

Kettle River Echo

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MARGARET EEK CELEBRATES HER 100TH BIRTHDAY, MARCH 31, 2026



She was born in Trail on March 31, 1926 to parents, Viola and Fred Christensen. Her Dad worked in the smelter. When she was 2 years old, they moved to Rossland where she grew up and went to school graduating Grade 12 in 1944. During her growing up years, they often visited her grandparents, Mark and Anna Christensen in Greenwood and Ida and Ernest Kingsley in Bridesville. She was close friends with her aunt, Ethel Kingsley who was 2 years older than her.

When she graduated from school in Rossland, she came to work in Bridesville. It was there in Bridesville at a ballgame that she met John Eek. He asked her to ride his horse and their romance began. They married on VE Day

in Rossland, May 8, 1945. (When they were planning their wedding, they had no idea that their wedding day would be VE Day). Their honeymoon was travelling from Rossland to Rock Creek with John's brother, Art, all crammed into John's old Ford truck. Margaret set in to make the old Eek farmhouse into their home. In Rossland, they had all the modern conveniences but at the old farmhouse at Rock Creek, they had none--no indoor plumbing, no electricity, no telephone. She with her indomitable spirit endured the hardships and thrived. The first of their four children, Susan was born in 1946 and her brothers followed, Dale in 1947 and Duane in 1950.

When Susan was 6 years old in 1952, they moved off the farm to Kettle Valley where Susan went to school. Then in 1956, Margaret and John built a house in Rock Creek and moved in. Finally, Margaret had all the modern conveniences with indoor plumbing being a big plus! No more visiting the biffy outdoors and taking a bucket out to the pump to get water and having an electric stove and refrigerator! Their last child, Donald was born in 1963. Margaret and John were very active community members, belonging to the Rock Creek Fall Fair Association, Royal Purple and Elks, Women's Institute, the United Church and a number of others.

Margaret and John celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary in May of 2015 and later that month, John passed away at the age of 91. Margaret persevered, staying in her home until 2022 when her fading health put her in hospital and from there to Sunnybank Retirement Centre in Oliver. She has thrived there and made many new friends. She now has 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. 35 out of her 40 offspring were able to attend her party. Also attending were her sister-in-law, Ruth and granddaughter, Lilly from Rossland, nephew, Mickey Brooks from Grand Forks and the day before, her brother, Ron and his partner, Joyce and his 2 sons, Aaron and Fred and their partners. People came to celebrate her 100th birthday from as far away as P.E.I., Kansas, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver. Her grandson, Jared, and his son Isaac, faceted with her from the Phillipines.

She received congratulations from:

- The King and Queen, Charles and Camilla
- The Governor-General, Mary Simon
- The Prime Minister, Mark Carney
- The Lieutenant Governor of BC, Wendy Cocchia
- The Premier of BC, David Eby
- the MP for this electoral area, Helena Konanz



THE EARTH LAUGHS IN FLOWERS.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson



7TH ANNUAL



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

Sunday, May 24th from 11 am to 2 pm at McArthur Centre
in Greenwood
Come out and learn more from:

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Boundary "C" Monthly Report

By Malia Eek (Club Reporter)

April was a busy month for the Boundary "C" 4-H Club! Everybody worked hard to plan and host our 30th Annual Cattle Baron's Ball on the 25th. Live music, live and silent auctions, and a banquet served by the members themselves were the highlights of our main fundraiser of the year. Thank you to all of the wonderful people who supported our club by buying tickets and participating in the auctions, your generosity was greatly appreciated!

Rally day was another successful event for the club, where all divisions got together to practice their judging skills. Our alternate class this year was PPE gear, giving the members a chance to think outside of the box while judging and apply their skills to other situations. Amazing job to everybody, as well as the members who presented their demonstration.



