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

The town of Midway certainly outdid itself this past Canada Day. From the Midway Fire/Rescue pancake breakfast beginning at 7:00 am to the fireworks display at dusk, it was a day of true community.



Perfect summer weather allowed crowds to enjoy all the activities, including the parade, supper and entertainment in the park, and interactions with friends and family.



To all of you involved in the planning, organizing and executing . . . well done, and thank you.



Your mind wanting more is the problem. Your understanding, awareness and indifference are the solution.

~ Maxime Lagacé

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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:

- Boundary Youth Soccer Association
- Boundary Minor Hockey Association



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

Obituary

It is with love and gratitude for a life well lived that we announce that Margaret Doris Eek, passed away peacefully early in the morning on June 16, 2026 at 100 years old.

Margaret's kindness, generosity, and dedication to her family and community touched many lives.

Margaret grew up in Rossland, BC and moved to Rock Creek when she met and married her husband John on VE Day on May 8, 1945. They lived on the family farm without running water and electricity. Her indomitable spirit endured the hardships of those early years.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, of 70 years John Eek, her daughter-in-law, Susan Eek, and her grandson, Scott Eek.

She leaves behind a loving family who will cherish her memory: her four children Susan (Alan) Dahlo, Dale (Wendy) Eek, Duane, (Joanne) Eek, and Donald (Susie) Eek..

Her 14 grandchildren: Corinne, Janine, Christine, Sara, Beth, Pam, Nolan, Kaylan, Travis, Kim, Becky, Melissa, Jared, and John.

And 20 great-grandchildren: Ruby, Lauren, Carly, and Matthew; Josh and Aiden; Malia and Kervenson; Tanner, Shelby and Winston; & Rosie, Evelyn, Rourke, Bryson, Rayla, Cyrus, Sullivan, Estella, and Isaac.

Her family brought her immense joy and pride.



In loving memory of



Margaret Eek

March 31, 1926 - June 16, 2026

*Beloved wife, mother,
grandmother, great-grandmother and
friend*



Margaret was a devoted homemaker who created a warm and welcoming home for her family and guests. She always had a tin of chocolate chip cookies ready.

Community service was an important part of Margaret's life. She was an active member of the United Church of Canada where her faith remained a guiding force throughout her life. She was also a dedicated member of the Women's Institute, Royal Purple, the Rock Creek Fall Fair Association, and the Square Dance Club. In recognition of her many years of service, she was honoured as a Lifetime Member of the Rock Creek Fall Fair Association.

Margaret found great happiness in tending her garden, knitting, sewing, sharing local history, playing crib and Yahtzee. She also enjoyed trips to Kentucky and Virginia to reconnect with her family roots, as well as visits to Disneyland and many adventures throughout British Columbia, Alberta, and Washington State.

Margaret will be remembered for her gentle spirit, unwavering faith, generous heart, and the love and positivity she shared so freely with her family, friends, and community. Her legacy lives on in the generations she helped shape and in the countless lives she touched through her kindness and service.

A celebration of life will be held in the fall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the United Church of Canada or the Rock Creek and District Fall Fair Association. The family extends appreciation for the excellent care from the staff of Sunnybank Retirement Centre that she called home for her last years.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.



**Annual clean up at Kettle Valley Schoolhouse:
Thanks to our TTTBS trail crew. Bear & Mark,
for the hard work under hot & dusty conditions.**

IN MEMORY ~ DONALD BRUCE MALLACH DECEMBER 21, 1953 – MAY 31, 2026

Donald Bruce Mallach of Greenwood, British Columbia, passed away on May 31 2026, after a long illness.

Donald is predeceased by his parents Rose and Walter, and his brother Bill. He is survived by his wife Laura, daughter Jennifer Mallach (Ian March), 3 grandsons Nikolaos, Owen, and Connor, his granddaughter Elizabeth, his brothers Brian, Andrew (Abbey), sisters Terry Gardner (Gord), Bonnie Edstrom (Harold), Rosanne Soltis (Johnny), stepsons Waylon (April), Quillon (Bailey), Roland (Breanna), step grandchildren Daman (Charlene), Autumn, Wyatt, Ryker, Declan, Liam, Mila, Lucas, and many nieces, nephews and many many friends.

Donald worked in the logging industry all his life throughout B.C. and Alberta.

