



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.

RCBFA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Dean Corbett

We are gearing up for a wonderful weekend just a month away at the RCBFA! The grounds look amazing, the new arena announcers' booth is finished, the dais has a new vinyl floor covering and solid plywood

below with new stairs and is ready for all the great on stage entertainment you get when you attend our fair!

Eagle Eyes, is the main act on Saturday evening, and it is included in your \$20-22 fair admission price. I looked up their tour tickets for Langford Music Fest, you'd have to pay \$65+ to see them! Dirt Road Opera, (BC Country Music Hall of Fame inductees), will play Saturday afternoon. They usually charge \$20 per person at the clubs where they play in Kelowna. No extra charge at the RC Fall Fair! There will also be several other main stage bands and entertainments from Line, Waltz, Belly, Can-Can, and Indigenous dancing to local bands like the Rhone Rangers to the official fair opening (noon Saturday). This is to say that the price of admission is well worth it for the entertainment that you can see, hear and even take part in...because we'll also have the ever-popular chick holding station, cattle, horse, sheep and poultry shows, Uncle Chris the Clown, Super Dogs, lawn tractor races, horse gymkhana and much more than I can list here! The beer garden, vendors' row, local artisans' market, food trucks, specialty international foods and Canadian favourites are here to fill you up. You can refill your water bottle at our free drinking water station. If you don't wish to spend a lot of money on food, you are welcome to bring your own picnic and enjoy it in a variety of places around the grounds. Getting to see the many interesting homecraft displays in the various exhibition halls is also part of your admission fee.

A few weeks ago on a Monday, I drove along Hwy3 towards RC and saw dozens of dusty vehicles followed by dirty cars returning from the Shambala Music Fest. Can you imagine camping in a dust bowl, being kept awake all night with wild parties and having to pay around \$600/person for that privilege? We have grassy, reasonably priced camping facilities, actual quiet times enforced and a more downhome feel for the weekend!

Another feature is you don't really have to pay to get into our fair! How? Just come out for one or both work bee days on Saturday and Sunday, Sept 12-13 from 9 until 3, and you'll get into the fair free, as well as have a great (free) lunch and a chance to win valuable RCFF swag and other things! A super part of this work bee is transforming to grounds from a quiet pastoral scene to an energetic venue for our fair, as well as working with interesting, energetic people of all ages.

The 50/50 ticket sales are going fast, and we hope to reach the \$60 000 goal prior to the draw on Sunday afternoon, Sept 20. You can them buy on-line at <https://www.rockcreekfallfair.ca/> or in person at various local businesses, or the fair office open weekday mornings from 9 until whenever the busy staff get the many things they must do, done.

I hope to see you at the work bee weekend, and at our "Gold Pans and Cattle Brands" Rock Creek Fall Fair, Sept 19-20!

ROCK CREEK & BOUNDARY FALL FAIR WORK BEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SEPTEMBER 12TH & 13TH 9:00AM



The Rock Creek & Boundary Fall Fair is just around the corner and we need your help to get everything ready!
Join us in the excitement as we prepare the grounds, set up displays & tackle a variety of other jobs.



There's a job for everyone!
Please bring your work gloves & your community Spirit!

VOLUNTEER PERKS:
FREE LUNCH, PRIZES & RECIEVE A FREE DAY PASS TO FAIR

(min 4 hours worked)



MIDWAY COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Community Garden was first established on 1/2 acre in 2010, and since expanded to 1 acre. The double walled greenhouse was added in the 3rd year of operation, and was funded by the Village and supplemental Gas Tax. In 2026, there will be a standpipe added inside the greenhouse to provide indoor irrigation. A tractor and mulch layer were purchased in 2021 using funds raised from produce sales, the Village of Midway and grant money from the RDKB. In 2026, there will be a manual mulch layer added to the tools available to volunteers. It should make it easier to lay mulch, as will be smaller and more maneuverable. With generous support from the Midway Partnership Fund in 2025, 10 more raised beds were added, bringing the number to 48.

The Garden is managed by an enthusiastic group of volunteers, led by Richard Dunsdon. The property is owned by the Village of Midway and is located at 775-7th Avenue in Midway. There is an equipment shed, chicken house and a double walled greenhouse that houses the annual crop of tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, and some squash. The double wall helps the extend the growing season by a couple of months. Outside, there are planting areas of asparagus, haskap berries and raspberries, plus raised beds that are planted with annual crops such as carrots, turnips, radishes, peppers,

squash, beans, garlic, onions, eggplant, beets, leeks, pumpkins and potatoes. Sales are held during the growing season as crops are harvested.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

At the beginning of each year, local residents can register at the Village Office to have their own raised bed at the garden. In 2026 there will be a fee of \$10 for each raised bed. Each spring there is a seed exchange, where volunteers and local gardeners can share seeds at no cost.

Outside the gates of the garden is a community compost area, where gardeners and local residents can place their compostables. The three year process produces great compost that is used in the community garden. This keeps tons of waste from the landfill.

Also on the grounds is a bottle return bin that was established in 2011. Currently it is maintained by the High School basketball coach, with proceeds benefiting the basketball program.

The garden also promotes socialization & volunteerism across age groups in the area and allows locals to help support the food security by purchasing locally grown, quality items.

REGIONAL BENEFITS

The Midway Community Garden provides produce to food banks and locals in need. The regular sales are attended by people from local communities and offer reasonably priced produce. The Garden also acts as a social hub for Village and area residents who believe in food security. Finally a big shout out the the Village of Midway who have been supporters since day one.