CANADA
4-H British Columbia

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 volunteers at:

- Midway Fire/Rescue
- Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department
- Beaverdell Fire Department



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

"MEET THE ARTIST" EVENT WRAPS UP

What a great and fun day to have had our Riverside Centre Artists participate at the 'Meet the Artist' event to learn of their unique art history along with promoting their beautiful and very creative art! It was an opportunity to show off their art and for the attendees to purchase their art.

Thank you to all who participated including our volunteers and for each artist who came rightfully to show off their multi and different art-work.

We now look forward to promoting all artists in West Boundary next spring 2027 at the Riverside Centre.

If you are interested in participating 'Meet the Artist' of 2027 contact Irene Elliott anytime at SimplyAmbience@gmail.com



GREENWOOD BOARD OF TRADE

REMINDERS & UPCOMING EVENTS



- **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

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PLEASE JOIN US AS WE GATHER TO HONOUR AND CELEBRATE THE LIVES OF FLOYD & LYNDA BURNS

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2026 AT 1:00 PM



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My new voicemail: "If you have reached this recording, please hang up and text me because I haven't checked my voicemail since 2005."



LOCAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Effective at 12:00 noon Pacific Time on Thursday, May 21, 2026, Category 3 open fire will be prohibited throughout the Southeast Fire Centre, including the Rocky Mountain Natural Resource District and the Selkirk Natural Resource District. This prohibition is being enacted to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety.

Anyone conducting Category 3 open fires within the Southeast Fire Centre's jurisdiction must extinguish those fires by 12:00 noon Pacific Time on May 21, 2026.

This prohibition will remain in place until 12:00 noon Pacific Time, October 31, 2026, or until the order is rescinded.

This prohibition **does not** include Category 1 campfire or Category 2 open fire.

A Category 3 open fire is a fire that burns:

- Material concurrently in 3 or more piles, each not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width
- Material in one or more piles, each exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width
- One or more windrows each not exceeding 200 metres in length or 15 metres in width
- Stubble or grass over an area exceeding 0.2 hectares

In addition to Category 3 open fires, the following equipment and activities will also be prohibited:

- Air curtain burners
- Carbonizers



WILD PIGS

By: Vic Boychuk

Other names for wild pigs are: feral swine, wild boar, Eurasian wild boar, razorback, piney-woods rooter, and poor man's grizzly.

Wild Boars are native to Europe and Asia. They were imported during the 1980s and '90s as part of a national push to diversify Canada's agricultural industry. Wild Boars are found in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. At that time wild pigs in Texas were a problem. Once here, some escaped, and some were released when the markets were poor, and they thrived.

Saskatchewan, by far, has the worst problem, Alberta's nine-year \$50/head bounty program resulted in more than 1,100 wild pigs being killed, before being cancelled.

Wild Boar and domestic pigs are closely related, they're kissing cousins. They are continuous breeders, with an average of six young per litter, and may have more than one litter per year. Wild pigs, like their domestic counterparts, can host a range of diseases such as TB, brucellosis, and African swine fever.

Wild pigs vary in color; they may be grey, brown, black, white, or a combination of these colors. They vary in weight; females could weight up to 200 lbs while males can weigh over 300 lbs.

They will eat whatever is available. This includes vegetation and plant material, fungi, reptiles, amphibians, eggs of ground nesting birds, and small mammals.

Within B.C., feral pigs have been reported in low numbers in the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, Thompson-Okanagan, Peace, Chilcotin and Kootenay Regions. Some of these pigs were released or escaped from farms and were recaptured. Feral pigs have not yet established large populations in the province, but, if nothing is done, it won't be long before we have a problem.

They damage crops through their rooting behavior, prey on livestock and can transmit diseases to livestock, such as swine brucellosis. These pigs prefer to live close to fresh water and seriously damage wetland ecosystems by creating mud "wallows".

