

Kettle River Echo

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

Prepared and Protected:

7th Annual Fair Brings Vital Safety Resources to Area E

On Sunday, May 24th, the 7th annual "Emergency Preparedness Fair" was held at the McArthur Centre in Greenwood. "Trails to the Boundary" would like to acknowledge and thank the first responders and regional district staff that gave their time to supporting Area E residents. We were fortunate to have these valuable resources together to answer questions about safety and emergency protocols and procedures.

Many thanks to the RDKB and director Gibbs for their support.

Pat Henley, President, TTTBS



"The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you."

~ B.B. King



Midway & Midway COMMUNITY ROOTS PROUDLY PRESENT:

CANADA DAY IN MIDWAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST, 2026
JAMES G. MCMYNN PARK

PARADE AT 5PM

DINNER AND CAKE

LIVE MUSIC BY KICKING HORSE SHOW BAND

BEER GARDEN

FUN AND GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

FIREWORKS AT 10PM

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO:



GREENWOOD BOARD OF TRADE REMINDERS & UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Founder's Day:** July 18th (inquiries about the parade and vendor information call 250-443-9303)
- **Car Show:** August 15th

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:

- The Kettle River Lion's Club
- Royal Canadian Legion Greenwood Branch #155

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

Native Bees of the Boundary: from Boomers to Pollen Pants (Part 1 of 2)

Contributed article by Lori Weidenhammer

British Columbia has the most species of native bees of all provinces and territories in Canada, with an estimated total of over 500 species. The Boundary region, with its unique set of ecosystems, has a bounty of beautiful bees that have relationships to the native plants that occur in the area. The Native Bee Society of BC is studying BC bees through the Bee Atlas Program and the iNaturalist Bee Tracker Project. Consider volunteering to photograph local bees, it helps to keep track of their welfare, and maybe even find rare undiscovered species. You can start by getting to know some of these local bees.

The Boomers: The first bee of 2026 I photographed in Rock Creek this spring was the western bumble bee (*Bombus occidentalis*). (*Bombus*, the Latin name for bumble bees, means “booming”.) She was foraging in wax currant, an important early food source for native bees. Once the most common bee in western Canada, its population has shrunk considerably, existing now in pockets in select locations. It’s a sweet bumble bee with a small tongue and a round body with a fringe of white hairs on the tip of the abdomen. Their populations have significantly declined in areas where pesticides are used, and since these bees love weeds like thistles and dandelions, they are also vulnerable to herbicides used, such as in ditches. Keep your eye out for this threatened bee. If plant management is needed, consider whether options other than

pesticides are possible wherever it, or any other bee species, appears.

Perhaps the most common bumble bee species in the Boundary is the half-black bumble bee (*B. vagans*), which is a golden bee has a black head and black “tail”. The central bumble bee (*B. centralis*) is a medium-sized long tongued bee with an orange band on its abdomen. You will see the queens on the Okanagan sunflowers/Balsamorhiza (*Balsamorhiza sagittata*) in the spring. If you see a bee with a darker thorax and darker orange band, it might be the orange-rumped bee (*B. melanopygus*). Two of the larger bumble bee species you’ll see in the Boundary are the white-shouldered bee (*B. appositus*) and the Nevada bumble bee (*B. nevadensis*). The Nevada bumble bee is the largest bumble bee, with the queens coming in at 20 mm in length.

See Lori’s bee photos at kettleriver.ca/messyriver.

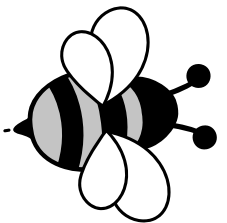
Next month: Meet the tiny sweat bees, hairy-bellied bees, ground nesters, cuckoo bees, and the “pollen pants” bees of late summer.

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.

12 MANNERS EVERY CHILD SHOULD LEARN BEFORE 15

Not taught at school – but
shapes who they become.