He will be dearly missed by those that knew him.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



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Carson/ Danville Crossing By: Vic Boychuk

On the Canadian side is Carson near Grand Forks. Dan McLaren built a cabin, stable and blacksmith shop, which provided accommodation for visitors passing through from Marcus, Washington. When applied for a Post Office name as Grand Prairie (Grand Forks) the postal inspector said that there was already a Post Office by that name, so he wrote it as Kettle River Post Office. In 1892 the Kettle River Post Office opened but the people petitioned for a name change, since there were many communities along the river. So, it was renamed Carson in 1896 and operated until 1915 when it closed.

By 1895, brothers Dan and John McLaren had built the Grande Prairie Hotel and the IOOF (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) hall. That year, they laid out the Carson City town site, named after their mother Isabella Carson McLaren.

By 1897, a wagon bridge was built over the Kettle River. High waters washed out the bridge in 1902. In 1904, a footbridge was built along the Kettle Valley Lines (KVL) track. In 1906, a new road bridge opened and in 1917, the bridge was redecked. In 1922, a 150-foot Howe truss structure was installed, closed in 1975. The bridge was demolished the next year and was never rebuilt.

In 1902, the Great Northern Railway (GN) and the KVL opened Grand Forks–Curlew–Republic routes. The KVL track crossed the river near Danville. The GN Danville station was 1.5 miles southwest of Grand Forks Junction. In 1903, KVL completed a freight depot at Danville. In 1919, the U.S. portion of the KVL closed, and in 1947, GN passenger train service ceased. The Ferry County Rail Trail stretches from Danville almost to Republic along the former GN rail bed.

In 1908, the hotel burned down. Unable to compete with Grand Forks (due to the fires of 1919 and 1929), Carson gradually became a residential area of Grand Forks.

Almond Gardens which is a district across the river was named after Sidney Russell Almond, who was one of the four settlers to settle there in 1884. Almond was a long-time government agent.



Danville

On the US side is Nelson which got its name from merchants Peter Bertelsen Nelson and his uncle Ole Nelson. Allegedly established in 1889. In January 1899 Nelson was changed to Danville (Daniel (Dan) Montgomery Drumheller), an early promoter of the town prompted to prevent confusion with Nelson, BC.

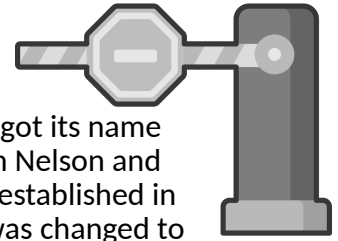
Although the Nelsons were considered the pioneer merchants, the claim of operating the first store was Dennis Peone who ran a store from his home, which also provided accommodation for passing visitors. The post office opened around 1896, storekeeper P. B. Nelson being the postmaster. In 1897, the town site was laid out. J.Y. Jaskulek opened a general store with a jewelry and watch repair section. McCarter and Hull published the Reservation Record newspaper 1897–1898, lasting less than a year, before relocating to Eureka camps (Republic). About 1898, John Sucksmith opened a sawmill but died in a boating accident about four years later. E.A. Garner, who bought the mill, died of heart attack in 1904. By that winter, businesses included the William Clark butcher shop, Woodward & Bellow saloon, and Downs hotel. The community, which lies about 0.6 miles south of the boundary, was served by two railroads.

In 1900, fire destroyed Peter Nelson's store. In 1905, a new syndicate bought the mill, which produced 30,000 feet of lumber daily. Arson was suspected in the 1907 fire that destroyed Wm. Sands' blacksmith shop.

About 1911, Danville Lumber & Milling opened a general store. By 1913, the mill, which produced 50,000 feet of lumber daily, was one of the three larger producers in the area.

During the summer of 1912, John Falconer was prospecting when an electrical storm ignited a tree on a hillside to the southeast of town. On riding toward the fire, his horse stumbled upon a rock in the middle of the trail. On his return home, he picked up the rock, which he thought was pyrite. Months later, Falconer realized the rock was mostly gold ore, worth over \$1,000. Danville old timers called the find "The Golden Plate", which was believed to indicate a gold ledge. Falconer and his wife searched but were unable to find the original location. Since then, many have tried, but no one has ever found the "Golden Plate".