An invasive species expert is concerned B.C.'s record-breaking wildfire season may have contributed to a problem with invasive wild Boars in the province. In Metro Vancouver, wild pigs may not be using their long tusks to tear up your lawn, but a University of Saskatchewan study says that is happening on over 300,000 square miles in the rest of the country. The amount of damage that feral pigs cause here is hard to tell because of limited Canadian research, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates feral pigs cause \$1.5 billion in damage annually across 38 states.

Wild pigs are the worst invasive large mammals on the planet. The Invasive Species Council of B.C. is asking residents to report any sightings and to take time to spot anything that might be unusual in their area.

Signs of wild pigs include rooting, which is when they turn the soil while digging for food, or tracks, which are comparable to white-tailed deer but are slightly rounded and point outwards. They urinate in water, infecting it with salmonella and E. coli, and carry diseases that can spread to other animals, as well as humans. Currently, hunting is the only control measure in place in British Columbia. Feral pigs are regulated as a "Schedule C" species in the Designations and Exemptions Regulation under the Wildlife Act in B.C. and allows feral pigs to be hunted in the province with a valid hunting license.

Research has demonstrated that the best way to control is to remove an entire group of pigs (called a sounder) at the same time.




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HISTORY OF PARKVIEW MANOR

As the twenty-suite, seniors independent living complex in Midway celebrates a quarter century of meaningful service to the older generation, it is appropriate to look back to learn where it all began. Prime movers for the project were Eric and Trudy Freeman who, in their retirement, still live in the village.

Retiring as a S/Sgt. after 23 years in the R.C.M.P., Eric, with wife Trudy and their family, settled on 320 Midway acres in 1978. Along with farming and raising cattle, Eric drove school bus and ambulance. Committed to being effectively involved in a community, the Museum, Lions, Medical Society, and the Farmers' Institute were soon benefitting from the family's residency. Eric was also elected to the Village of Midway Council.

Eric and Trudy bought out the Farmers' Institute. With the privatisation, a comprehensive country store was established in Midway. Farmers and the rural population throughout and beyond West Boundary, shopped, ordered, browsed and hung out in the welcoming, destination store.

Over the years, the Freemans noted that as local seniors retired, aged and needed assistance, they had to move to another distant community. They devised a way to solve the problem. A seniors' complex in Midway! Where to start?

Laughing, Alex Relkov recalls a surprise encounter with Eric, who announced, "We're forming a committee - and you're on it!"

The concept of a Midway seniors' residence was shared with the many customers who frequented the farm store and the vision was embraced. From clubs, businesses, associations, contractors, couples, families, and individuals, generous donations and promissory notes were gleaned. (Check out the framed board in the front hallway of Parkview Manor displaying nearly 150 little brass plaques, naming those who contributed) The sum of \$300,000+ was raised! Under the leadership of Mayor Jim McMynn, committed advocate and supporter of the project, the Village of Midway generously matched the funds. Pope and Talbot became a major contributor.

To formalise, progress and become a recognised organisation, a registered society had to be established. Headed by Eric and Trudy, with volunteer members of the community, the West Boundary Senior Housing Society - was instituted. (W.B.S.H.S. remains the governing body of Parkview Manor). A huge, demanding, challenging task lay ahead.

Many meetings were held in the Freeman home, fuelled by gallons of coffee and millions of cookies. With visits to other communities, such as Princeton, committee members researched and studied several established, functioning seniors' complexes. It was advised that the Midway complex should include a kitchen. The process was time-consuming, requiring resolve and tenacity.

With the oversight of B.C. Housing, building plans approved and Skuka, a Kelowna

contractor in place, the ground was ready to be broken. Reid Hedlund brought his excavator! Building began and lasted approximately one year.

The original plan was for 40 units, but only 20 were approved, each suite self-contained (kitchen, living room, bedroom, accessible bathroom and a storage unit). The communal dining room, with a commercial kitchen, were/are the responsibility of the Society. Trudy recalls the many trips to Kelowna in pursuit of fit kitchen equipment, purchased from hotel or restaurant suppliers.