1. Walk beside people, not ahead or behind.
2. Never point at others while talking.
3. Stand up and greet elders with respect.
4. Keep your appearance neat in public.
5. Remember and use people’s names.
6. Think before you speak – not every thought needs a voice.
7. Keep your word. Consistency builds trust.
8. Make appropriate eye contact.
9. Knock before entering – anywhere.
10. Say “please”, “sorry”, and “thank you” often.
11. Wait until everyone is served before eating.
12. Speak at a reasonable volume in public.



CAN YOU HELP ME FIND MY WAY??

A PREACHER JUST MOVED INTO A NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD AND WENT FOR AN EARLY MORNING WALK.

HE ASKED A YOUNG BOY RIDING HIS BIKE, “SON, CAN YOU TELL ME HOW TO GET TO THE POST OFFICE?”

THE LITTLE BOY SAID, “SURE, GO TWO MORE BLOCKS AND TURN RIGHT. YOU CAN’T MISS IT!”

THE PREACHER REPLIED, “THANKS. I’M THE NEW PASTOR AND IF YOU COME TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY, I WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET TO HEAVEN!”

THE LITTLE BOY GRINNED AND SAID, “AWWWW, COME ON MAN, YOU DON’T EVEN KNOW THE WAY TO THE POST OFFICE!”



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



LOCATION: BURNS FAMILY HOME
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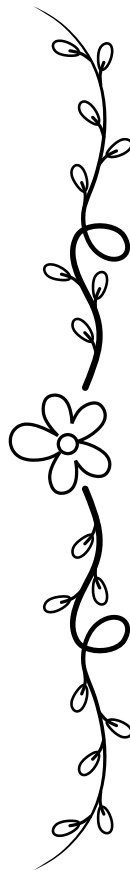
WITH LOVE AND REMEMBRANCE, WE INVITE FAMILY
AND FRIENDS TO SHARE STORIES, MEMORIES AND
SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AS WE CELEBRATE THEIR
LIVES. REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS WILL FOLLOW.

WITH LOVE, JESSICA, JACKIE & SIOBHAN

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RDKB Invites Residents to Help Shape the Future of Waste Management Through Survey #2 and Community Engagement Events

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) is inviting residents to continue the conversation about the future of waste management by participating in the second phase of engagement for its Solid Waste Management Plan update.

Following strong participation in Survey #1, the project is now moving into the next stage, where residents are being asked to help identify and prioritize the strategies and actions that will guide waste management services across the region for the next decade.

Originally approved in 2005, the Solid Waste Management Plan is being updated to reflect changing community needs, new technologies, evolving regulations, and the region's continued commitment to waste reduction and environmental stewardship.

"The response to our first survey demonstrated that residents care deeply about how waste is managed in our communities," said Grace McGregor, Chair of the RDKB Board. "We're grateful to everyone who took the time to participate and encourage residents to stay involved as we move into the next phase. This plan will influence important decisions about waste reduction, recycling, organics, and landfill management for years to come."

Survey #1 focused on understanding residents' current experiences with waste services and identifying priorities for the future. Results showed strong support for existing waste reduction initiatives, a desire for increased diversion from landfill including expanded recycling opportunities, and continued efforts to improve environmental outcomes across the region.

"The first survey provided us with valuable insights into what matters most to residents," said Terry Martin, Chair of the Solid Waste Management Plan Steering and Monitoring Committee. "Now we're asking people to help us evaluate and prioritize the options that could shape waste management services in the RDKB over the next ten years."

To encourage participation, everyone who completes Survey #2 by Friday, June 19, 2026, will be entered into a draw to win one of two \$50 Everything Gift Cards.

In addition to the online survey, residents will have several opportunities to engage directly with project staff throughout June.

Upcoming community engagement events include:

- Trail - June 16, Waneta Plaza, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Grand Forks - June 17, Grand Forks Aquatic Centre, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Rock Creek - June 18, Riverside Centre, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Residents can also attend an online webinar on June 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., where project staff will provide an update on the planning process and answer questions from the public.

Janine Dougall, General Manager of Environmental Services, says community participation remains critical to developing a plan that reflects local priorities.

