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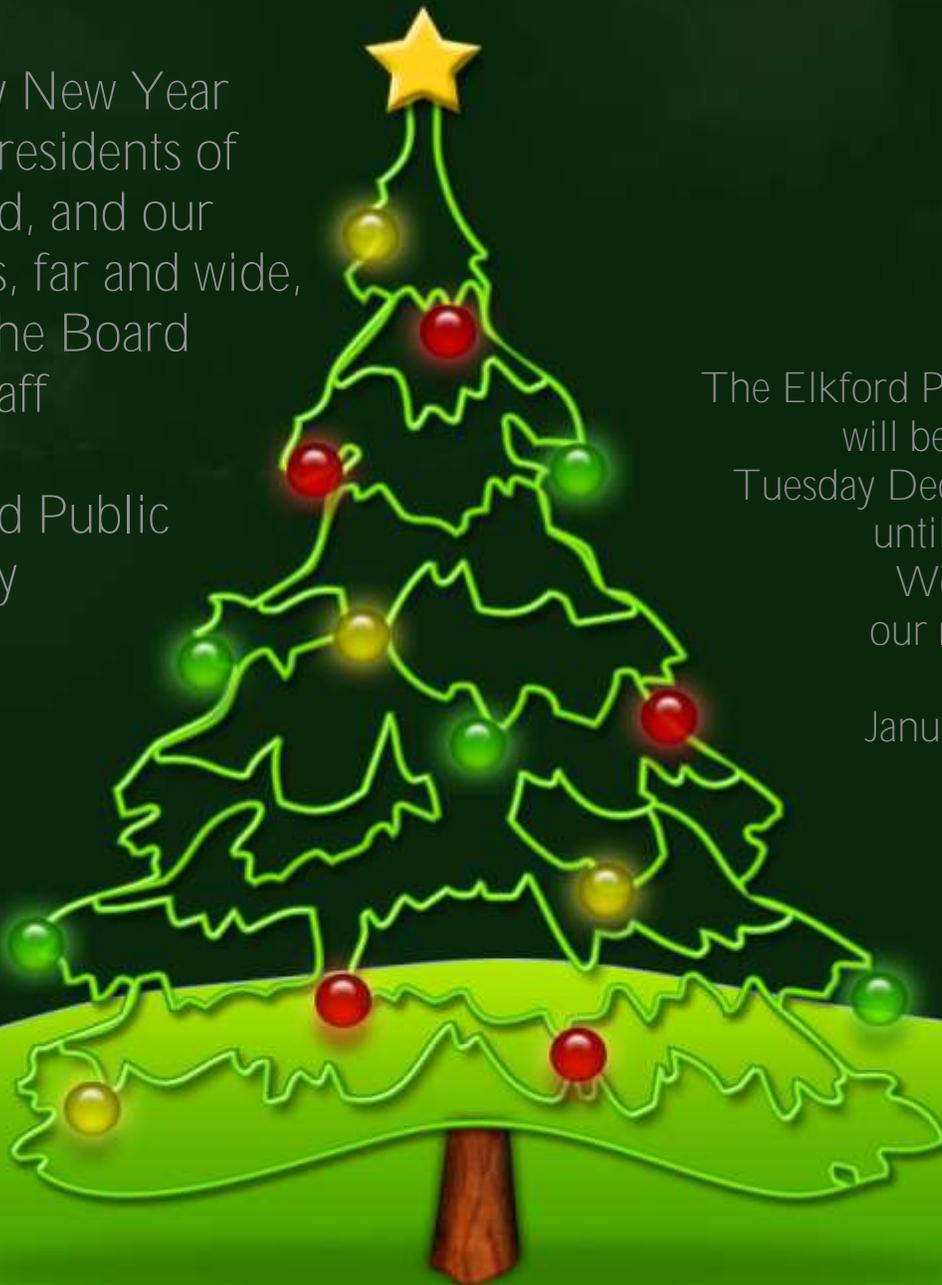
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Merry Christmas
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to the residents of
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By the time you are reading this article people will be starting to look toward Christmas, wondering how they are going to get all the work done that is needed to be accomplished by December 25th. Does that question resonate with you and yours?

Another problem that may be in your heart and mind is: how are we going to manage with the layoffs and possibility of more businesses shutting down? We aren't going to be able to manage all the shopping we usually do or get the new clothes we need for all the parties leading up to December 24. But, in the big picture, are these issues really important?

Christmas is the time we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. He was born to Mary who was "pledged to be married" to Joseph, (Matthew 2: 18). He was born in a stable, because there was no room in the Inn. There would not have been any fancy room for this family to be in! No, Jesus was born to Joseph and Mary where there were no frills. However, Joseph and Mary knew they were being obedient to God and that He would walk through this experience with them.

I mention this because it seems that we so often get all our priorities messed up. Instead of enjoying time with our families and friends we exhaust ourselves with shopping and going to parties. We feel so badly that little Johnny or Mary didn't get as many gifts as we think they should have received. However, how many of our kids will take one toy or outfit and be totally content with that gift? Let us be content with the roof over our heads, the food in our stomachs and lay aside always wanting to keep up to someone else. Let us celebrate the real reason for Christmas. That reason is: Jesus came to earth, walked on the earth, became a man and shared the good news of salvation. When we realize that Jesus loves us and died for us we can then accept Him as our Savior. When we make that commitment we are assured of eternal life in heaven in the Presence of the Lord. Also while we are still on earth we can have a continuous ongoing relationship with Jesus. He tells us He will never forsake us although many of us forsake Him until we get ourselves in trouble, then we are happy to know we can rely on Him.

Yes, we want to exchange gifts and attend the Christmas party. But, instead of always trying to outdo someone, sit back, spend some quiet time and enjoy the season. Also think of others who are not as fortunate as we are. If you want to keep Christ in Christmas: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the stranger, and the unwanted child, care for the ill and love your enemies.