As the building neared completion in early 2001, those interested or curious could make an appointment to visit a show suite. Occupancy was granted on 30 March 2001. The next day suites were being furnished for eager residents who, on 1 April 2001, gathered for their Sunday lunch in the dining room.

For a quarter century, the independent living facility in the lovely village of Midway, has provided secure, sheltered housing for couples and solitary folk who have reached retirement years. Two home-cooked meals are served daily in the dining room, where picture windows overlook the park.

Deep honour and gratitude are due every individual who contributed - in any way - to the establishment and history of Parkview Manor.

**Come and join the celebration!
25th Anniversary Open House -
2:00-4:00 pm.- Sunday 31 May
2026.**

SENIORS BEING SEEN

Thursday May 21, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- "History of Aprons and Handkerchiefs" Expertise and history presented by Patricia Henley. Ms. Henley will show us several from her stunning collection – join us and bring your own favourites to show us too! Remember, many aprons have practical uses in the trades, such as those used by farriers, blacksmiths, cobblers, etc.; what is your favourite apron or "hanky?"

Thursday May 28, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- More in "The Escapades of the Rotten Bottom Ladies" written & read by the inimitable and poker-faced Adrienne Haynes. Dare you not to crack at least a smile.

Thursday June 4, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- "Kettle Valley Bluegrass" – by Joan and John Duquette. Just bring you and your tappy little toes!

Thursday June 11, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- "The 2025 Kettle Valley Owl Family" photographs and narrative by Norma Howes



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

PARKVIEW MANOR UPDATE

Parkview Manor, the B.C. Housing, senior, independent living complex overlooking the beautiful James G. McMynn Park in Midway will be celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the 1 April 2001 opening with an Open House event, Sunday 31 May 2026, 2:00-4:00 pm.

Residents create and sustain most of their own group activities – crafts, education, exercises, bus trips and entertainment, headed by a volunteer Tenants Committee. Gathering in the basement common room to enjoy a significant, remembered, or old movie, is a popular way for solitary residents to spend an evening in the company of others. However, anticipated pleasure is often diminished by impaired hearing or failing sight.

To confront these common senior challenges, to mark the significant anniversary and working with the Parkview Manor Board (West Boundary Senior Housing Society) the Tenants Committee wanted to find ways to fund an upgrade of the television and sound system to home theatre standard. Their goal has been met by the wonderful responses to appeals for grants.

The much-loved Kettle River Lions Club willingly and swiftly responded with a \$1,000 dollar cheque, presented to the Tenants Committee on the morning of April 1, by Larry Yeske and Roger Gee. A delightful, genuine, special event for a morning when many can be fooled.

On Monday 20 April, an eager crowd of residents, Board members, management, maintenance and kitchen staff gathered in front of the KVR mural in the Parkview Manor dining room. A generous grant-in-aid cheque of \$6,246.40 procured and delivered by Sharen Gibbs, Regional Director Area E./R.D.K.B. was joyfully accepted by the happy bunch. Sharen's interest and support are gratefully acknowledged by all who will benefit from the grant at this time and into the future.

Recommended equipment has been purchased and is being installed by Pierre Sinclair, Boundary Tech. Services.

Please feel welcome to call in and check out life at Parkview Manor during our Open House on the afternoon of Sunday 31 May 2026.