"This isn't a one-time survey or a single engagement opportunity. It's an ongoing conversation with residents across the region," said Dougall. "The feedback we receive will help us identify the most effective and practical strategies for reducing waste, increasing diversion, and ensuring our waste management system remains sustainable for future generations."

The Solid Waste Management Plan update is expected to continue through 2027 and will include multiple opportunities for residents, businesses, and community organizations to participate along the way.

Survey #2 link, results of Survey #1, project updates, engagement opportunities including the links for the June 11 webinar, and background information can all be found at:
<https://jointheconversation.rdkb.com/solid-waste-management-plan-update>

Paper copies of surveys are also available through local municipal offices, RDKB landfills and transfer stations, and RDKB administrative offices in Trail and Grand Forks. Residents who require assistance participating are encouraged to contact the RDKB.

For more information, call 250.368.0231 or toll-free 1.800.355.7352.



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



L-R Stephen Gaim and BA Belton who will be at the public engagement events in June

Smelter Lake and the Granby Dam

In 1900, the Granby Dam was built on the North Kettle (Granby) River to produce hydroelectric power for the Granby Smelter and the city of Grand Forks. The dam was located approximately 2 miles northwest of the City on the north fork of the Kettle (Granby) River. A reservoir was built to the North covering about 750 acres known as Smelter Lake. Before the flooding Charles Simpson had a saw mill and milled most of the trees to lumber and the remainder of the trees were cut into cordwood. The cordwood was piled all around the perimeter of the future lake. The estimated amount of cordwood was 6000 cords

By 1906 the area needed more power so South Kootenay Power and Light Co (West Kootenay Power) supplied power to the City of Grand Forks.

In 1926, the City purchased the dam and water license and constructed a new power generating facility adjacent at the dam at a cost of \$45,000. The new facility began producing electricity in 1932. Due to shortages of water at times causing power restrictions, the city again in 1937 reached an agreement with West Kootenay Power to supply power. In May of 1948 there was a log jam behind the main dam. When they tried to blow up the log jam a huge wall of water flooded Grand Forks. The water was up to 8' deep and about 50 houses were flooded.

The dam was then removed due to replacement costs as the structure was deteriorating. The City then drained the lake and sold the land for agricultural use.

In 1977, the planning department of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary prepared a study to evaluate if the dam and reservoir should be rebuilt, because in the early 1900s, Smelter Lake was important to the community offering activities such as swimming, boating and fishing. Ice from Smelter Lake in the winter was important to the residence of Grand Forks, Ice was used in the summer for cooling their produce. Big blocks of ice would be packed in large buildings then insulated

with sawdust. There were two such buildings near the CPR station. The lake was also used for irrigation. Some owners considered the dam a positive development for the larger community while others considered it an irresponsible waste of agricultural land or a tragic loss of their homes.

It is unclear why the project did not progress in 1977. Smelter Lake was never restored.

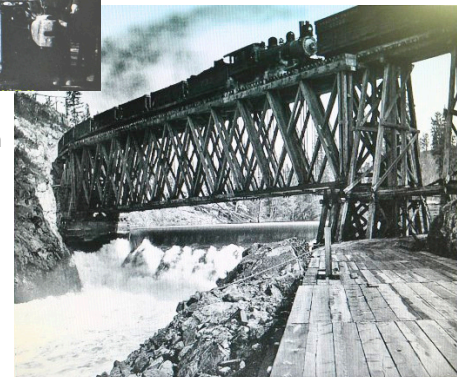
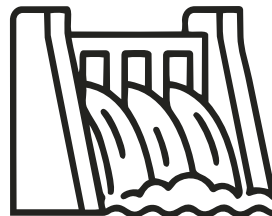
In 2021 Survival Energy asked the Committee to consider putting \$7,500 in the budget for a provincial grant. If approved the grant would fund initial stages for a hydroelectric dam project on the North Fork of the Granby River.

City council, on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, voted to shelve funding for a grant proposal towards the Granby dam project.

By: Vic Boychuk



View looking north. CPR train on ore dump track with weigh scale behind.