If we do these actions we will be blessed and have kept Christ in Christmas.

Merry Christmas to all of you, and seek out the real reason for the season.

Pastor Kay

Good Samaritans

On Saturday evening, November 14th, on Hwy. 22 (near Hwy. 3), Regina Piekut was experiencing car trouble. Her vehicle hit an object on the road which in turn caused a flat tire. CAA roadside service would result in a very long waiting time for a truck, and further calls to friends pretty much had the same result.

However, luck was on her side when a nice couple from Elkford came to her rescue. The gentleman (who is a mechanic) handily replaced the damaged tire with the spare. In conversation, Regina learned that the couple had been in Calgary visiting their daughter who is presently living in Silver Springs.

Unfortunately, after thanking these Elkford residents for their help, Regina realized that she did not have their names.

Through the good graces of the Elkford Focus, she is sending a huge thank you, once again, to these wonderful good samaritans.

What could have been a long, dark wait along a long, dark road, has become instead a moment in which Regina wishes to thank her two lucky stars from Elkford.

*Regina Piekut
Calgary, Alberta*

Regina would like to contact this couple. If you know who they are, please call the library (250-865-2912).

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Hair Eloquence

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After 45 years in the hairdressing industry, and 35 of them in the longest established business in Elkford (same location, name, owner), I have never felt this service industry a chore. I LOVE my work, which isn't WORK, in the true meaning of the word. It is a pleasure. I made the decision to be a stylist at age 3!"

Due to the fact that it is a home based business, my hours of service are very flexible and accommodating to the general public. Appointment times are easily obliged for shift work and other time-restrictive events.

The other day I was going through my supply cupboard, and I chuckled at some of the equipment that has been set away. Spiral, triangle, and hoop perm rods—gee—80s and 90s!! Different products that were utilized for each fad or craze that has come and gone in the industry, then summoned back into service 30 years later! Techniques advance, and by attending educational seminars yearly, I keep up with the current trends, and keep it all fresh and real.

The best part of the salon is the clientele. Everyone in town is welcome and I enjoy their custom, conversation and friendships. This little salon is in the lower level of my home; it retains 100% legal status with a separate parking area, separate entry, 5/8 fire guard gypsum walls, a washroom, and it is sanctioned by the District of Elkford and Interior Health. The welcoming committee is a yellow dog who thinks your whole purpose in coming to the yard is to play with him. He is totally harmless, friendly and sometimes doesn't even get off his lounge!

Hair Eloquence is a full service hairdressing salon. Baby's first haircut is free, and the Bride's hairdo is always a free service. If you have been incapacitated (a broken arm, shoulder, collar bone), a complimentary hair wash is yours. If your fringe is annoying you, drop by, eyebrows greasing your glasses or just need your neck hairs shaved away—that too is gratis with a smile!

The fee schedule includes tax and a small retail shelf



has product to suit your needs. If it is absent, I will gladly seek, order and supply you with your special wants. Gift certificates are available and always a good idea for the person who has "everything". Everyone appreciates a hair service.

Chemical services (perms, colours and highlights) are of course featured, but style cuts and "updos" are where the artistry prevails.



Oli the dog

Promote Your Home Business

With the purchase of 6 months of business card size ads you can have up to a full page for an article to tell us about your home business. This is your opportunity to let the community know how your business started, the business' services and the people involved.

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Thank you!

Elkford Minor Ball sends out a thank you to our Community for the overwhelming response that made our Halloween Fundraiser such a huge success! The silent and live auction alone raised \$3,600 and in total raised \$7,100. The money will go towards the replenishing of shale for our 4 local baseball diamonds, and funds needed for hosting the U16 Fastball provincials the weekend of July 8-10th, 2016. In addition, the Elk Valley Thrift Shop Society has generously donated \$5,000.



Without the many parents, volunteers and sponsors this event would not have been possible and we would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their time and donations.

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If we have missed anyone we apologise but know we are truly grateful to everyone who attended, donated and helped out with this event.

We would also like to extend our appreciation for the many volunteers it took to put on this fantastic event. Number 1 thank you goes to Jodi Borys-Trischuk. You did an amazing job not only with the organization but you were instrumental in the success of this fundraiser. CHEERS TO YOU JODI!!!

We apologize if we have forgotten anyone, the support and help was nonstop from the whole community!

Renie Porter
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Arlene Bohn
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Cindy and Dave Bohn
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Terry and Don Vandale

First Dart Tournament of the Season

November 14th, had the Wednesday Night Fun League participating in their first dart tournament of the season.



Front row: Penny O'Neil, Diane Andrews, Alice Tanaka, Rita Spielman, Jean Norgate and Darlene Daniels

Back row: Joe Zarowny, Heather Smuin, Jessie Amano and Gunner Kahn.

Missing from the picture are our regular players: Wanda Cooke, George Braun, Angie Hooper and Peter Schwab.

Ladies High Score of 112
Rita Spielman

Men's High Score of 98
Gunner Kahn



2nd Place Partners
Gunner Kahn and
Jessie Amano



1st Place Partners
Diane Andrews and
Alice Tanaka



3rd Place Partners
Rita Spielman and
Heather Smuin



Congratulations to our Winners
A good time was had by all!

Did you know!!?

DARTS are also called a "MAD HOUSE". This is because of the double one (x1).

Two explanations for the term have been preferred:

- Because it can drive you crazy trying to hit the double one in the game of 101, 301, etc. or
- Because it is impossible "TO GET OUT" of the "MAD HOUSE", once a player has a score of 2. The only way to finish the game is by hitting a double one.

If you ever played darts, you would know how it felt to be in the Mad House!!