Joan Duquette presenting "Needle Pointing" at Seniors Being Seen

HONORS AND STORIES AT 3PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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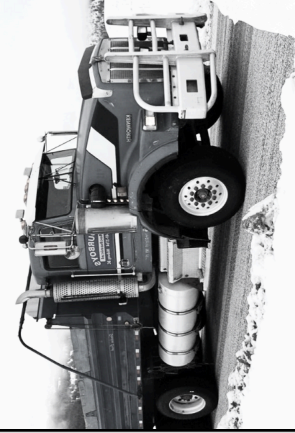


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2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

ROCK CREEK & BOUNDARY COUNTRY, BC



Date & Time:
APRIL 19, 2026
APPROX 9:00AM

**TRAILER SAFETY
CLINIC AND
LUNCH AFTER**

Date & Time:
May 16 - 18, 2026
APPROX 8:00AM

**3 DAY
HORSEMANSHIP
CLINIC WITH
DUSTIN DRADER**

Date & Time:
June 14, 2026
APPROX 9:00AM

**ANNUAL POKER
RIDE - POTLUCK
AND PRIZES**

Date & Time:
June 27 & 28, 2026
APPROX 9:00AM

**OBSTACLE PLAY DAYS
- IN HAND & RIDE**

Date & Time:
July 10 - 12, 2026
APPROX 9:00AM

**4TH ANNUAL
OBSTACLE
CHALLENGE**

Date & Time:
August 8 - 9, 2026
APPROX 9:00AM

**DRIVING CLINIC
WITH MAHINA
ROSE**

Date & Time:
August 22, 2026
APPROX 9:00AM

**DAVIDSON RANCH
MEMBER RIDE
AND LUNCH**

Date & Time:
September 18 - 20, 2026
ROCK CREEK FALL FAIR WEEKEND

**OBSTACLE CHALLENGE
GAMBLERS CHOICE -
SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

Date & Time:
October 4, 2026
APPROX 9:00AM

**HELL OR HIGH
WATER MEMORIAL
TRAIL RIDE**

Date & Time:
Nov 2026

**PLANNING ON
SOMETHING -
STAY TUNED**

Date & Time:
December 5, 2026
AT 5:00PM

**KRHC CHRISTMAS
DINNER AND
PARTY**

Date & Time:
2nd Thursday Each Month
AT 7:00PM

**KRHC MONTHLY MEETINGS
AT RIVERSIDE CENTER IN
ROCK CREEK**

DETAILS OF UPCOMING EVENTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE CLUB EVENT CALENDAR ON THE FACEBOOK GROUP AND AT WWW.KETTLERIVERHORSECLUB.COM -- MEMBER DRAW FOR A \$20 GIFT CERT FOR FREEMANS FARM SUPPLY

The Care Home Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked, "Doctor, how do you determine if an older person should go to a care home?"

He replied, "Well, we fill up a bathtub then offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket and ask them to empty the tub."

I said, "Oh, I get it! A normal person would use a bucket because it's bigger."

He looked at me and said, "No . . . a normal person would pull the plug. Would you like a bed near the window?"



**Rock Creek Medical
Society AGM**

June 18 @ 6 PM
**Downstairs at the Rock
Creek Medical Clinic**

EVERYONE WELCOME

RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 29, 2026 meeting

Delegation: Selkirk Innovates – Risk Analysis Calculator
 Selkirk Innovates presented a free Risk Analysis Calculator designed to help local governments assess the probability of climate-related risks (such as extreme heat events) exceeding key thresholds. The tool supports informed infrastructure and operational planning in response to climate change. Staff were encouraged to explore the tool and provide feedback to support its continued development:
<https://basinclimatesource.ca/risk-analysis>

Delegation: Boundary Community Ventures Assn – Annual Update
 The Boundary Community Ventures Association provided an update on the Boundary Food Hub, highlighting progress on the Rock Creek processing facility and plans for a new multi-use food hub in Grand Forks. The initiative will support local food systems through processing, retail, training, and community programming, alongside continued growth in regional food business development.

- Area E Grant-in-Aid approved
- Rock Creek and Boundary Fair Association – replace unsafe structure at the RC fairgrounds – \$20,500
 - Trails to the Boundary Society – 7th annual Emergency Preparedness Fair – \$1,600
 - Boundary Invasive Species Society – support for the invasive species awareness program – \$16,000
 - The Kidney Foundation of Canada – provincial programs – \$250

Next Board meeting: Wednesday May 27, 2026 at 1 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>

SUNDAY, JUNE 21



Settlement & Language Services

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 Dad: "An old woman came to the bank and asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her."