In 1988, the first joint US-Canada border inspection facilities (present structures) opened along the highway on the west shore, replacing the US brick inspection station from the 1930s and the Canadian one from 1950 at that location.



RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

June 24, 2026 Board Meeting

Big White/Idabel Lake Solid Waste Collection Contract - Recommendation to Award

The Board of Directors awarded the Contract for Services for the collection of waste and recycling at both the Big White and Idabel Lake transfer stations as well as throughout the Big White Ski Resort to Super Save Disposal Inc. for a term of eight (8) years. rs developing solutions to improve healthcare.

Advocacy

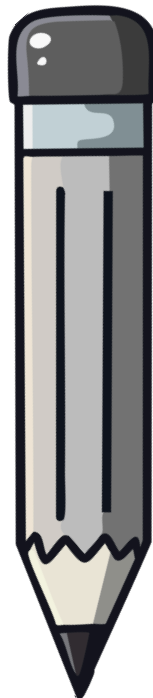
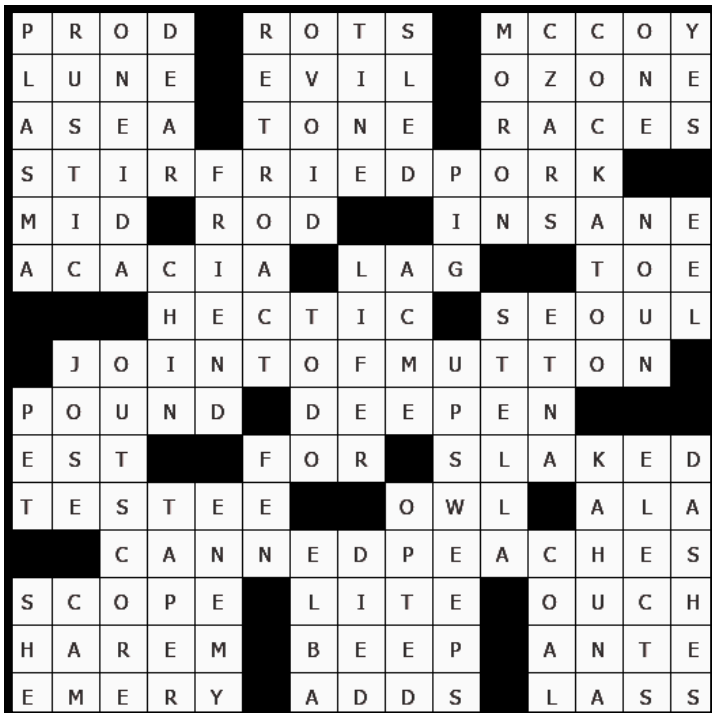
The Board will send a letter to other BC regional districts expressing concerns about communication difficulties with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit. The Board will also ask the Province how it can become involved in governance and management decisions regarding aquifers.

Area E Grant-in-Aid approved

- Midway Canada Day - entertainment supplies and family game costs - \$2500
- Midway Public Library - operational costs - \$8,000
- Westbridge Recreation Society - tech and facility site support - \$5460

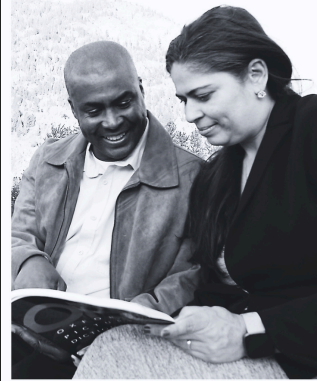
Next Board meeting: Wednesday July 22, 2026 at 1 pm

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An elderly man on his deathbed smells his wife's chocolate chip cookies baking. With the last of his strength, he drags himself out of bed and into the kitchen. He reaches for a cookie, but his wife smacks his hand with a wooden spoon and says, "Leave those alone. They're for the funeral."



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The Messy River Series



Native Bees of the Boundary: From Boomers to Pollen Pants

Contributed article by Lori
Weidenhammer Part 2 of 2



Building on last month's introduction to native bees in the Boundary region, this month we meet some of the tiny, hairy-bellied, ground-nesting, and pollen-pants-wearing bees that help make the Boundary bloom.