ALSO, besides having a great Pot Luck Luncheon, Diane managed to have "Fish and Chips" (also known as Breakfast).

A term used for a score of 26 in which you must get a single 20, a single 5, and a single 1. This is a common score, since most want to go for the 20 and end up hitting a 1 and 5.

Elkford Nordic Club



The snow has arrived and we will soon be cross country skiing! Track-setting will be made easier this year by a brand new Skandic snowmobile funded by the Columbia Basin Trust, District of Elkford and The Elkford Project Society. Big thank you to Marcel Hoveling for applying for this funding and to Larry Klapp for bringing it to Elkford from Calgary. Kim Muller and Robin Drijber will also be using this new snowmobile for setting our track—so please give them all a 'thank you' when you see them on the trails.

Track setting is done by the above volunteers, but there are costs to maintaining the snowmobile, registering, insuring and fueling it. In addition to this, \$19.50 per person is charged by the BC Nordic Association for liability insurance for members. Please consider becoming a member (you can pick up a form from the trail head) or putting a donation in the box when you use the trails.

Dogs are not allowed on Boivin Creek Trail but they are at the Golf Course. Likewise for snowshoes. Please keep dogs and snowshoes off the track at the Golf Course and be sure to tidy up after your dog. No motorized vehicles are allowed on either trail.

Join our Facebook page "Elkford Nordic Club" for updates on track conditions and general info about cross country skiing.

Have a great season!

Katherine Russell



Henry Peter Yee

June 1, 1939 — October 15, 2015

The Yee family wishes to thank everyone who attended the funeral mass for their support, prayers and expressions of sympathy.

To offer your condolences and to share your memories of Henry, please visit his memorial page:
amherstcremation.com/memorials/yee2.html

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Elkford Curling Club

Little Rookies



Thank you to ViaSPORT and the Province of British Columbia for their generous funding to support YOUTH CURLING in Elkford.



Elkford Curling Club News

Little Rookies

Our Curling Club is working at growing and maintaining their junior program. The Little Rookies program currently runs on Thursday evenings from 5 to 6 and is for ages 6 to 12 years old. We have 22 curlers! Watch for news on the next upcoming session in January.



Junior Team Competes in Invermere

On Nov 20 to 22, a team of four Elkford junior curlers competed in a Junior Bonspiel in Invermere, BC. The team consisted of Riley Murray (skip), Taylor Smith (third), Braydon Smith (second) and Eddie Chamberlain

(lead) Two games were played on Saturday and two games on Sunday. They faced some tough competition with the opposition having several more years experience than the Elkford foursome. The team did a wonderful job of working hard and doing an amazing job at representing Elkford. The highlight of the weekend was when they beat the Senior Girls Invermere team. These four are members of our Little Rookies group.

Funspiel

On Nov 22, the Curling Club held it's first Funspiel. We hope to make this an annual event encouraging all levels of curling experience to come out and have fun. The 12 individual entries were combined to form 4 teams with a great mix of adult and junior curlers. Some of the curlers enjoyed their first game ever!!

We played two 4 end games. In between the games, we enjoyed an amazing buffet of snacks and some crazy joke telling. Thanks to all the enthusiastic curlers who participated. See you next year!





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Moonlight Madness 2015 took place in the Elkford Community Conference Centre on Thursday, November 19th. The event was a huge success and offered our Community the opportunity to shop under one roof and support local small business. Sincere thanks to the vendors who took the care and time to present such a magnificent show of merchandise over an assembly of 76 tables.



Thank you to #279 Elk Valley Air Cadet Squadron for all their help setting up tables and chairs and to those dedicated few who helped clear up following the event.

Thanks also to Garity, Chantel, Jody, Darryl, Nikki and Mitch. Always only a call away. Appreciation to Tanis, Wanda and Heather for their help arranging licenses and signage.



Visitors enjoyed browsing through a staggering selection of gifts; the majority of which were handmade by the vendors themselves. So many clothing choices, Christmas products, everyday merchandise, delicious food and treats, jewelry, signs, fitness programs, cookware, soaps, beauty products, various art and pottery pieces, the list truly is endless. If you missed it this year, you'll want to come along in November 2016!





Moonlight Madness continues to be one of our main annual fundraising events and we provide a platform for small and home based business to showcase their merchandise and hard work. Our aim is to encourage members of the community to support local business whilst enjoying the social occasion. It really is a fun day out where friends and family, old and new, can meet in a warm, welcoming, and safe environment which is accessible to all.



Another shining example of why we should take pride in this event is our youth involvement and the efforts of those who mentor them. Sincere thanks to Jane Foy, Christal Klassen and John Ashbridge. How inspiring to see and hear our young singers and musicians from Rocky Mountain Elementary School Choir and Elkford Secondary School Senior Band. All gave their time voluntarily and should be applauded for their efforts.



Thank you to the ladies in the Concession who worked tirelessly all day to provide tasty treats for vendors and visitors alike. Special thanks to Cindy, Carol, Vanessa, Tammy, Tracey and Karen Lewis for your preparation and culinary skills. It's always a pleasure to witness your team work and comradery. And a special thanks goes out to Felicia, our newest and most enthusiastic helper!

Without community support this event would not be possible therefore heartfelt appreciation to each and every person who took the time to come along. This event highlights the talents of many in both our community and across the region. Thank you to all.

Sadly this was my final year as the event coordinator. I will undoubtedly still attend and am very proud of Moonlight Madness and every person who has a hand in its success. It truly is a fantastic day and whilst often long, I wouldn't change the close working relationship I have held with vendors, community members and all of the volunteer and professional groups involved. I hope to continue the many new friendships made here.

Karen Mills

Thank you for your kindness

Our deepest gratitude goes out to the wonderful people of Elkford and beyond.