FUNDING

The Garden operates with involvement from the Village of Midway, the Midway Partnership Fund, RDKB and the West Boundary Community Forest.



Boundary District Curling Club

706 - 7th Avenue in Midway.



WINTER FUN - YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR CURLING CLUB

At the Boundary District Curling Club we offer "League curling" on Monday, Thursdays and Fridays. "Doubles curling" on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7 PM.

"Seniors Afternoon Curling & Coffee" on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

The Curling season will start up by November 1st (TBA)

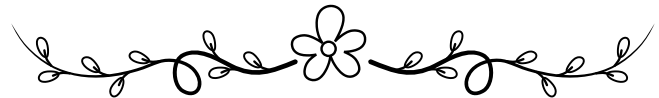
If you are New to Curling or it's been many years since you curled and you are interested

Please contact Kim Lindseth at 250-449-8194.

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

Bill Stewart - 250-598-9656

We Hope to see you Curling



IN MEMORY ~ HENRY "LESLIE" JENSEN DECEMBER 19, 1942 - MARCH 1, 2026



Leslie was a resident of Parkview Manor.

Since 2018, Les dealt with the neurological disease Myasthenia Gravis.

He enjoyed travelling, fishing, hunting, curling, crib, canasta and reading westerns. Leslie could always be seen with his dog friend, Buddy.

He will be dearly missed by family and friends.



SCHOOL STARTS SEPT. 8

School District No. 51
2026/2027 bus schedules will
be posted by September 4,
2026 at
<https://www.sd51.bc.ca/our-district/transportation/>

Reminder:
Day 1 is a short day with early dismissal. Watch your school's calendar.

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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.

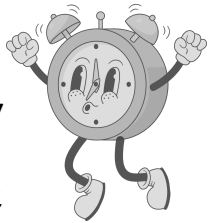
This month we cheer on the hardworking volunteers at:

- Midway Community Garden
- Goodkey Gardens in Beaverdell

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

OPEN 24 HOURS

I went down the street to a 24-hour grocery store. When I got there, the guy was locking the front door. I said, "Hey! The sign says you're open 24 hours." He said, "Yes, but not in a row!"



FREEMAN'S

COUNTRY SUPPLY

Hwy 3 Rock Creek 250-446-2899



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Cold floors warm instantly when your bare feet are in glerups slippers. The secret is the wonder of ethically sourced, no-itch New Zealand Gotland wool, which retains the perfect body temperature while wicking away moisture. Fun colours borrowed from nature. Waterproof natural rubber soles for around the house, deck, RV, and campsite. Glerups passion is felt! Find them at Freeman's.



History of The Doukhobors

By: Vic Boychuk

The name "Doukhobor" means "spirit wrestlers". The origin of the Doukhobors dates back to the 1600's in Russia. People felt that the Doukhobors "wrestled against the Holy Spirit in the Church", while the Doukhobors maintained that they "wrestled with and for the Spirit of God". The Doukhobors believed that God dwells in each human being and not in the church. They rejected secular governments and practiced pacifism. They replaced the Bible with psalms and hymns.

Tsar Nicholas II demanded an oath of allegiance from all his subjects, but the Doukhobors refused. The Doukhobors were persecuted for their religious and political beliefs. They also refused to serve in the military and burned all their weapons, which lead to more repression. In 1898 the Doukhobors began to leave Russia and many of them came to Canada. In 1899 more that 7,500 Doukhobors sailed to Canada, making the migration of Doukhobors the largest single mass migration in Canadian history.

They settled in three blocks of land reserved for their use in the North-West Territories (now Saskatchewan). They established 61 villages on a total of 773,400 acres. In 1907 a crisis over land ownership resulted in 258,880 acres taken back to the crown. By 1918 the reserves were closed and Doukhobors relocated to individual homesteads in Saskatchewan or moved to British Columbia.

Doukhobors were not interested in owning their own land, instead the community would own the land, and they would all work together. In 1908, Community Doukhobors purchased 19,000 acres of largely forested land in Grand Forks, Castlegar, and Slocan Valley areas and by 1912 over 8,000 Doukhobors moved from Saskatchewan to these areas. In total they built 74 villages, each consisting of pairs of two-story houses with connecting courtyards.

The Doukhobors bought 2,700 acres of land near Castlegar, along the Columbia River and named the area Brilliant. This area was the administrative and industrial center for the Christian Communities of the Universal Brotherhoods (CCUB). Here they built a post office, sawmill, irrigation works, railway station, suspension bridge, jam factory, ferry and a packing house. They also built a warehouse, flour mill, grain elevator, retail store, library, apartment for workers, blacksmith shop, community hall, electric generation plant, granaries, barns and a leader's residence. They planted vegetables, grain, and fruit trees and built six communal villages.

Other communal villages were built in Ootischenia with 22 villages, Champion had 5 villages, Glade 11 villages, Shoreacres had 3 villages, Pass Creek 6 villages and Winlaw with 4 villages.

In 1909 they purchased 4,750 acres of land in Outlook, Spencer, and the West Grand Forks area of British Columbia. There, they cleared the land, planted fruit trees, vegetables, grain, and built 29 communal villages, a brick factory, sawmill and planer mill, and irrigation system all in 1909. In 1912 they built a flour mill and a reservoir. Then in 1914 they built a store and a pumping station and by 1915 they had a seed cleaning plant followed by a linseed oil press. A packing house was built in 1917, a cannery in 1920, shingle factory, blacksmith shop, barns and granaries. in 1935. Their success at farming the area created a demand for their seed production all over Canada, US, Great Britain, South America and other parts of Europe.