Congratulations
BCSS GRADS of 2026

RCBFA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Dean Corbett

I received an update today from our financial manager, and it now costs the RCBFA \$821 each day of the year to run the fair, its grounds, and facilities!! So here is a little background how we attempt meet those expenses.

What do these famous people have in common with the RCBFA: The self-effacing actor Hugh, Amy the wife of Vince Gill, Ulysses S. the 18th US President from 1869-1877 and the family owners of Famous Grouse Scotch Whiskey distillery? Don't go rushing off to Google them! They are all famous Grants! Sorry Mr. Grant H, you are locally famous and successful too, but I couldn't name everyone in this article!

Besides having one of the best small-town events in BC every fall, the RCBFA is also famous, at least in the small circle around here, for being successful at receiving Grants! Two were just approved this week: \$43 500 from BC Community Gaming Grant (thanks to all those gamblers out there!) and \$22 000 from BC's Destination Events Program (which is for helping us keep everyone entertained at this year's fall fair). We also received a grant from the federal government to help us hire one summer youth worker to keep the grounds looking sharp and well-manicured. The RDKB/Area E Director Sharen Gibbs approved a Grant in Aid to rebuild our arena announcer's booth, and it is now nearing completion. Each ticket bought by those hopeful 50/50 people is also an important type of grant. We just took delivery our new 70 hp New Holland Tractor with the 50% of tickets sold in 2025! Fair attendees also grant us their support by buying admission tickets, food and taking part in the fair festivities. Our loyal, generous volunteers grant us their expertise, time, and energy.

Granting bodies don't just look around for a worthy society, then give them a bunch of cash! An important but sometimes overlooked aspect of getting successful grants is that the association must APPLY for them. This is not a simple process, nor is it something just anyone can or is willing to do. We are very fortunate to have our Finance Manager Lisa "write" grants. From 2013 to date, she has been successful at many different grants totaling close to \$1.5 million! The skill, patience and knowledge required to be successful almost 100% of the time is marvelous and much appreciated. Baseball fans will know that Vladdy Guerrero Jr gets a hit less than every 3 times at bat (290/1000), and he gets paid \$50+ Million per year by the struggling Blue Jays! Lisa is truly our grant writing superstar!

Another part of getting grants and being successful at it is writing follow-up reports to the granting agency. Some require a report every year for 5 years to state what was done with the money. Too bad government ministries and departments are not so diligent with their spending and accountability! Juggling each of these reports is also an important role for our grant writing champion!

Corporate sponsors like the Cascadia Credit Union, Fortis BC, Freeman's Country Supply, Jennifer Brock of Royal LePage, Harfman Enterprises, West Boundary Community Forests, as well as many individuals, believe in the RCBFA and grant us support through donations and sponsorship each year to the tune of

\$35,000.00. Our employees Lesli and Vicky work hard at gaining these important "grants".

The RCBFA is indebted to our community, government agencies and to our superstars for keeping us financially afloat and able to put on a wonderful community event every year in these sometimes-challenging times. We're all winners, and we hit it out of the park...a lot!



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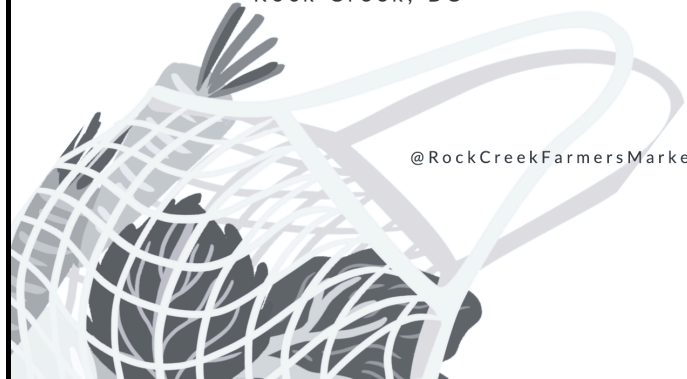
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FART FIX

An old lady goes to the doctor and says, "Doc, I can't stop farting. They're silent but no smell. I've let out 20 in the past 5 minutes sitting here."