Our daughter, Cheryl, suffered a traumatic brain injury, November 29th of last year when her boyfriend's car rolled and smashed into a barrier during icy conditions at the summit of the Coquihalla highway. As if the TBI wasn't enough, Cheryl also had a broken neck (C5 fracture), broken clavicle, hemorrhaging, entire right side paralysis, and memory loss.

For those of you who may not have known, from the time she opened her eyes until well after she spoke her first words, we had a battle ahead of us. We were at her bedside day and night, even curling up on the end of her bed after uninformed staff left her alone to fall.

After some time at Cheryl's bedside, we were overwhelmed when we heard that you had rallied, sending donations, setting up a raffle, food and gas coupon donations and especially your thoughts and prayers. Her artsy-fartsy friends set up two benefit concerts with local artists too. With your tremendous help, we were able to put the outside world out of our heads and concentrate on Cheryl's recovery. We were able to set up our trailer at a local RV park and not be forced to go back to work. We purchased an iPad and other electronics for music therapy, memory and cognitive improvement

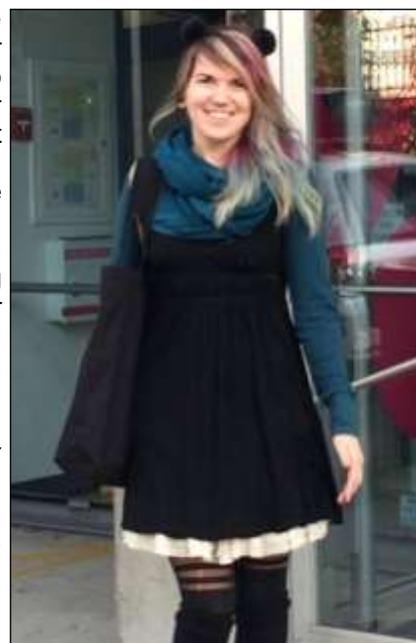
apps. Day and overnight passes were spent at parks, malls, restaurants, the odd hotel stay. All of this, we know, helped with Cheryl's recovery, so thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Something her mother and I would like to say. Many of you ask us how Cheryl is doing. After this horrible year our immediate response is to say that she's doing great, but of course, that's not true. She is not herself. She's not a web designer anymore. She can't ride a bike or drive a car. Making friends and peer reception will be, at best, difficult. And she knows it. She knows who she was and she knows where she is now.

None of us were prepared for this, and neither are you or your loved ones. Accidents happen and four wheel drive, traction control, or your confidence in your ability will not stop an icy high-speed slide off the road or into an oncoming vehicle. This winter, be OK with being a little late.

You have our most sincere thanks as well as the thanks from Cheryl's sister, Nana, Grampa, aunts, uncles, our friends, and of course, Cheryl.

Barb and Kelly Nelson



Elkford Foodbank News

As many of you are aware, our Foodbank is now operating without the presence of any actual Foodbank room.

We are still helping those who require some assistance through the use of vouchers, which are redeemable for food at our local Garden Market. Just call and leave a message on our phone at 250-865-4029. We will get back to you.

We are quickly approaching the time of year when we plan our Christmas food hampers. If you are in need of a hamper or know someone else who might be, please call 250-865-4029 and leave your name, a return phone number and mention that you are applying for the Christmas food hamper. Please call in with this request before Dec 14th, so that we can organize the assembly and distribution.

Because we are unable to do the annual Christmas food drive this year, we ask that you consider donating cash to help us continue giving a hand up to our local residents in need. There are donation containers in the Credit Union, or you can make donations at the Kootenay Market.

**Thank you Elkford for your generosity and compassionate spirit.
May your Christmas be filled with peace, joy and abundance.**

We are delighted to welcome Michelle Barthel to the Foodbank Committee. At this busy time of year, extra help is truly appreciated and Michelle will be starting with us immediately. Thanks for joining us Michelle!

Denise, Kevin and Karen

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The District of Elkford Mayor, Council and Staff extend wishes to you and yours for happy holidays and prosperous New Year!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS AND CLOSURES

The District of Elkford Municipal Office, Community Conference Centre, Recreation Centre, Aquatic Centre and Public Works will be closed on the following dates:

December 25 th :	Christmas Day	Closed
December 26 th :	Boxing Day	Closed
January 1 st :	New Year's Day	Closed

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There will be no changes to the residential garbage collection schedule over the holidays.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

A friendly reminder that Christmas trees will be accepted at the RDEK Transfer Station for disposal at #6 Inkaneep Road in the Industrial Park.



**ELKFORD FIRE RESCUE INVITES YOU...
CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK FUNDRAISER**

**Everyone welcome! Support your local Food Bank!
A great day out for the family!**

- Sunday, December 13th
- 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Toboggan Hill/Soccer Field
(Behind the Elkford Community Conference Centre)
- Sledding, activities, and food!



**BBQ, food and hot
chocolate by
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All proceeds to the
Elkford Food Bank.**

WINTER/SPRING 2016 PROGRAM BROCHURE

Interested in trying a new class or program in the new year?
Watch your mailboxes for the upcoming Winter/Spring
2016 Program Brochure!

2016 DOG LICENSE RENEWALS

2016 Dog License Renewal Invoices will be sent out within the next few weeks. The fee is \$25 or \$11 for a spayed or neutered dog license. A late fee of \$5 will be charged if the license is not purchased by the end of February 2016. If you are a new pet owner, you are required to purchase a license for your dog. For first time registration, please bring the certificate of spaying/neutering.

2016 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS

2016 Business License Renewal Invoices will be sent out within the next few weeks. The fee for all new business licenses is \$100. The annual business license fee is \$100, but renewals will receive a reduced rate of \$75 if payment is received by January 15, 2016. If you have a 2015 business license, and do not receive a renewal notice, please contact the District of Elkford Office at 250.865.4000.