As the community grew two groups broke away from the community, one the "Edinolichniki" or the "Independents" who wanted to live separately and more independent lives. The other group were the "Svobodniki" or the "Sons of Freedom" who wanted to keep the older tradition and often used violence to achieve their goal. Peter Verigin, their leader was killed in a rail car bombing in 1924.

The Great Depression affected the Doukhobors as they borrowed money like many other communities. Foreclosures were in the process when the BC government stepped in and paid off all the debts. The Doukhobors were allowed to stay on their land and pay rent, but this was the end of the Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood as a lot of them moved elsewhere. The Doukhobor community still remained but became disorganized. The Sons of Freedom resorted to more violence like burning several schools over a dispute on education. They burned their own homes, the homes of other Doukhobors, torched other buildings like schools, rail lines and public buildings. Many of them were imprisoned for nude protest parades. From 1953 to 1959 children were removed from the Doukhobor Community and housed at a former tuberculosis sanatorium in New Denver, BC, and forced to attend school. Some of the children were kept in New Denver for five years or more, until the parents would agree to send the children to public schools. The War-time Elections Act disenfranchised several religious groups including Doukhobors and Mennonites during WW1 and WW2.

Following the demise of the CCUB between 1937 and 1938, the communal organization declined and by 1963 all of the CCUB lands were sold and the villages were disbanded.

Today, many members of the various Doukhobor groups still practice their beliefs and live in the Kootenay region of BC, while others reside in other areas of BC, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.



Vanjoff Village-1921

RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

July 22, 2026 Board Meeting

Liquor Licence Application Supported for Beaverdell Business

The RDKB Board approved a recommendation to support a Liquor Primary Licence application for a business at 5845 Highway 33 in Beaverdell. Directors determined the proposal is not expected to negatively impact the community, would enhance services for residents and visitors, and supports a local business. The decision also considered strong public support, with 92 letters in favour, one letter of opposition, and feedback from the Area E/West Boundary Advisory Planning Commission regarding parking and highway access.

Prohibition of Data Warehouses

RDKB staff will continue with projects that are underway prior to initiating bylaw amendments regarding Data Warehouses with the exception of presenting an amendment bylaw to the Area A Zoning Bylaw to prohibit Data Warehouses.

Water License Fees

It was noted that an interest-free payment plan for water license holders who owe back fees to the provincial government is available.

Area E Grant-in-Aid approved

- Boundary Minor Hockey Assoc. to purchase water bottle filling station - \$2,340.58
- Grand Forks ATV - research, design, create a RDKB tourism map - \$5,000
- Greenwood Rec Assoc. - music entertainment for Founders Day - \$2,500

Next Board meeting: Wednesday Aug 26, 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>

BOUNDARY DISTRICT CURLING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**August 29th, 2026
3 pm
at 3585 Kettle Valley Road East**

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
- English language training
- Referrals and access to services
- Workplace skills
- Preparing for citizenship
- Making connections
- ...and so much more!

Contact the Settlement Worker in your community to learn more about this FREE program!



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Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

Welcomes / Bienvenue

Boundary Office: 486 72nd Ave, Grand Forks

boundarysettlement@cba.org · 250-584-4449 · www.cba.org

Teach your kids that all feelings are valid, But not all behaviors are all acceptable.



BEAUTY SALON

Pennie's Cut Above

Located in the basement of Parkview Manor. Open on Mondays call ahead to make a appointment. Been cutting and perming hair for 40 yrs!!!

670-9th ave Midway

Call (250) 449-2145

The Messy River Series



The Summer Struggle for Fish
By Jenny Coleshill



At this time of year, we flock to the river to cool down and enjoy our local waterways. Recreational opportunities are cherished throughout the Kettle River Watershed, and visitors come from near and far to experience them. The rivers may feel refreshing to us, but to fish, it's a whole different story.

As water levels drop, rivers warm more quickly under the summer sun. Warmer water holds less dissolved oxygen, making this one of the most challenging times of year for cold-water fish. As water warms, its molecules have more energy and can't hold dissolved gases as effectively. It's the same reason a warm can of pop goes flat much faster than a cold one. Fish are literally trying to breathe in water that contains less of the oxygen they need to survive. To make matters worse, warmer water also speeds up a fish's metabolism, meaning they actually need more oxygen at exactly the time when less is available.

The big fish have first dibs on the deepest pools, where they can find cooler, more oxygen-rich water. The little fish (fry) are often constrained to smaller pools and side channels and can become stranded as water levels continue to fall. Some of these areas eventually dry up, while others leave fish vulnerable, becoming an easy source of dinner for predators like the Great Blue Heron. It's the harsh reality of survival—only the strongest make it through.

Mountain Whitefish are among the native fish species most sensitive to rising water temperatures and declining oxygen levels. Their presence is often considered an indicator of healthy, cold-water rivers. Rainbow Trout are also vulnerable as water temperatures climb.

The important role that riparian areas play in regulating our river temperatures becomes more evident than ever during times like these. Healthy streamside vegetation provides shade, helping to keep water cooler. If you watch closely, you can often see fish seeking out these shaded areas.