CPR wooden Howe Truss single span bridge and ore train over Smelter Lake dam; water flume at right



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Trees in BC are currently being threatened by non-native species that are invading the province through the movement of firewood. While moving firewood may seem harmless, it can also transport invasive hitchhikers, including both pathogens and pests. When new species are introduced into a forest ecosystem, they may establish and thrive at the expense of native species, disrupting natural ecological functions and threatening plants and wildlife in the area.

For example, the spongy moth (*Lymantria dispar dispar*) and the Asian long-horned beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) are invasive species that infest and feed on native trees, orchard trees, or desired ornamental trees. Infested trees are more susceptible to disease and wildfire and may experience stunted growth and reduced wood quality. While these species are not currently present in BC, they may be transported through firewood. In addition to pests, many pathogens, such as fungal species that cause root rot, can also be transferred on firewood.

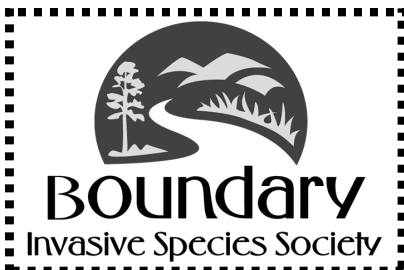
The loss of tree species to invasive pests and pathogens could have major economic and environmental consequences. These invasive species may lead to decreased timber yields, increased management costs, long-term threats to forest regeneration, loss of biodiversity, and reduced habitat quality for wildlife.

Trees provide many important benefits, including capturing rainwater, providing shade, supporting wildlife habitat, and sustaining industries, making them a valuable resource. Canada has over 347 million hectares of forest, and we are responsible for protecting it.

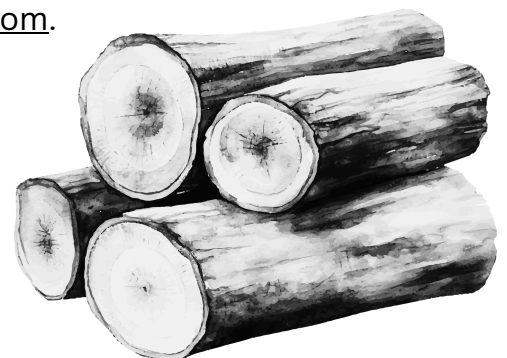
With the threat of invasive species spreading across Canada, it is important to buy local and burn local firewood. Moving firewood between campgrounds, recreational areas, cabins, and homes can contribute to the spread of invasive species that may harm our forests and adjacent ecosystems.

With camping season here, it is important to remember the best practices for safe firewood use. These include buying firewood locally, ideally within 80 km of where it will be burned. Another option is to purchase heat-treated or certified firewood, which is free of invasive hitchhikers. Before using firewood, check for signs of insect damage and report suspicious firewood to local authorities. Collect wood from the site where it will be burned and leave any unused wood for the next group of campers to enjoy. Never transport firewood across regional or provincial borders. Burn any out-of-town firewood first and remember to purchase local firewood for future trips.

When out in nature, please remember safe firewood practices and help protect our local ecosystems from the spread of invasive species. Visit <https://www.invasivescanada.ca/get-involved/take-action-programs/buy-local-burn-local/> by Invasives Canada to take the pledge and commit to protecting our local ecosystems. You can also visit the Invasive Species Council of BC website <https://bcinvasives.ca/play-your-part/buy-local-burn-local/> for more information about the campaign. 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.



**Briana Burch, BSc
Outreach Specialist**



SENIORS BEING SEEN

Thursday June 18, 2026 - 1:30 pm

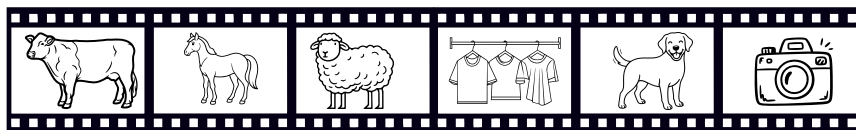
- "Song Circle" – We all have a "voice" – what is yours? Discover or rediscover your voice as a powerful tool to connect with yourself and others. Leave preconceptions at home and join us for an introductory "Song Circle" at Riverside Centre in Rock Creek. Easy to learn, heartfelt, no 'experience' necessary. Create community with us in living voice! Facilitated by Marly Merrill.