Kids' Christmas Pool Party

**Join us for a splash, prizes,
holiday activities and
snacks!**

**Friday, December 11th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Elkford Aquatic Centre
Cost: regular admission**



District of Elkford

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Snow-in-Summer Garden Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

January 12th, 2016 @ 7:30 pm

Mountain Meadows Golf Course Club Room

Election of Executive will take place

Interested in gardening? We welcome you to attend.

Elkford Community Garden Update



It has been only three short years since the Elkford Community Garden began. And what an amazing three years it has been. Garden beds, a shed, two greenhouses, a gazebo and landscaping are all completed. Strawberries, rhubarb and raspberries have been planted for the members to enjoy. Gardeners are provided an opportunity to participate in on-site composting and are encouraged to naturally supplement the soil in their beds. Next year will bring community herb beds and asparagus gardens.

Our garden bed rental is very affordable at only \$1.00 a square foot, and with beds of varying heights we try to accommodate people with physical limitations.

Veteran gardeners and beginners alike share tips and learn together. Often we hear from people who are considering renting a garden plot that they just don't think they have the time. The gardens do require almost daily watering, however, that can be accomplished in under 5 minutes. As a result, there are no huge time commitments required. As a community we all pitch in to help with watering and weeding and we enjoy seeing each other's successes. The best part is that the harvests are incredible and often shared!!

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The Elkford Snowmobile Association would like to thank Vipond for the donation of 5 new fire extinguishers for our club's cabin.

Thank you for keeping us safe and ready for our 2015/2016 season.

Be sure to always check the avalanche conditions and your gear before you ride.

Be safe out there!!



It has been only three short years since the Elkford Community Garden began. And what an amazing three years it has been. Garden beds, a shed, two greenhouses, a gazebo and landscaping are all completed. Strawberries, rhubarb and raspberries have been planted for the members to enjoy. Gardeners are provided an opportunity to participate in on-site composting and are encouraged to naturally supplement the soil in their beds. Next year will bring community herb beds and asparagus gardens.

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from the
Doctors and staff
at Rocky Mountain
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Damon Bjarnason was the first to sit in the new Read-a-Round that the Elkford Public Library purchased with funds from the Community Initiative Grant.

We would like to thank the Columbia Basin Trust and the District of Elkford Council who selected the library to receive funds from the Community Initiative Grant.



Photos Above: Michele Schalekamp
Left: Patti Hockley

Wishing everyone
in Elkford
a Merry Christmas,
good health, wealth
& happiness in 2016.

Heather MacKenzie
Bookkeeping for
Small Business



Happy Holidays!
from
Grad 2016
We will come by
to pick up your
empties on
January
9 and 10
Please look
for us!



Happy Holidays
and
thanks for the support
and volunteer time
this past year!

Elkford Minor Ball

Wishing you and your family
a gift of faith,
the blessings of hope,
and the peace of His love
not just at Christmas
but throughout the year!

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year



Mayor Dean and Joanne McKerracher

Season's Greetings
Race Trac Gas
Elkford



Wishing everyone a safe
and Merry Christmas

The Elkford Wine Steward

Merry Christmas and
A Happy new year
Kay and Paul Bottolfson



Wishing you a warm and cozy holiday season, and a
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Season's Greetings

Mountain Meadows
Golf Club



Season's Greetings

Paula Smith, Royal LePage EK Realty



James, Karen, Grant & Erin Mills

would like to wish the entire
community a Merry Christmas
and all the very best for 2016.



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Happy Holidays

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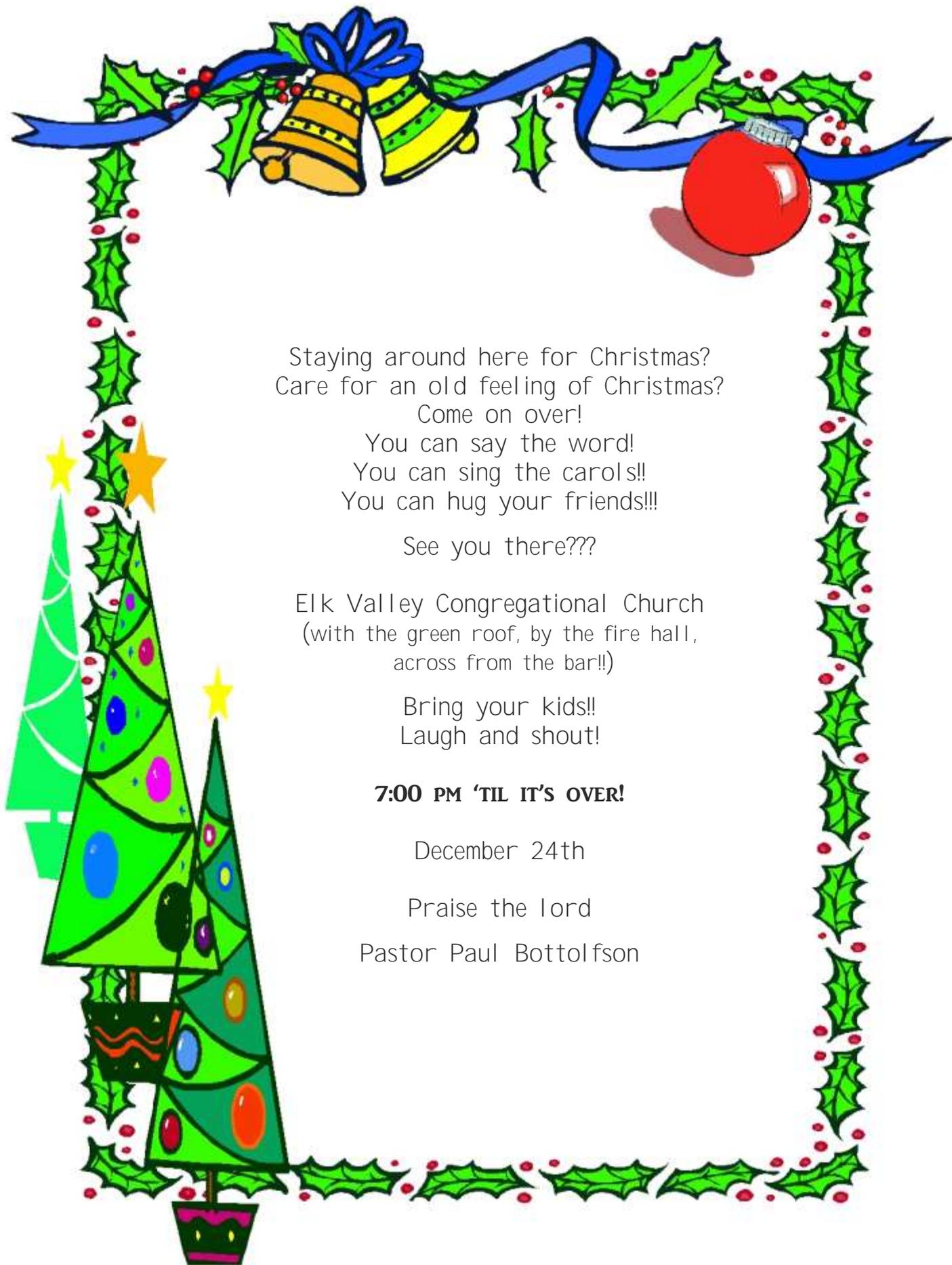
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Merry Christmas
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Doreen,
LeeAnne,
Danielle
and Ashley
at
ELKFORd KUTS 'N' KURLS