Don't Sweat it Bees: There are a group of small bees that are so tiny you might not even perceive them as bees. These include the smaller species of sweat bees, so-called because some of them will lick your skin for mineral from your sweat. They don't sting, but they can tickle! There are also masked bees (*Hylaeus*) that store pollen internally and tiny shiny small carpenter bees (*Ceratina*) that commonly nest inside the stems of shrubs in the rose family. There are also striking metallic turquoise bees called striped sweat bees (*Agapostemon*) which love common blanket flowers (*Gaillardia aristata*).

Hairy Belly Bees: Bees in the Megachilidae family include leaf cutter and mason bees that collect pollen on their hairy bellies. Mason bees use mud and/or chewed plant material in their nests and leafcutter bees cut circles and oblong pieces of leaves to line their nests. You will see the blue orchard mason bee on Oregon grape (*Berberis aquifolium*) in the spring when they are out and about pollinating the fruit trees. You might see leafcutter bees cutting circles out of the leaves in your rose bushes.

The Velvet Underground: About 70 per cent of bees' nest in the ground, including many species of mining bees (*Andrena*) that have short velvety hairs on their faces. You will see them in early spring in the pussy willows and in native flowers such as roundleaf alumroot (*Heuchera cylindrica*).

The Lurkers: There are a variety of cuckoo bees in the boundary. These are opportunistic cleptoparasites that outsource their childcare. They often appear wasp-like because they lack the fuzzy pollen collecting hairs on female true bees. You will find them lurking outside the entrances to bee nests, waiting for the opportunity to sneak in and lay their eggs. Each cuckoo bee targets one or more species of bees and include bees from the Genera *Nomada*, *Triepeolus* and *Coelioxys*.

The Picky Eaters: There are also specialist bees in the region. The dark-legged yellow loosestrife bee (*Macropis nuda*) is a specialist on a native yellow flower known as fringed loosestrife (*Lysimachia ciliata*). Although the female will drink nectar from a variety of floral hosts, she only harvests pollen and floral oils from that one species of flower. There is the black shortface bee (*Dufourea mara*) that you might find napping in its preferred floral host, harebells. And there is another little black bee called the snowberry sweat bee (*Dufourea holocyanea*) that nests under common snowberry bushes (*Symphoricarpos albus*) and only harvests pollen from that species of shrub.

Pollen Pants Bees: In late summer and early fall you'll see long-horned bees (*Melissodes*), named after the males' extra-long antennae. The females have copious branched hairs on their back legs, earning them the nickname "pollen pants bees." Long-horned bees love gumweed and rabbitbrush, as do a number of native bee species in the Boundary region.

If you are interested in learning more about native BC bees, consider exploring and joining the iNaturalist Bee Tracker Project and the BC Native Bee Society. They meet once a month online and you can share photographs you've been taking of BC bees, or check out what other volunteers have been witnessing. Planting the native plants mentioned in this article (identified by their scientific names in italics) in your garden can help protect and feed these beautiful native bees.

Biography

Lori Weidenhammer, aka Madame Beespeaker, is an interdisciplinary artist based in Vancouver, British Columbia. She is the author of a book called the Revised Edition of Victory Gardens for Bees: A DIY Guide for Saving the Bees. Lori is a founding member of the BC Native Bee Society and an iNaturalist ambassador.

See Lori's bee photos and related reference material at kettleriver.ca/messyriver.

SENIORS BEING SEEN

Thursday July 23, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- Area E Director, Sharen Gibbs will speak to us about present and planned resources for Boundary Residents.

Thursday July 30, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- Lorrie Grant, Boundary Community Coordinator for WildSafeBC – How to Have Safer Wildlife/Human Co-habitat Encounters.

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



Commander Mike Rampone, RCMP, Midway Detachment talking with "Seniors Being Seen" about our lives and security in the "West Boundary" - memorably stating, "You've got good kids here" - and telling us especially about his outreach to male youth - working out, in uniform, with teens in school gym and making friends.



Category 2 open fire prohibition in the Southeast Fire Centre

Effective at 12 .p.m. (noon) Pacific Time on Friday, July 10, 2026, Category 2 open fire will be prohibited throughout the Southeast Fire Centre.