Thursday June 25, 2026 - 1:30 pm

- Join us to meet Corporal Mike Rampone, Commander Midway RCMP Detachment, who will introduce himself and, in a Q. and A. format, discuss with us issues of concern in the West Boundary.

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



Boundary "C" Monthly report

By Malia Eek

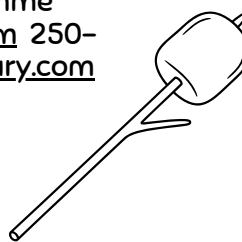
The past month, all divisions have had fun with their various shows and practices!

- Recently, the beef division went to Williams Lake to show their animals in the Cariboo Classic. The show lasted from the 5th to the 7th, and all the members did wonderfully, especially in their weight classes!
- The horse members got together on May 21st to practice their skills with their projects, including transitions, bending, and on-the-rail riding.
- The sheep division also had a showing practice and monthly weigh-in day on June 6th and are getting ready for the Western Canadian Future Shepherds show on the 28th-29th!
- The clothing kids have been busy planning projects to work on over the summer, which will be a nice excuse to stay out of the heat!
- Dog members have had training days with guest trainers, working on their agility and showmanship.
- The photography division has learned about composition and photo elements.

Again, congratulations to all the beef members who participated in the Cariboo Classic, and congrats to the members graduating this month!



On June 11th, "Norma Howes presented 'The 2025 Owl Family' in her stunning photographic documentation of the lengthy process of parental support, in feeding and protecting their young fledglings, as they learn and to fly, hunt and survive."



TIPS FOR SAFER CAMPFIRES



Check conditions
Make sure campfires are allowed in your area. Don't burn if it's windy.



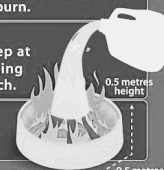
Burn wisely
Keep campfires small - no bigger than 0.5 metres by 0.5 metres. Use a fire ring or pit. Clear a fuel break around your fire free of anything that can burn.



Watch it
Never leave a fire unattended. Keep at least 8 liters of water or a firefighting hand tool - like a shovel - within reach.



Put it out
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Violation of your legal responsibilities could result in a fine of up to \$1,150. If a violation causes a wildfire, you may be held responsible to pay all firefighting and associated costs.
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In life everyone is your teacher. Some people teach us what to do and some people teach us what not to do. Both are very important.

- NOREEN KHAN



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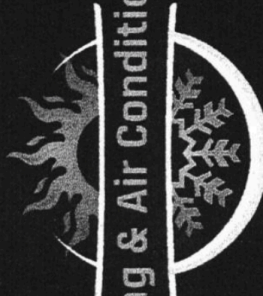
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Community Honors John Bosovich's Legacy with Plaque at Westbridge Ball Field

Westbridge Recreation Society has placed a Memorial plaque for our late friend and longtime board member, John Bosovich, on our baseball backstop at Westbridge Hall.

John had fond memories of playing baseball with his children and grandchildren on our ball field. He worked hard to repair the backstop after a tree fell on it, as he wanted there to always be a place to play ball in Westbridge.

Next time you're at Westbridge Hall or Thriftstore, please take a moment to visit the memorial and remember a wonderful, laughter-filled man with a big heart for his community.

We miss you, John.



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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 ages 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.

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**

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Except July 10th and 17th.

Fridays

9:30am-11:30am

**Baby Bumps
and
Beyond**



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RDKB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

May 27, 2026 Board Meeting

Delegation: Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation

Betty Brown, Innovation Liaison - Government and Community, introduced the Centre, a unique social enterprise co-created by Interior Health and the KGH Foundation. The Centre supports rural, remote and Indigenous communities by testing innovative healthcare solutions, providing project guidance, and helping bring new ideas to life. The Board was encouraged to help identify local innovators and entrepreneurs developing solutions to improve healthcare.