There is growing concern over current river conditions, as the Granby River has recently recorded water temperatures above 20°C—a level at which cold-water fish can begin to experience significant stress. You can view real-time water temperature and streamflow data through the BC River Forecast Centre's Drought Portal: Kootenay-Boundary Low Streamflow Report.

In response to these conditions, the BC Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship has implemented an in-season freshwater fishing regulation on the Granby River and its tributaries. From July 30 to September 15, angling is permitted only between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 12:00 p.m. (noon) to help reduce stress on fish during the warmest part of the day. The Kettle River and its tributaries, unless otherwise noted, remain closed to fishing from July 25 to September 15. Always check the BC Freshwater Fishing Regulations for updates before heading out.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE PROHIBITION



BC Wildfire Service

Southeast Fire Centre

THE SMART GETAWAY

Boy: The principal is so dumb!

Girl: Do you know who I am?

Boy: No...

Girl: I am the principal's daughter!

Boy: Do you know who I am?

Girl: No...

Boy: Good! *Walks away*

See Ya!



SENIORS BEING SEEN

Thursday August 20, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- "Wanda and Curt's Bucket-List Travelogue of Visits to Japan and Egypt." Join us in viewing their fabulous photographs and hearing their exotic stories about these fabled places.

Thursday August 27, 2026 - 1:30 pm

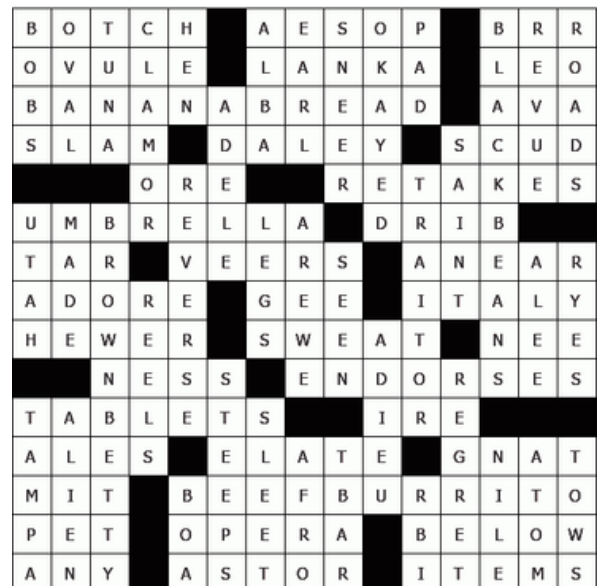
- Riverside Volunteer Luncheon

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



Seniors group constructing a Boundary highway map of twine to physically demonstrate the "safety net" services that still exist, have been or are being cut back or need to be secured for residents in the Boundary.



RDKB ELECTORAL AREAS

Official Community Plan Updates Housing & Legislative Alignment



The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary is updating housing-related policies in six Official Community Plans (OCPs) and one Rural Land Use Bylaw to align with provincial housing requirements and local housing needs.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS (DROP-IN)

- Electoral Area B: Lower Columbia/Old Glory**
Tue., Aug. 11 @ 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
RDKB Boardroom, 843 Rossland Ave., Trail
- Electoral Area C: Christina Lake**
Wed., Aug. 12 @ 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Christina Lake Community Hall, 90 Park Rd, Christina Lake
- Electoral Area D: Rural Grand Forks**
Mon., Aug. 10 @ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Grand Forks Curling Club, 7230 - 21 Street, Grand Forks

VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

- Electoral Area E: West Boundary / General**
Thu., Sept. 10, 6:00-7:30 pm

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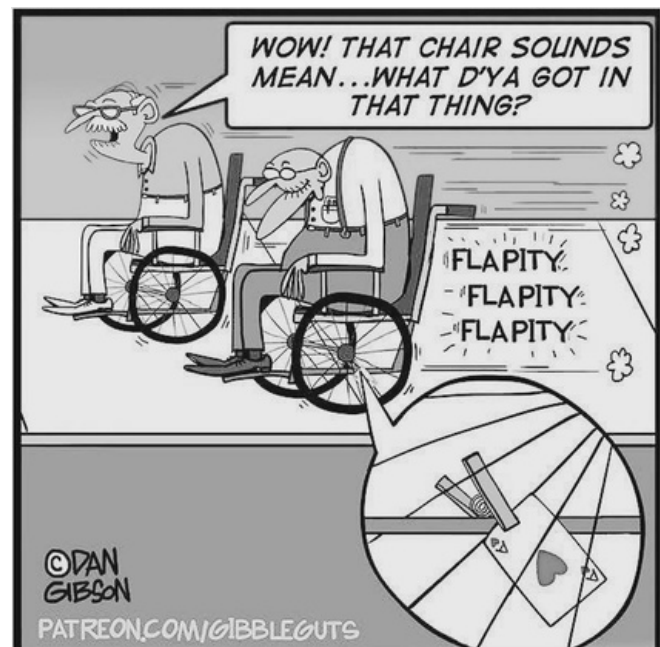


To pre-register for the
Public Information
Sessions

Area A and Big White OCPs are
being reviewed under separate
processes.

jointheconversation.rdkb.com/ea-ocp-housing-updates

srplanner@rdkb.com 250-368-0252



ROUTE 3 RACING CLUB
5TH ALMOST ANNUAL

MOTARD & MUSIC FESTIVAL



1475 DEADWOOD ST.
GREENWOOD BC

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

PRACTICE DAY - SEP 12
LIVE MUSIC - SEP 12 @ 7PM
WOODY JAMES BAND
RACES ALL DAY SUNDAY - SEP 13
FOLLOWED BY KARAOKE

THIS EVENT IS FREE. DONATIONS WELCOME.
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ROUTE 3 RACING CLUB
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LIVE BAND -WOODY JAMES BAND

SEPTEMBER 12 @ 7:00PM

AT THE GREENWOOD CAMPGROUND

THIS EVENT IS FREE. DONATIONS WELCOME.
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Public Engagement Session Flood Hazard Study Kettle and West Kettle Rivers

Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Open House 3:00pm | Presentations 5:00-6:30pm
Location: Westbridge Community Hall

View draft floodplain maps & provide input before they are finalized

Property owners in the study area will receive a letter by mail with meeting details. To view a map of the study area or for more information, contact: watershedplanner@rdkb.com.