A Category 2 open fire refers to any fire that burns:

- Material in one pile not exceeding two metres in height and three metres in width
- Material concurrently in two piles each not exceeding two metres in height and three metres in width
- Stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 hectares

Also prohibited are the following equipment and activities:

- Air curtain burners
- Carbonizers
- Fireworks, as defined in the Fireworks Act of BC
- Binary Exploding Targets
- Burn Barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description
- Controlled air incinerators

For full details, please visit:

https://blog.gov.bc.ca/.../category-2-open-fire-to-be...

While this prohibition does not include Category 1 campfires (no larger than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide), it is important to continue exercising caution when doing burning of any kind. To learn more about open fire and safer burning visit:

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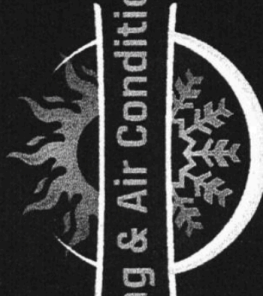
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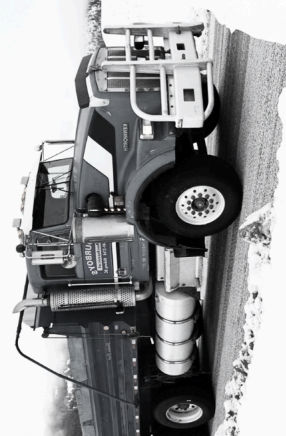
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Voices from the Fire: Memories of August 13, 2015

Personal accounts from residents affected by the Rock Creek fire express a varied tapestry of fear, gratitude, trauma, and communal resolve. As often with disaster, first-person stories bridge the statistical with the deeply personal, capturing moments of bravery, heartbreak, and unity.

I remember August 13, 2015, as a day of panic and uncertainty. I was at work at the Rock Creek Medical Clinic when I saw a plume of smoke on the hillside. The staff and I thought we had better call it in although we were certain it had already been reported.

As the afternoon progressed, the fire grew a terrifying extent. Helicopters were bucketing and we watched, anxiety growing every minute. We still didn't believe it was going to be as bad as it was.

As I watched my friend's house burn down on the hill above Rock Creek, reality set in. My panic was real. Our local firemen started bringing campers out of the Kettle River Recreation Area. They also went house to house notifying everyone it was time to collect things and evacuate. Trying to function in that panic is a nightmare. There was so much going on, it was hard to think. I was so worried I wouldn't be able to find my cat.

Quickly systems were put in place to provide shelter, food, clothing, and bedding for evacuees. Volunteers provided food for firemen and first responders and helped catalogue evacuees and find safe places for them. The Village of Midway and its residents did an exemplary job as the base for operations.

I recall the intense silence and heaviness in the air the week following the fire. It felt like things were never going to be right again. I also remember the sense of guilt over the fact that my home was spared when others had lost theirs. It was difficult knowing what to say to my friends and neighbours who had lost so much.

The following spring, on a drive around the provincial park, it amazed me to see how little had been impacted. The fields of wildflowers, blooming beside the charred trees, was an unexpected but beautiful sight. I really do hope I never have to go through an experience like that again. I did learn, however, that being prepared is vital. Since that experience I have a "to go bag" ready at all times.

Above all, I learned the value of community, family, and friends, all of whom are invaluable to our well-being. (submitted by Bonnie Edstrom)

Trails to the Boundary Society will happily take any submissions or recollections of the fire to be archived.

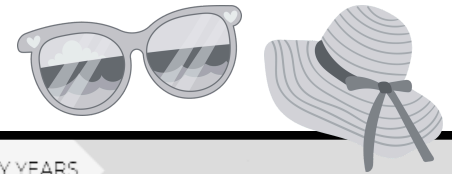


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EARLY YEARS

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Where: Kettle Spray Park
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EARLY YEARS

Baby Bumps and Beyond- West Boundary

(Formerly West Boundary Family Connections)

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BOUNDARY INVASIVE SPECIES SOCIETY ~ CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY

British Columbia is currently under threat from aquatic invasive species. Aquatic invasive species are non-native species that are introduced into a new aquatic ecosystem and negatively impact native species. While it may seem unlikely that species could move between water bodies, it happens more easily than people realize. Our shoreline, streams, lakes, and wetlands are all under attack by these invaders, which are most often spread unintentionally by recreational users including anglers, boaters, and others participating in water-related activities.