Education & Advocacy Committee Highlights

- Approved requests for ministerial meetings at UBCM on Columbia & Western Rail Trail maintenance, Community Works Funding, rest stop washrooms, and provincial downloading.
- Endorsed a UBCM resolution calling for provincial regulation and community engagement regarding the energy and water use of AI data centres.
- Directed staff to advocate against planned reductions to the Northern & Rural Homeowner Grant program.
- Requested discussions with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit regarding the Waneta Crossing/Low-Level Corridor and future capital priorities.
- Requested discussions with the Ministry of Environment and Parks about extending BC Parks operating seasons.
- Directed staff to express concerns to local MLAs and MPs about data centres' water consumption and the need for provincial oversight.
- Directed staff to advocate for the continuation of Local Government Climate Action Program funding.
- The Board received an update on ongoing concerns related to the unhoused encampment near Seven Mile Dam in Electoral Area A, including three recent fire-related fatalities, wildfire risk, and proximity to critical infrastructure.
- Directed staff to develop a strategy and process to address the encampment.
- Directed staff to send letters to the Province, local MLAs, the Premier, and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit advocating for action on the Seven Mile Dam encampment and other unhoused encampments located on provincial rights-of-way.

Area E Grant-in-Aid approved

- Beaverdell Community Club Recreation: Keeping It Rural conference expenses - \$2509.68
- Grand Forks Border Bruins Hockey Club - additional funding for the hockey and youth skating program - \$2500

June 8, 2026 Board Meeting

Bylaws

Reserve Bylaw No. 1940 was read a second time. The bylaw will establish reserve funds for individual services in order to support:

1. long-term financial sustainability;
2. lifecycle asset management;
3. taxation and user fee stabilization;
4. emergency preparedness;
5. prudent financial administration; and
6. equitable service-specific financial management.

Area E Grant-in-Aid approved

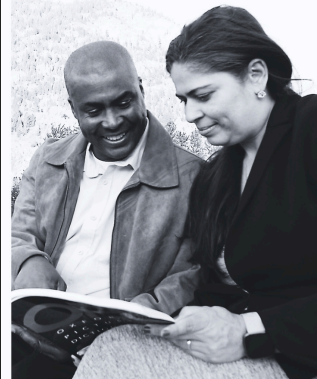
- Big White Mountain Community Development Association - support a community stakeholder meeting: \$4,430.20
- Kettle River Museum - documenting photographs and accessioning artifacts: \$5,000

Next Board meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 1 pm

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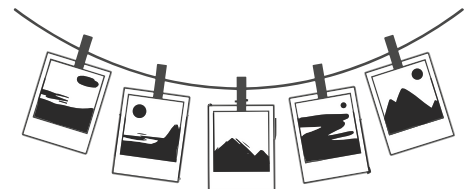


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RCBFA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~ THE RCBFA PAVILION

-Dean Corbett

Over the last 45 years, we've attended many functions at the Rock Creek and Boundary Fair Association (RCBFA) Pavilion ranging from weddings to funerals, from dinners to dances, and auctions to voting. This flexible and welcoming facility has evolved over the years but was originally just the entrance hall largely built by volunteer labour in the late 1960's (according to my neighbour who worked on it as a youngster). The fair board at that time wanted to have a place for fair displays, dinners, and meetings so a flat roofed building on a concrete slab was built. Shortly thereafter the space was doubled by adding a dance hall with a wood floor installed on 2" x 12" joists supported by a concrete foundation crawlspace. This produced one of the best, easy on the legs dance surfaces in BC. Later still the current washrooms and meeting room structure was completed.

As the building aged the roof was eventually "gabled" with metal roofing, then current siding was added in about 2010. The floor joists were shored up, and the dance floor was refinished about 8 years ago. The kitchen has seen numerous upgrades through the years, and the washrooms/meeting room were modernized about 4 years ago.