Happy Holidays!
East Kootenay Community
Credit Union



Staying around here for Christmas?
Care for an old feeling of Christmas?

Come on over!

You can say the word!
You can sing the carols!!
You can hug your friends!!!

See you there???

Elk Valley Congregational Church
(with the green roof, by the fire hall,
across from the bar!!)

Bring your kids!!
Laugh and shout!

7:00 PM 'TIL IT'S OVER!

December 24th

Praise the Lord

Pastor Paul Bottolfson

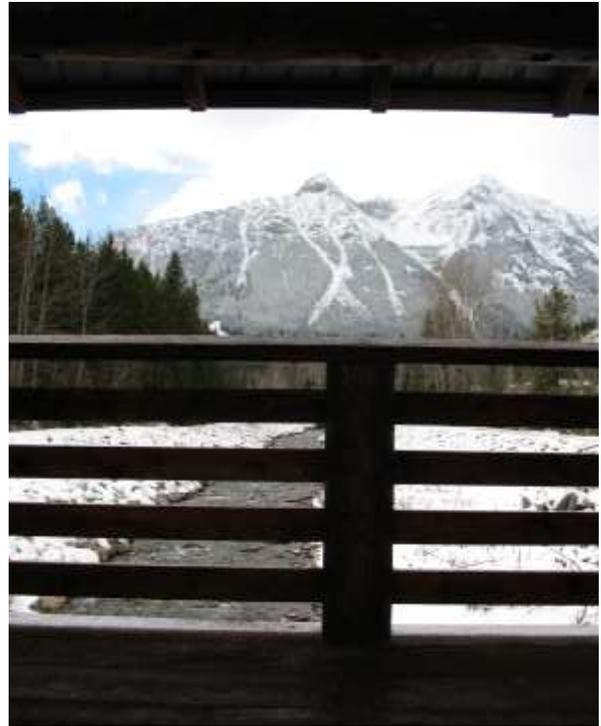
Hugh Twa Hockey Day in Elkford Raises \$1426.00 for Cancer



On November 7th 2015, Elk Valley Minor Hockey Hosted its 5th annual Hugh Twa Hockey Day in Elkford. Hugh Twa played an important role in Elkford as a teacher, principal and minor hockey coach. Dr. Twa passed away August 2011 after a short battle with cancer. This day honors his contributions to our local hockey program.

The day started off with the littlest players from Pre-Novice and continued with games from Novice, Pee Wee, Bantams and ended the day with a Midget alumni game. It was a fun-filled day with the arena filled with fans and players from Sparwood, Fernie and Elkford.

Thank you to all the volunteers, parents, players, coaches, referees and fans. Also a special thanks to the District of Elkford and Kootenay Market for supporting this event. Elk Valley Minor Hockey donated all proceeds from the concession to The Canadian Cancer Society: \$1426.00



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Rocky Mountain Elementary

The Remembrance Day ceremony took place at the Elkford Secondary School on November 10th 2015.

Both schools, Rocky Mountain Elementary and Elkford Secondary, came together and had an assembly to remember all the veterans who went into the wars and came home, those who are still bravely fighting, and also those who passed while fighting for our country.

At the assembly the schools had a moment of silence. The RMES choir sang a few songs and the ESS band played songs as well. Tehya O'Sullivan read *In Flanders Fields*.

Mataya Canlas



Elkford Secondary School

At the end of October, Student Council organized Spirit Week, a full week of dressing up and fun. Almost all the students participated, starting with pajama day bright and early on Monday the 22nd, and ending on the 30th with everyone dressing in their Halloween costumes.

More recently the band performed Christmas carols at Moonlight Madness on November 19th. Some of the carols they played included Jingle Bells and We Wish You A Merry Christmas. Everyone had a good time and it was a great way for the school to give back to the community.

On November 20 and 21st, the school hosted a senior girls volleyball tournament. Teams came from as far as Grand Forks.