When recreationists enter a waterbody contaminated with aquatic invasive species, they often unknowingly pick up hitchhikers, including plants, animals, and microscopic organisms that cling to clothing or equipment. These species are often transported during the smallest stages of their life cycle as seeds, microscopic larvae, or fragmented plant parts. Others are introduced intentionally for sport fishing, as decorative plants in ponds, or let loose when aquariums are no longer wanted. Once moved to a new location, these invaders can establish and rapidly spread within their new ecosystem.

Aquatic invasive species can result in major costs for communities and industries. They can block water intake lines, dams, power stations, wastewater treatment plants, and drinking water facilities, leading to expensive cleaning and increased operating costs. They can decrease revenue for tourism and fisheries and can reduce property values near infested lakes. Extra expenses

are also needed for boat repair and maintenance when equipment becomes clogged or damaged by invasive species in freshwater environments. An example of this includes invasive Zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*) and Quagga mussels (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*), which stick to almost any surface with strong threads, causing the clogging of intakes and covering of beaches with sharp shells.

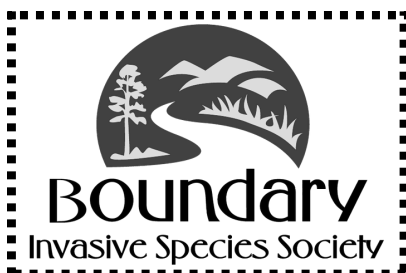
Aquatic invasive species can severely harm freshwater ecosystems by reducing biodiversity and displacing native plants and fish species. The introduction of new species into a lake ecosystem can cause competition for food and space between invasive and native species. They degrade or destroy fish habitat in lakes, streams, and wetlands; alter shoreline, wetland, and lakebed structure; and disrupt food chains. For example, invasive Zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*) and Quagga mussels (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*) filter-feed so aggressively that plankton and food are reduced for native species, and light penetration increases, causing increased plant growth and loss of habitat. They can also contribute to risks such as avian botulism by spreading the disease through their decaying bodies on the shoreline, further impacting wildlife and ecosystem health in freshwater environments.

Aquatic invasive species also affect people using freshwater systems for recreation. They can make lakes, streams, and wetlands less suitable for swimming and other activities, damage infrastructure, and interfere with boating and fishing

by impeding water traffic. Some species can also cause health problems, contact injuries, and allergies. Overall, these impacts reduce the quality of recreational experiences and limit how people can safely use freshwater environments. A local example includes Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*). This aquatic plant has rapidly spread since its introduction to Christina Lake, where it now impedes swimming and boating near shore and causes sluggish water, which attracts mosquitoes.

Removing aquatic invasive species can be extremely difficult and expensive, therefore the best way to protect our ecosystems is to prevent introduction in the first place. To help protect our waterways, follow the Clean, Drain, Dry steps every time you recreate. Clean all plants, animals, and mud from watercraft, trailers, and gear such as fishing equipment, waders, and boots. Drain all water from watercraft, trailers, and gear, including buckets, wells, bilges, and ballast systems. Dry all parts of your equipment completely between trips.

Never release or move pets, fish, animals, or plants from one waterbody to another; learn to recognize aquatic invasive species and report them to the Boundary Invasive Species Society 250-446-2232 or the Conservation Officer Service RAPP line 1-877-952-7277; and inform others about the threat they pose. With every trip to the water, Clean, Drain, and Dry is a simple but powerful way to stop aquatic invasive species from spreading and to protect our freshwater ecosystems for the future.



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RCBFA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Dean Corbett

As a school teacher around here in the 1980's and 90's, I sometimes gave students a quiz where the first direction was to skip to the bottom of the page then read the real direction said, "Just sit back, write nothing and watch everyone else struggling through the test!". If you want to know the answer to the "Question" below, you can skip to the last part of this article or just not read the answer and take pride in figuring it out yourself.

Question: Did you know that you can make a cool anagram from the letters in "VOLUNTEER" by dropping the "N" and rearranging the remaining 8 letters into two words? It genuinely fits what volunteering is all about. I repeat...spoiler alert!!! The answer is below!

Each year we receive wonderful support from our spread-out community of RC Fall Fair Volunteers. These usually are young, old, middle-aged people, families, friends, locals, and visitors who like to help with a variety of tasks they can accomplish at or just before the fair. We very much appreciate their energy, expertise, and efforts.