At our son's wedding celebration a few weeks ago, guests from as far away as New York and Los Angeles, as well as numerous locals, enjoyed this wonderful facility, and most commented on what a great place it is. It was beautifully decorated. The dance hall was the dining room, the main entrance area had conversation tables, a "toonie bar", and the kitchen was very busy as caterers prepared a meal for the 200 guests. Later the dance floor was hopping as people of all ages rocked to the DJ's music.

For John Bosovich's Celebration of Life on June 13 the hall was filled with those who listened to many speakers express their memories and commemorate the life of John as a prominent, colourful community member. Again, the kitchen was put to good use, and although a more somber occasion, the pavilion was the scene of an important life benchmark. It was wonderful to visit old friends, re-connect with so many community members, and with John's large family.

The RCBFA Pavilion hosts many other community events like the annual Boundary C 4H Club Cattle Baron's Ball, a polling place during elections, RDKB meetings, Christmas and Easter dinners and the occasional family dance. In years gone by, ball tournament and rodeo dances saw rowdies "gatoring" around the floor until the wee hours of the morning (I think John B may have been a gatorer!). Fall Fair dances were somewhat more subdued, as attendees and organizers were worn out from putting on the (then 1 day) fair, removing all the display tables then setting up for the dance on Saturday evening.

Pavilion rental prices are reasonable, and the facility is well equipped with everything needed for any type of celebration. The Blaine Memorial Campground is now open to the public with official campground hosts, and it can even be reserved or rented for small and large groups attending reunions and weddings. Weddings are often booked over a year in advance as are family reunions. The office manager, Lesli is happy to help with rental

details and available dates at 250-446-2465.

The RCBFA Pavilion has been and will continue to be an important community meeting place for the large variety of occasions that are an integral part of our community.



KETTLE RIVER FOOD SHARE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY JUNE 26, 2026

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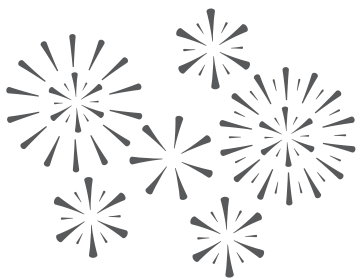
DRUG PROBLEM? WE CAN HELP.

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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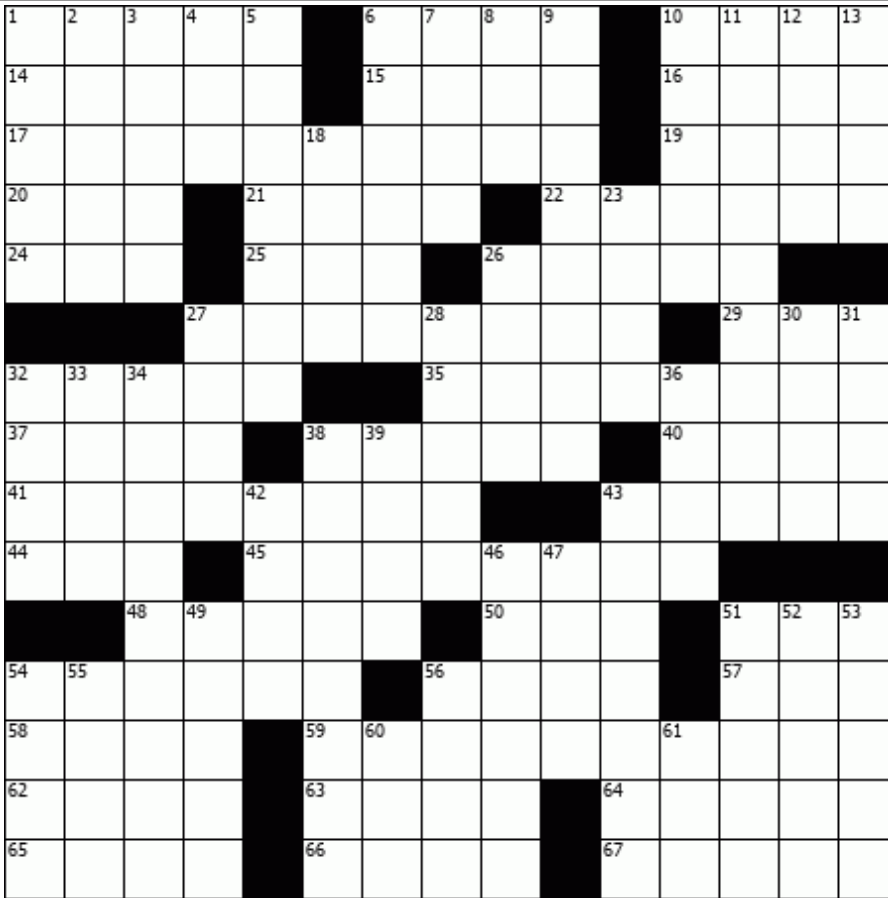
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BECAUSE WHEN YOU DIE,
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BEFORE YOUR OBITUARY.