When the Parrot Gets the Last Word

Mary's oven broke, so she called a repairman. Since she had to work the next day, she said,

"I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the oven, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll send a cheque

"Oh, and don't worry about my dog, Spike, he's totally harmless... but whatever you do, DO NOT in any way upset my parrot!"

The next day, the repairman walks in and sees the biggest, scariest-looking dog just lying there... calm as can be.

But the parrot? Nonstop yelling, insults, and attitude the entire time!

After hours of foul-mouthed abuse, the repairman finally loses it and shouts, "Shut up, you loud, ugly, foul-mouthed duster!"

The parrot goes quiet... looks at him... and says,

"Get him, Spike."

HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!!

**The Kettle Valley Golf Club
will be celebrating our
100th Anniversary in 2027!**

We are currently approaching local businesses/people to financially sponsor this momentous event and wanted you to be a part of our celebration!

Any financial donation to support the celebratory tournament would be greatly appreciated. To honor donations we will proudly display donor names at the event in June 2027.

There are three ways to donate:

1. Drop off donation at the Clubhouse.
2. Mail donation to:
KVGC, 3280 Highway 3, Kettle Valley, V0H 1Y0
3. E-transfer to kvgc1927@gmail.com and be sure to state that it is for the 100th Anniversary. This is an automatic deposit and no security question is required.

We thank you kindly for supporting this important event.

Sincerely,
The KVGC 100th Anniversary Committee



**DIAMOND L
SHARPENING SERVICES**



**Becky Lindquist
250-528-0164
diamondl2019@outlook.com
Rock Creek, BC**



Diamond L Sharpens



EARLY YEARS

Li'l Explorers

Li'l Explorers is an outdoor play based group that promotes families playing together outside. There will be a craft and healthy snack provided.

When: Wednesdays
9:30am-10:30am July 22-Aug 26
Where: Kettle Spray Park
735 Seventh Ave., Midway

This is a drop in group.
No registration necessary.
This group is for families with at least one child aged 0-6.

For more info,
or if you plan on attending
please contact
Mary-Ann Dennis at:
mary-ann.dennis@bfiss.org



EARLY YEARS

Baby Bumps and Beyond- West Boundary (Formerly West Boundary Family Connections)

A free play group for families with at least one child ages 0-6.
A healthy snack will be provided.

Registration is not required for this program.

For any further information please email:
mary-ann.dennis@bfiss.org

At the Rock Creek
Medical Centre
100 Rock Creek Bridge, Rock Creek

Fridays
9:30am-11:30am

**Baby Bumps
and
Beyond**



Boundary Family Services
info@bfiss.org
www.boundaryfamily.org

1200 Central Ave
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Canada

BOUNDARY INVASIVE SPECIES SOCIETY ~ DON'T LET IT LOOSE

What happens when a pet goldfish becomes a threat to an entire ecosystem? Across British Columbia, unwanted pets, aquarium plants, and other animals are being released into lakes, rivers, and forests, often by well-meaning people who don't realize the damage they can cause. Once introduced, these non-native species can spread rapidly, outcompete native wildlife, spread disease, damage habitats, and disrupt fragile ecosystems. These introduced species can also threaten local economies by discouraging recreation, damaging or interfering with water and navigation infrastructure, and decreasing property values.

When pets that are set free, they are not always equipped to survive in the wild like our native species are. They are often hunted by predators, hit by cars, or suffer from starvation. When a pet does survive in the wild, it is often at the expense of native species.

For example, the red-eared slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*) is a species of turtle that is sometimes kept as a pet. Once released into the wild, they compete with the native western painted turtle (*Chrysemys picta bellii*), for food, space, and other resources. While western painted turtles are considered a species at risk, the establishment of red-eared sliders could be detrimental. Red-eared sliders are currently living wild at the south end of Christina Lake, and it is unknown if they are reproducing.

Another example is the common goldfish. This species is often released into local ponds or lakes when the owner no longer wants to take care of it. Once they are established in a water body, they can become extremely invasive reproducing quickly while eating native fish, amphibians, insects, and plants. A local example of goldfish introduction occurred in Saddle Lake in Grand Forks. Their population exploded, causing competition, and negatively impacting native frogs and salamanders.

The American bull frog is an excellent example of unintended consequences. This species was brought to BC by backyard frog leg farmers, however the frogs have escaped farm enclosures and established in several locations throughout BC. American bullfrogs are opportunistic predators with a wide-ranging diet. They will eat almost anything including frogs, salamanders, young turtles, small mammals, insects, and even snakes. This makes them a significant threat to native wetland species in British Columbia, including the Northern red-legged frog (*Rana aurora*) and the Western painted turtle (*Chrysemys picta bellii*), both of which are species at risk.