There are other, more involved jobs that need doing to ensure we have a successful weekend, such as taking on a convenor's role and organizing a section of the fair. We have detailed to-do lists for these types of positions that make organizing an aspect of fair days straight forward and relatively simple.

It takes over 300 volunteers to put on our fall fair! We still need some people who are interested in chickens, ducks and other feathered friends in the poultry barn, horsey helpers for the gymkhana events, and we can always find spots for people who just want to help wherever there is a need. If you are new to our community, wish to refresh relations with former friends, want to meet someone new, or welcome new residents, then volunteering at the fair is a great way to do so.

The RC Fall Fair is recognized throughout our province and by BC Fairs as one of the best annual country fairs; to continue to be, we rely on volunteers. So, if you are interested in giving a few hours to ensure our fair continues to be the place to be on the third weekend in September, please call the RCBFA office at 250-446-2465 or email them at office@rockcreekfallfair.ca to see what areas are available that might fit your interest and skill area.

Well, did you skip to here? Did you figure it out on your own? Did you read the whole article (I hope so!)? Here is the answer: "**TRUE LOVE**". If you truly love the RC Fall Fair, add an "N" to those words, rearrange the letters, and please volunteer some of your time, energy, skill, and expertise to express your true RC Fall Fair Feelings!



Boundary "C" 4-H Club Monthly Report

By Malia Eek

On July 1st, the club participated in the Canada Day parade in Midway. All the kids enjoyed being in the parade, as well as the fireworks afterwards. We hope all the people who attended enjoyed our float!

Recently, the photography division got together at the Kettle River where members learned about capturing movement, and at the Greenwood tunnel where they practiced creative photos and portrait photography using mirrors and reflections.

The beef members haven't been up to much, but are planning a clipping and fitting day.

The sheep division held a weigh-in and discussed feeding. Back in June, a few members also went to the Western Canadian Future Shepherds show and had tonnes of fun, as well as did amazing with their projects!

The clothing division is planning a July workday to work on skills and their apron projects.

Members of the horse division went to the Merna Boltz Memorial Ranch Riding Show on July 3rd-5th and did great! They are also holding a practice day on the 15th.

The Dog members have been practicing their grooming and working on obedience and showmanship with trainers.

Overall the Boundary "C" 4-H Club has had a great month!

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HISTORICAL TIDBITS

APRIL 1926: Don't forget your cups if you want a drink of coffee at the Norris Auction on Saturday in Midway. You needn't bring any plates as you will have a chance to buy some.



JUNE 1928: Surveyors arrive in Bridesville to survey the site for the new bridge across the canyon.

In **1929** all school-age children are eligible to enter the Gopher Competition--3¢ for each tail produced to the secretary at the Riverside Hall the last Sat. of each month.

1936: The first stuccoed building in Rock Creek (the Rock Creek Hotel) was finished.

DRUG PROBLEM? WE CAN HELP.

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A BIRTHDAY PRESENT TO DIE FOR

My husband's mom is the mother-in-law from hell!

Last year for her birthday, I bought her a cemetery plot as a gift (well I thought it was funny).

