sir."

The old man is left scratching his head. He
tells his son what happened on their next
phone call, and the son says, "Sorry about
the police turning up. There was never any
drugs or anything else buried in the
garden, " but he knew his letter would be
read by the prison guards, and was the
only way he could think of to get his dads
garden dug over for him!!!

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- So...you could be asked to contribute a favorite Plant-based dish for the shared DINNER/SUPPER menu.
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- Presenters: *Liisa Rowat & Bonnie Franks* from Kelowna

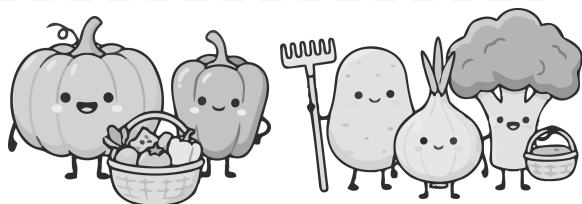
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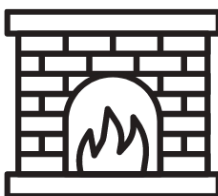


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Please see our website for complete job descriptions and how to apply www.rockcreekfallfair.ca/jobs

These positions are part of the Canada Summer Jobs Initiative and applicants must be eligible under the requirements to apply for this position, including between the ages of 15-30 years of age at the commencement of employment.

Application Deadline: April 10, 2026, at 5:00 PM. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

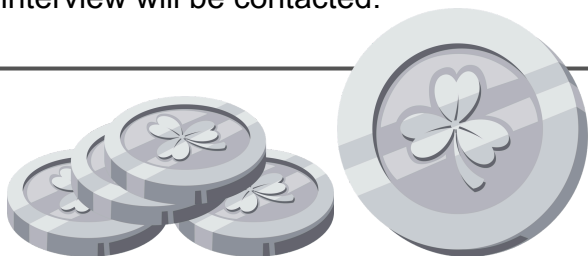
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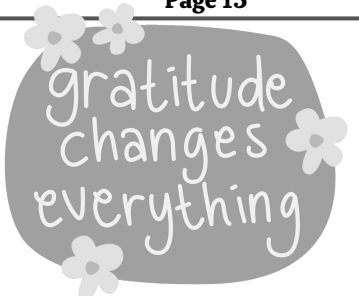
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- George Burns comedy
 - Noah's ark measurement
 - Prefix with logical
 - Ms. Doone
 - Investigation
 - Like Methuselah
 - George Burns was her straight man
 - Law prof.'s degree
 - Historical records
 - Coastal areas
 - Word for the calorie-conscious
 - Skimpy skirt
 - Spanish merchant ships of old
 - "As you wish"
 - Actor Wallach of "The Magnificent Seven"
 - Command to Rover
 - India's first prime minister
 - First name in jazz
 - 6 on the dial
 - Euphemistic expletive
 - Authority
 - ___ Buena Island in San Francisco Bay
 - Tiny
 - Whole
 - Palmists' fortes
 - One-eyed Norse god
 - Current letters
 - Contest that may give the local team an edge
 - Ultimatum's end
 - What the winner takes
 - Sid Caesar's partner
 - Kauai keepsake
 - Neighbor of Tibet
 - Epic tales
 - This weight may be long or short
 - Toboggans
 - Kind of coat

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 - Trumpet or cornet
 - The "G" in GTO
 - Like some beeper carriers
 - Major newspapers
 - Number-crunching pro
 - Browser bookmarks
 - Tree trunk
 - Construction girders
 - Latent hostility
 - "Laugh-In" alum
 - Vogue competitor
 - Bookmaker's numbers
 - Bar legally
 - Not out of the sack yet
 - Arch rival
 - They fly in skeins
 - Poe's middle name
 - Another "Laugh-In" alum
 - Not so nutty
 - Like some vbs.
 - Top 40 items
 - "M*A*S*H" locale
 - Comment to the audience
 - Beginnings
 - What some dads bring home
 - Talk to a crowd
 - Crown material
 - Polar covering
 - Sentry's cry
 - Substitute spread
 - Put on a long face
 - Quaint oath
 - Corporate symbol
 - Al Capone feature
 - South's right-hand man
 - Trains in the Loop

SOLUTION ON PAGE 11



What's worse than finding a maggot in your apple?

 finding half a maggot in your apple.

How does the bee get to school?

 It takes the buzz!

My neighbour sees me busy in my garden and asks what I'm doing.

"I'm putting all my plants in alphabetical order."

"Really?! I don't know how you find the time!"

"It's right next to the sage."

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- **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

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, MARCH 19 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: Christina Werry - "Further Information on Cybersecurity and AI."

MONDAY, MARCH 23 (6 PM) @ MIDWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Annual General Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: "How Fire Fighters Get 'Er Done!" Midway Chief, Corey Kortmeyer.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 (4 PM) @ KETTLE WILDLIFE ASSN. HALL

- Kettle Valley Dinner Club

MONDAY, MARCH 30 (9 AM - 4 PM) @ PARKVIEW MANOR

- Pair's Crib Tournament

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

- Seniors Being Seen: "Holding the Centre" Counsellor Barb Gladue.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 (5 PM) @ ROCK CREEK PAVILION

- Kettle River Lion's Club Community Easter Dinner

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 (1 - 4 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Meet the Artists of Riverside Centre

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 (11 AM) @ KETTLE VALLEY GOLF CLUBHOUSE

- Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 (5 - 7 PM) @ MCARTHUR CENTRE

- Route 3 Racing Club's Annual Spaghetti Dinner

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

- Westbridge Recreation Society's Mother's Day Craft Market

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