Releasing aquarium contents, moving fish between lakes, and improperly containing livestock can all introduce invasive species and harm native ecosystems. Dispose of aquatic plants by drying or freezing them before disposal. Return unwanted pets to where they were purchased, rehome them, or contact a wildlife centre. Anglers should never transfer fish between waterways. The message is simple: Don't Let It Loose. Do your part to protect the waterways, wildlife, and natural spaces we all love and depend on.

Please reach out to the Boundary Invasive Species Society with any invasive species questions at 250-446-2232 or by email at info@boundaryinvasives.com.



Help Desk Ticket:

• Husband 1.0 Malfunction

- Dear Tech Support, Last year I
- upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to
- Husband 1.0 and noticed a
- distinct slow down in overall
- system performance --
- particularly in the flower and
- jewelry applications, which
- operated flawlessly under
- Boyfriend 5.0. In addition,
- Husband 1.0 uninstalled many
- other valuable programs, such as
- Romance 9.5 and Personal
- Attention 6.5 and then installed
- undesirable programs such as NFL
- 5.0, NBA 3.0, and Golf Clubs
- 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer
- runs, and Housecleaning 2.6
- simply crashes the system. I've
- tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix
- these problems, but to no avail.
- What can I do? Signed, Desperate

- Dear Desperate, First keep in
- mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an
- Entertainment Package, while
- Husband 1.0 is an Operating
- System. Please enter the command
- "! http: I Thought You Loved
- Me.html" and try to download
- Tears 6.2 and don't forget to
- install the Guilt 3.0 update. If
- that application works as
- designed, Husband 1.0 should
- then automatically run the
- applications Jewelry 2.0 and
- Flowers 3.5. But remember,
- overuse of the above application
- can cause Husband 1.0 to default
- to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy
- Hour 7.0 or Beer 6.1. Beer 6.1
- is a very bad program that will
- download the Snoring Loudly
- Beta. Whatever you do, DO NOT
- install Mother-in-law 1.0 (it
- runs a virus in the background
- that will eventually seize
- control of all your system
- resources). Also, do not attempt
- to reinstall the Boyfriend 5.0
- program. These are unsupported
- applications and will crash
- Husband 1.0. In summary, Husband
- 1.0 is a great program, but it
- does have limited memory and
- cannot learn new applications
- quickly. You might consider
- buying additional software to
- improve memory and performance.
- We recommend Food 3.0 and
- HotLingerie 7.7. Good Luck, Tech
- Support

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FALL 2026 FORECAST: CANADA TEMPERATURES

Canada is shaping up for a milder fall overall. Warmer than average temperatures are expected across much of the country, while cooler weather settles into parts of central and northern Canada and southwestern British Columbia.

RAINFALL

Keep the rain gear handy. Most of Canada is expected to experience above-average precipitation this fall, with much of British Columbia as the notable exception.

SOUTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Expect a warmer than normal September in the north, while southern areas trend cooler, followed by average temperatures in October.

Precipitation will be below average in the north, and the south will experience wetter-than-normal conditions.

AUGUST ASTRONOMY

Full Sturgeon Moon

August's full Moon, the full Sturgeon Moon, reaches peak illumination on the night of Friday, August 28. For the best view of the full Moon, look skyward that night!

VIRGO (AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22)

- Symbol: The Virgin
- Element: Earth
- Quality: Mutable
- Ruling planet: Mercury
- Traits: pragmatic, analytical, meticulous, reliable, critical
- Compatibility: Scorpio, Capricorn, Taurus, Cancer

Like fellow Mercury-ruled Gemini's, Virgos love to learn. They enjoy gathering knowledge and can become great scholars. Their analytical minds mean they pay attention to detail. However, if they get hung up on trivial matters, the devil is in those details. When that happens, they can lose sight of the bigger picture. Virgos are perfectionists. This shows up in their work. They take pride in doing an excellent job. These tendencies mean they are fantastic employees. The flip side of this is that no one can live up to their picky standards, which can lead to them becoming harsh critics.

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Boundary "C" 4-H Club Monthly Report

By Malia Eek

Recently, the dog division had a showmanship and obedience practice. The horse kids have also had a practice, working with on-the-rail command work, transitions, and specific parts of patterns. Additionally, they taught junior members about emergency stops.

Sheep members got together for a monthly weigh-in and practiced showing and flipping. They also have recently done their husbandry checks, where individual members are tested on their knowledge and ability to care for their sheep.

The photography division went to the Provincial Park and learned to set up for photos. Afterwards, they took their own photos for the Rock Creek Fall Fair and Barriere catalog. The clothing members have been working on their summer projects: aprons, oven mitts, and bags.

Additionally, a few of our members recently went to Langley to present their demonstrations at the provincial level and won first place! Congrats to Lydia Wamsley and Madeline Wamsley for doing so well with their demo on making beef tallow candles!

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NA is a nonprofit Fellowship, or society, of men and women for whom drugs have become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. Narcotics Anonymous has opened a weekly meeting, as of October 22, 2023, and all are welcome to attend.

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RDKB FireSmart Program Reaches 1,000 Home Assessments, Strengthening Wildfire Resilience Across the Region

More than 1,000 households across the RDKB are now better prepared for wildfire after taking part in the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary's FREE FireSmart Home Assessment Program.