Crossword

ACROSS

1. Says goodbye without saying it
6. Passion Sunday period
10. Some PCs
14. The Little Mermaid
15. New York canal
16. "Say, Say, Say" say
17. Street-sweeper's bane
19. Online auction site
20. Gen. Lee's gp.
21. Port side if sailing south
22. Maintaining equilibrium
24. That WNBA player
25. UPS delivery
26. Con artist's accomplice
27. Require a designated driver
29. Comic Phillips
32. Worst case of burning desire?
35. It's usually not covered
37. QB Flutie
38. Certain speed units
40. Act the siren
41. Variety store
43. Cupolas
44. Formerly called
45. Finishing
48. Singer's asset
50. Goddess of the morning
51. Pick, pick, pick
54. "Taps" necessities
56. Dramatis personae
57. Kin of bravo
58. Be all leers
59. Dentifrice
62. Speak like a tosspot
63. Twice halved
64. Parting word, somewhere
65. No, somewhere
66. Time many chose to draw?
67. Odin's mythology



DOWN

1. Ascertain
2. Questions do it
3. "The --- of Wakefield"
4. "A mouse!"
5. Turn off the alarm
6. "What are we waiting for?"
7. The "E" in QED
8. Tuck's partner
9. Drives
10. Just right
11. Penny purchase, once
12. Lunch or brunch
13. Eye sore
18. Profligate
23. Baseball's Martinez
26. Religious splinter group
27. For takeout
28. Ruth's mother-in-law
30. What a hog wants
31. Keats creations
32. Mideast's Gulf of ---
33. Site of the 1960 Olympics
34. Powerful adhesive
36. Big failure
38. Jamaica's capital
39. Hosiery shade
42. Mr. Descartes
43. Household tool
46. Tidy
47. Gee's kin
49. Qui vive
51. Private reply, maybe
52. Some choir members
53. They travel in formation
54. Petty officer, for short
55. Far from fair
56. Designer Chanel
60. Lennon's widow
61. Fuss

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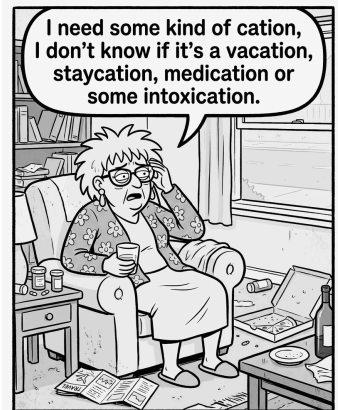


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- **Music Jam** @ Midway Social Centre (1 pm - 3ish) 1st and 3rd Tuesday
- **Greenwood Senior's Thrift Store** open 11 am - 3 pm

WEDNESDAYS

- **Greenwood Seniors Bingo** (1 pm)
- **L'il Explorers** (9:30 - 10:30 am) @ Kettle Spray Park in Midway from July 22 - August 26

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, JUNE 18 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: "Song Circle"

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

- Rock Creek Medical Society AGM

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 (1:30 PM) @ RIVERSIDE CENTRE

- Seniors Being Seen: Corporal Mike Rampone

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

- Kettle River Food Share Society Annual General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 @ MIDWAY

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