The band is looking forward to The Foothills Brass Quartet, who will be playing a concert for the school on November 24th. They will also be working with the band students to improve their sound for their concert on December 2nd.

Steph Alexander



2016 Grad News

Flocking is going well. If you would like to flock somebody, call or text: 250-425-5140 or 250-910-0302. Thank you to everybody who has participated in this fundraiser.

On January 9th and 10th, we are having another bottle drive. Please save your empties for the Grads who will be coming around to collect them.

2nd Annual Dirty Sneaker Volleyball Tournament

On November 28th Elkford Secondary School hosted the 2nd Annual Dirty Sneaker Volleyball Tournament. The purpose of this tournament was to raise funds for sports at Elkford Secondary School and bring the community of Elkford and the Elk Valley together for a fun day of volleyball and socializing. Ten teams participated with players from Elkford, Sparwood, Fernie, Calgary and Lethbridge.

Prizes were given to the top three best dressed teams which were determined by the votes of all the teams. The costumes were fantastic and teams are already talking about what they are going to wear for next year.

The two teams in the finals were The Mighty Minion Madness versus Hillbilly Hitters. Congratulations to The Mighty Minion Madness who won the championship title.

Best Costumes

1st – Clean Up

Tate Clarkson, Adele Borys, Phil Hooper, Jody Borys, Rebecca Robins, Jessi Krenbrink

2nd – The Mighty Madness Minions

Darrin Cook, Sheldon Thiel, Doug Wilde, Corey Lowen, Neil Gernon, Nicole Arthur, Kenzie Bauer

3rd – The Cereal Killers

Nancy Buchan, Steve Fairbairn, Ben Fay, Carmen Murray, Doug Bolander, Will Percy, Lisa Payne, Joanne Merriman, Ruby Clowe

Tournament Results

1st Place – The Mighty Madness Minions

Darrin Cook, Sheldon Thiel, Doug Wilde, Corey Lowen, Neil Gernon, Nicole Arthur, Kenzie Bauer,

2nd Place – Hillbilly Hitters

Jessie Coutts, Rebecca Everett, Meaghan Weins, Sam Hubbard, William Ratudradra, Sami Foye



Best costume - Team Clean Up



Winners! The mighty minion madness

Thank you to all the teams who participated this year. We are looking forward to making this an annual event.

2nd Annual Dirty Sneaker Thank You!!

Elkford Secondary School would like to extend a huge thank you to those businesses and organizations who sponsored the 2nd Annual Dirty Sneaker Volleyball Tournament on November 28th. Your generous donations and assistance greatly contributed to a successful community event which helped to raise money for sports at ESS.

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2015 Photo Contest



We received 60 amazing photographs this year. It was exciting to see entries from people who haven't entered before, and wonderful to see some of our previous photographers entering again. Everyone has such varied styles and interests which shows through in their photographs. We know that it can be challenging to get prints made and we very much appreciate all participant's efforts to enter into the contest and thank you for doing so.

This year's judges were Trudy Roberts, Marianne Bauld and Pat Zibauer. It was difficult for our judges to choose the best among the photos entered. We would like to thank them for taking the time to view the photos and make the hard decisions. We'd also like to thank our Photo Contest Committee: Karen Smithies, Trudy Roberts and Pat Ross-Nelson, as well as other Library Board members for their help along the way. Special thanks to Sandra Takenaka and Rosalie Atherton for doing a large amount of work in support of the contest, including creating the calendars, name cards and power point display.

We would also like to thank our Sponsors:

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Gold:

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C & F Restaurant
Rocky Mountain Driver Training

Thank you also to the District of Elkford for providing the room and promoting the contest on their marquee.



Photo: Matt Proff



Photo: Melanie Wagner

Elkford Public Library

Workshops

If you are interested in sharing your talents with the community by holding a workshop please call the Elkford Public Library at **250-865-2912**

Knitting or Crocheting for Kids/Teens



If you are interested in Children's/Teen Knitting or Crocheting classes this fall please register at the Library at 250-865-2912.

Student Volunteers!

In June, both of our student volunteers will graduate. Can you step into their shoes?

We need 3 student volunteers, Grades 10 to 12, who can commit to one afternoon a week during the school year.

If you need volunteer hours, love books, and like to work independently, drop off your resume at the library.

We will teach you how a library works, including helping patrons, readers' advisory, processing and shelving books, preparing interlibrary loans, and other projects where you will be expected to work with staff, the board, or on your own.

We also write great reference letters.

Elkford Public Library Gingerbread House Contest (Or any food-based Christmas Themed Item) December 1st to December 12th

Enjoy some family fun and create a masterpiece in gingerbread, sugar cookies or whatever food medium you'd like to use. Don't want to make a house? Use your imagination and make something Christmas themed.

Bring your creation to the library on December 1st to be entered into the Gingerbread House Contest. The items will be displayed at the library from December 1st—December 12th.

Drop by the library to view/vote for your favourite creations. Votes will be 10¢ each. You can vote as often and for as many houses you like.

Crafters can pick up their items the week of December 15th—December 19th. Any items left after December 19th will be disposed of at the library's discretion.

For more information, please contact Diane at 250-865-2912 or by email at info@elkfordlibrary.org.





Elkford Early Years

Dig in! In for our most precious resource.

KID'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2015



PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR KIDS, AGES 0-12
All programs, events, and events are subject to change. Please contact the individuals on the back for confirmation of times and details.

**Elkford Community
Resource Numbers**
POLICE 911
AMBULANCE 911
BCNurseLine 1-866-215-4700
POISON CONTROL 911 or
1-800-461-9911

RMES 250-865-4625
Recreation Centre 250-865-4010
Aquatic Centre 250-865-4012
Public Library 250-865-2912

The ICE is in...
Please check the District of
Elkford website
www.elkford.ca for this
month's ice schedule.