Since launching the FireSmart Home Assessment Program in 2022, the initiative has seen exceptional community support, helping homeowners better understand their property's wildfire risks and take practical steps to reduce them. The milestone reflects the growing commitment of residents across the region to protecting their homes, neighbourhoods and communities from the increasing threat of wildfire.

"This milestone represents far more than a number-it represents more than 1,000 households choosing to take action to better protect their homes, families and communities," said Grace McGregor, Chair of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors. "We're incredibly proud of the response from residents and grateful to our dedicated FireSmart team, whose knowledge, professionalism and passion have made this program such a success. The continued support we've received through provincial funding reflects the important wildfire mitigation work happening across the RDKB. Every assessment completed helps build a safer, more wildfire-resilient region."

At the heart of the program is the RDKB's Wildfire Mitigation Team, whose members return season after season to provide practical, property-specific advice that empowers residents to make meaningful changes around their homes.

"The success of this program is built on relationships," said Carlene Pires, RDKB Regional FireSmart Coordinator. "Our returning Wildfire Mitigation Specialists are passionate about helping residents understand the simple actions that can make a real difference. The trust they've built within our communities has been key to the program's success, and it's incredibly rewarding to see so many homeowners taking proactive steps to reduce wildfire risk around their properties."

The program's success extends well beyond assessments. Since launching the Residential FireSmart Rebate Program in 2024, the RDKB has approved 107 residential rebates, returning approximately \$267,000 to homeowners to help offset the cost of completing recommended FireSmart mitigation work.

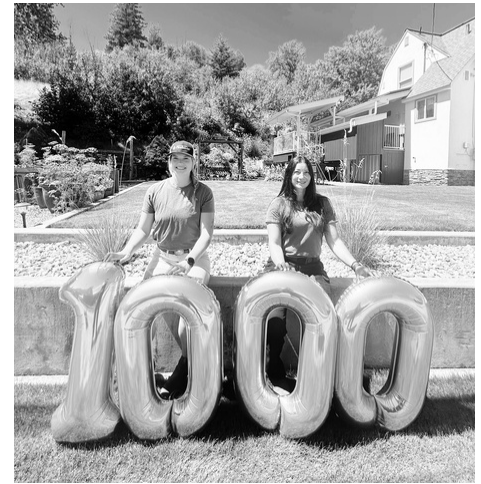
The program's success has also been recognised through significant provincial investment. In 2025, the RDKB secured a record \$1.18 million through the Union of BC Municipalities' Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) FireSmart Community Funding Program - the largest FireSmart grant allocation the Regional District has received to date. This funding is supporting expanded wildfire mitigation activities, community FireSmart initiatives, public education and wildfire preparedness across the region.

Together, the exceptional community participation, strong uptake of the rebate program and record provincial investment demonstrate the RDKB's leadership in wildfire mitigation and the growing confidence in its proactive, community-based approach to reducing wildfire risk.

Following a FREE FireSmart Home Assessment, eligible homeowners may qualify for rebates covering 50 per cent of eligible mitigation costs, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, by completing the recommended FireSmart mitigation work identified in their assessment.

Residents considering booking an assessment are encouraged to do so soon. FireSmart rebate funding is allocated annually and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Approximately 50 per cent of this year's rebate funding remains available, but once the annual allocation has been fully committed, no further rebates can be issued until additional funding becomes available.

To qualify for a rebate, homeowners must complete the recommended mitigation work outlined in their FireSmart assessment and submit their application with all required supporting documentation, including receipts for eligible expenses.



Ruby Nixon Bilski RDKB Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Greater Trail Area (L) and Carlene Pires, RDKB Regional FireSmart Coordinator (R)

The FireSmart Rebate Program is available to eligible residents in RDKB Electoral Areas A, B, C, D and E, as well as the municipalities of Fruitvale, Montrose, Trail, Warfield, Grand Forks and Greenwood. Residents of Rossland and Midway should contact their local government regarding FireSmart programs available in their communities.

With wildfire seasons becoming longer and more challenging, the RDKB encourages homeowners not to wait until wildfire activity increases before taking action.

Booking a FREE FireSmart Home Assessment today can help reduce wildfire risk, protect your property and strengthen the resilience of your entire community.

To book your FREE FireSmart Home Assessment or learn more about available rebates, visit <https://emergency.rdkb.com/FireSmart> or contact the FireSmart team at firesmart@rdkb.com or 250-368-0259.

About the RDKB FireSmart Program

The RDKB FireSmart Program provides residents with free, professional home assessments and practical recommendations to reduce wildfire risk around their properties. Through education, one-on-one support and financial incentives, the program helps homeowners make meaningful improvements that strengthen household safety, protect neighbourhoods and build more wildfire-resilient communities.