The doc gives her some pills and tells her to come back next week.

The next week the old lady comes back and says, "Doc, I took the pills and the farts are still silent but now they stink."

The doc says, "Great! We've cleared your sinuses, now let's work on your hearing!"

Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1. Itch producers
- 5. Aldous Huxley's "___ and Essence"
- 8. The Friendly Ghost
- 14. Cameo stone
- 15. Chicago trains
- 16. Fit for service
- 17. Casino game
- 19. Casino game
- 20. Immigrants' island
- 21. Abominable sight?
- 23. Casino games
- 24. Casino game
- 30. Swathe
- 32. Nicole's Best Actress predecessor
- 33. Some appliances, for short
- 36. "Yes, Cap'n!"
- 37. Some victories for Ali
- 38. Visibly moved
- 41. Don't just chide
- 42. Slowly, to John Williams
- 43. Part of pewter
- 44. Shade of blue
- 45. First name in strikeouts

DOWN

- 1. Drop places?
- 2. Encompassing everything
- 3. Asian taxi
- 4. Fire up
- 5. ___ Lingus (Irish airline)
- 6. Men-about-town
- 7. Golden girl Getty
- 8. Having three dimensions
- 9. "Unaccustomed ___ am ..."
- 10. Downward bend
- 11. "Mystery!" network
- 12. George W. Bush, for one
- 13. Latin king?
- 18. Professional org.

- 22. Abe's son
- 25. Singer Chaka
- 26. Some blue birds
- 27. Moses and Jesus, for two
- 28. Judge's assistant
- 29. "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" author
- 31. Casino game
- 33. Dean's last film
- 34. Provide with funds
- 35. Stagnant
- 37. Casino game
- 39. Popeye Doyle's prototype Eddie
- 40. Grammarian's bugaboo
- 41. Sightseer's guide

- 43. Like some professors
- 46. Peri's "Frasier" character
- 47. Last year of Frederick II's reign
- 48. Like some births
- 50. Went off course
- 52. In spite of the fact, to bards
- 53. Gyro holders
- 54. Oozes
- 57. Per hundred (Abbr.)
- 58. Battery type
- 59. Gerund indicator
- 60. Musician's datebook entry
- 61. "A Chorus Line" showstopper
- 63. Detroit union, for short

SOLUTION ON PAGE 11



What sound does a cow make when it runs out of milk?

silence.
None. There is no sound.



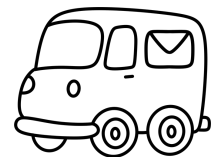
I went to the doctor today and told the nurse I got bit by a wolf.

She said, "Where?"

I said, "No, regular."

She stared at me for 10 minutes.

My wife just opened the door for me. Would've been a nice gesture had we not been going 100 km/hr.



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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, MAY 21 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: "History of Aprons and Handkerchiefs"

SUNDAY, MAY 24 (11 AM - 2 PM) @ MCARTHUR CENTRE - GREENWOOD

- 7th Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: "Kettle Valley Bluegrass"

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 @ GREENWOOD

- Soap Box Derby

THURSDAY, JUNE 11 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: "The 2025 Kettle Valley Owl Family"

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 (11 AM) @ BCSS GYM

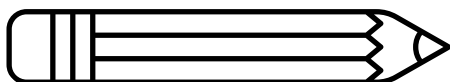
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THURSDAY, JUNE 18 (6 PM) @ ROCK CREEK MEDICAL CENTRE (BASEMENT)

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

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