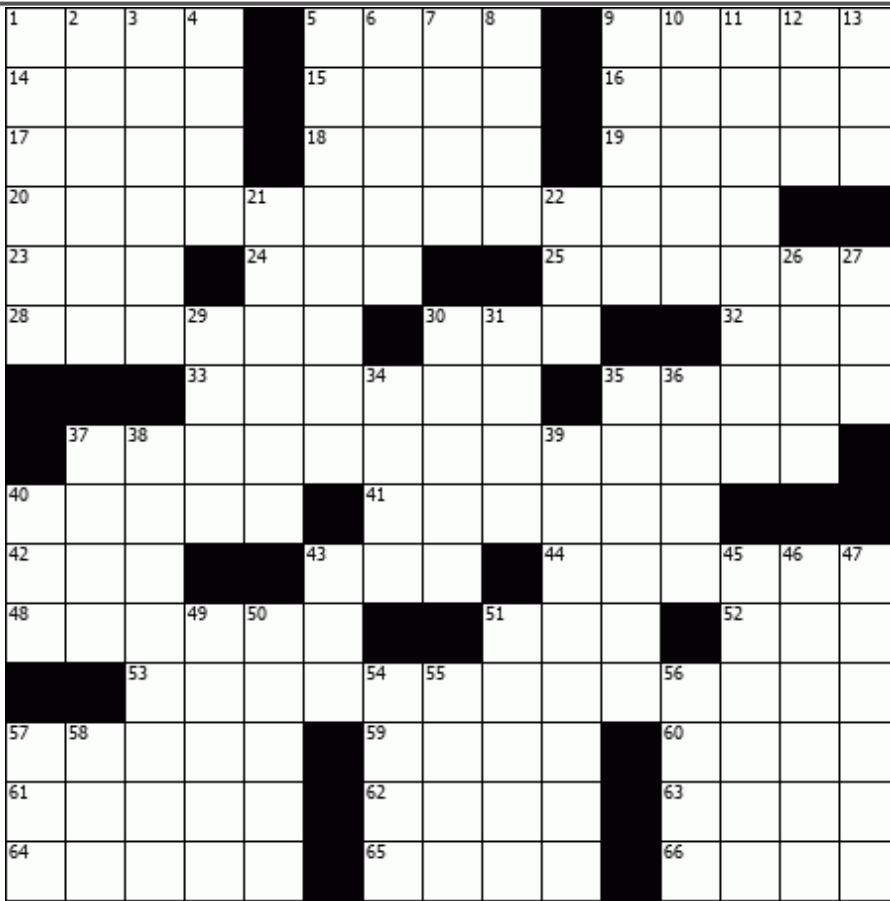
This year I did not get her anything. When she asked why, I said, "Well, you have not used last year's gift yet!" and that's when the fight began.



Crossword

ACROSS

1. Cattle mover
5. Goes bad
9. Hatfield's foe
14. Crescent shape
15. "Hear no ____, speak no ..."
16. Ray blocker
17. Cruising
18. Muscularity
19. Three-legged and drag
20. First course at the prison?
23. Start for day
24. 16 1/2 feet
25. Not all there
28. Australia's national blossom
30. Trail
32. Type of hold
33. Like Christmas shopping
35. Asian capital
37. Second dinner course at the prison?
40. Potato unit
41. Become more complicated
42. Time of the 75th meridian
43. Part of FYI
44. Appeased thirst
48. SAT taker
51. Pussycat's partner
52. Chef's phrase
53. Dessert course at the prison?
57. Range
59. Lo-fat
60. Hurt expression
61. Male seal's devotees
62. Modern summons
63. The first chip, usually
64. It could be on the board
65. Takes into a count?
66. Bonnie bair



DOWN

1. Vein filler
2. Log cabinish
3. Lake in upstate New York
4. Highly valued
5. Act in opposition
6. Out of round
7. Antler point
8. Rosebud, famously
9. Dummkopf
10. Autocrats
11. Crested bird
12. It's "for the money"
13. Da, somewhere
21. Joey or Ross, e.g.
22. Snowball, famously
26. It's not always proper
27. Sniggler's catch
29. Pull up to the bar
30. He's in for good
31. Coyote's company of choice
34. List heading
35. Blanche's sister
36. It's active in Sicily
37. San ____, Calif.
38. Leave your opponent with love?
39. Old hairdos
40. Term of endearment
43. Swampy land
45. Hawaiian medicine man
46. Sends to Washington
47. Track events
49. Narrow
50. Foe
51. Was decisive
54. Corsica neighbor
55. Conked out, as a car
56. Scuttle's contents
57. Petal-plucker's word
58. Part of a rotating shaft

SOLUTION ON PAGE 5



What do dentists call their X-rays?

Tooth pics



I don't know who needs to hear this but even if a bear wears socks and shoes, he still has bear feet.

I saw an audiologist today, but I think I'll get a second opinion. Why on earth would I need a heron egg?



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MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

- **Music Jam** @ Midway Social Centre (1 pm - 3ish) 1st and 3rd Tuesday
- **Greenwood Senior's Thrift Store** open 11 am - 3 pm

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAY, JULY 23 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: Area "E" Director, Sharen Gibbs

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

- Seniors Being Seen: Lorrie Grant, Boundary Community Coordinator for WildSafeBC

AUGUST 10-14 (1 - 4 PM) @ KETTLE WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION CLUB HOUSE

- Vacation Bible School

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 (2 PM / 3-5 PM) @ ROUTE 3 RACING CLUB

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