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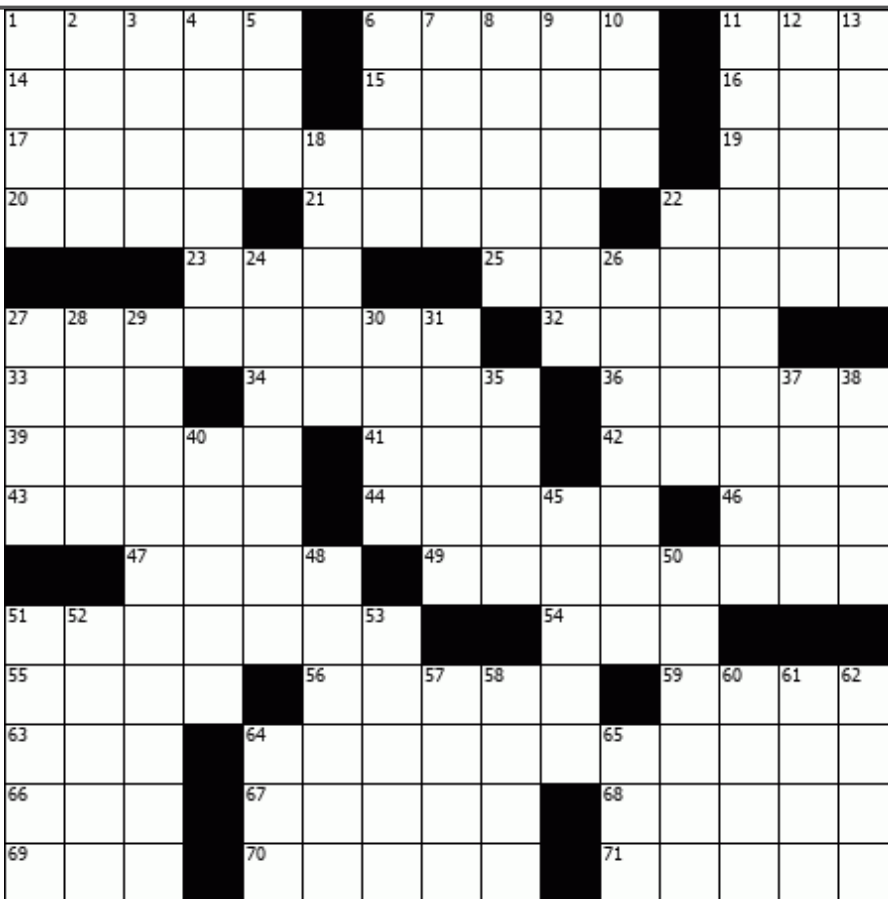


Crossword

ACROSS

1. Bungle badly
6. Famous fabler
11. "It's freezing!"
14. Rudimentary seed
15. Sri ---
16. Tolstoy's first
17. Fruity loaf
19. Actress Gardner
20. Criticize crudely
21. Chicago political name
22. Desert Storm missile
23. Vein pursuit
25. Second-chance exams
27. Ribbed cover
32. Drab's partner
33. Cigarette stat
34. Turns sharply
36. Keep --- to the ground
39. Worship
41. Command to a horse
42. Pisa's place
43. Axman
44. "Don't --- the small stuff!"

46. Born as
47. Untouchable lawman
49. Backs a candidate
51. Paper pads
54. Resentment
55. Pub brews
56. Uplift
59. No-see-um
63. Mass. school
64. Meaty wrap
66. Garfield, to Jon
67. Musical drama
68. Not on deck
69. Random choice
70. Financier John Jacob
71. Wishlist entries



DOWN

1. Short cuts
2. Somewhat round
3. Deli order
4. Racket
5. Old biddy
6. "Duchess of ---" (Goya painting)
7. Viscount's superior in rank
8. Scornful smile
9. Authorized
10. Toad's stool
11. Feijoada ingredients
12. Vaudeville production
13. Many have shoulders
18. Fred Astaire's sister

22. Peter or Paul's title
24. Motorist's option
26. Turncoat
27. Mormon State
28. Created
29. Baked apple dessert
30. Calf locales
31. "--- having fun yet?"
35. "I've --- the light!"
37. Away from the wind
38. Bread choices
40. Virginia square dances
45. Cheerio
48. Prepares in a teapot

50. Feel sorry about
51. Florida bay
52. Strange
53. Highway headache
57. Spheroid hairdo
58. Vail device
60. Khartoum river
61. Tiny particle
62. Clears from the no-parking zone
64. Feathery wrap
65. Box score stat

SOLUTION ON PAGE 7



What do you get when you pick a pig's nose?

(yuumy tous
'moux I 'moux I)
sreogooqah

Visited my doctor today.

He told me my sugar was too high. So I came home & moved it to a lower shelf.

My three favorite things are eating my family and not using commas.

"My son had to give up his career because of fallen arches," said a man to his friend. "He's an athlete?" the friend asked. The man shook his head and replied, "An architect."

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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)
- **Li'l Explorers** (9:30 - 10:30 am) @ Kettle Spray Park in Midway from July 22 - August 26
- **Westbridge Artisan Market** (10 am - 2 pm) @ KR Junction Coffee & Bakery for July and August

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

- **Baby Bumps and Beyond West Boundary** (9:30 am - 11:30 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, AUGUST 27 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: Riverside Volunteer Luncheon

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 (3 PM) @ 3585 KETTLE VALLEY ROAD EAST

- Boundary District Curling Club Annual General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (3-6:30 PM) @ WESTBRIDGE HALL

- Public Engagement Session: Flood Hazard Study of Kettle and West Kettle Rivers

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (6 - 7:30 PM) @ VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

- Official Community Plan Updates: Housing and Legislative Alignment

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 (9 AM) @ ROCK CREEK FALL FAIRGROUNDS

- Work bee (bring gloves and community spirit)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 @ ROUTE 3 RACING CLUB

- Motard & Music Festival - Practice all day and live music at 7pm @ Greenwood Campground

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 (9 AM) @ ROCK CREEK FALL FAIRGROUNDS

- Work bee (bring gloves and community spirit)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 @ ROUTE 3 RACING CLUB

- Motard & Music Festival - Races all day followed by karaoke

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