If you would like the Kid's Calendar
emailed to you or you have any
information you would like included or
updated in this calendar please contact:
Jennifer Charney

EEY Information Coordinator
charneyjennifer@gmail.com
250-865-7156

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Swim Club	2 Parent Tot Parties Swim Club	3 Swim Club Public Swims 6-8 Spark's, Brownies & Guides	4 RMES NI Day	5 Healthy Swim Program
6 Mom and Me Swim Club	7 Mom and Me Swim Club	8 Mom and Me Swim Club	9 Parent Tot Parties Swim Club	10 Swim Club Public Swims 6-8 Spark's, Brownies & Guides	11 Pre-school Xmas Swims 10:30 Xmas Pool Party 6-8	12 Healthy Swim Program Public Swims 2:30-5 & 6-8
13 Family Swims 1:30-2:30 Public Swims 2:30-5:00	14 Mom and Me Swim Club	15 Mom and Me Swim Club	16 Parent Tot Parties Swim Club	17 Swim Club	18 Swim Club Public Swims 6-8	19 Public Swims 2:30-5 & 6-8
20 Family Swims 1:30-2:30 Public Swims 2:30-5:00	21 Start of B.A.S.E.S Winter Break	22 Public Swims 1:00-4:00 Public Swims 6:00-8:00	23 Public Swims 1:00-4:00 Public Swims 6:00-8:00	24 Public Swims 10:30-2:00 Keep your eyes and ears open for Santa on the Fire Truck.	25 Christmas Day Public Swims 6-8	26 Boxing Day
27 Family Swims 1:30-2:30 Public Swims 2:30-5:00	28 Start of B.A.S.E.S Winter Break	29 Public Swims 1:00-4:00 Public Swims 6:00-8:00	30 Public Swims 1:00-4:00 Public Swims 6:00-8:00	31 Public Swims 1:00-4:00	CCBR - Child Care Re- sources & Referral Providing information, referrals and supports Ear-Kooney Families Phone: 1-506-661-5445	Ear-Kooney: Friends of Children Knotting Parties with Children in Partnership (Medical Week) Phone: 1-466-564-2217

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Elkford Early Years Committee

is an assembly of individuals and interested groups working together to address the importance of the first 6 years of a child's life. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm
Contact: Raveet Gill, EEY Coordinator ~ elkfordeed@gmail.com or FB Elkford Early Years Committee
Phone: 250-865-2222



RMES PAC is a council open to all parents and/or guardians of students of Rocky Mountain Elementary School. Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm
Contact: Jennifer Gernon, RMES PAC Chair ~ rmespac@yahoo.ca
Phone: 250-865-4686



Mom & Me is a free drop-in program for children 0-6 and their parents / caregivers.
Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 at the Elkford Alliance Church
1803 Alpine Drive
Contact: Raveet Gill, EEY Coordinator ~ elkfordeed@gmail.com or FB Elkford Early Years Committee
Phone: 250-865-2222



Parent/Tot Fun Times is a free drop-in program for children ages 0-6 and their parents / caregivers. Wednesdays at the Elkford Congregational Church
500 Alpine Way
9:30 - 10:30 Parent Support Group (childcare on site)
10:45 - 11:15 Rhyme Time (sing songs and story time)
11:15 - 12 noon Playtime
Contact: Petrea Palmer ~ evcapc@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook at Parent/Tot FunTimes



Elk Valley Dolphins Swim Club
Contact: Jeta Kipnik ~ 250-433-7475



Elkford Healthy Start is a free drop-in program for parents and children 0-5yrs. Everyone welcome and parent participation is required!
Saturdays at the Elkford Play School 10am-12pm
Contact: Jennifer Chemev, EEY Coordinator ~ elkfordeed@gmail.com
Phone: 250-865-7156

RESOURCE NUMBERS:

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- Elkford Health Care Centre 250-865-2247
- Public Health Nurse Elkford 1-800-644-6144 or Spar. 1-250-425-2064
- BCNurseLine 24hrs 1-866-215-4700
- Mental Health 1-800-661-0329 or 1-250-425-4584
- Addiction Services 1-800-644-6144 or 1-250-423-4423
- Ministry of Human Resources 1-866-866-0800
- Ministry for Children & Family Development 1-800-667-5623
- BCAA Car Seat Information 1-877-247-5551
- CCRR 1-800-661-2445
- East Kootenay Crisis Line 1-800-667-8407
- East Kootenay Friends of Children 1-866-564-2217
- Elk Valley Safe Homes 1-800-200-3003
- Elk Valley Victim Assistance 1-250-425-0499 or 1-250-423-7500
- Elkford Women's Task Force 250-865-2031
- Infant Development Program 1-877-999-2543
- Elk Valley Preschool Speech-Language Program 250-430-7028
- Family Support Institute 1-800-441-5403
- Fernie Counselling 250-423-2608
- Kids Court Too 250-423-6800
- Sexual Abuse Intervention 250-423-5311
- CB Family Resource Society 250-430-1136
- Women's Resource Centre 1-250-423-4687

Elkford Leisure Service Department

Contact: Jody or Chantel ~ recreation@elkford.ca
Phone: 250-865-4010
Visit www.elkford.ca or call for more program information.

To register for programs, please stop by the Elkford Community Conference Centre, Monday - Saturday from 9:00am - 5:00pm. All programs are on a first come first serve basis. They accept cash, debit, Visa MasterCard and cheque. To avoid disappointment, please register early. Low registrations one week prior to the class start date could result in the class being cancelled.

Elkford Aquatic Centre

Contact: Judy James ~ james@elkford.ca
Phone: 250-865-4012

Please check the Leisure Guide for dates and times for swimming lessons. Lessons are on a first come, first serve basis and payment is required at the time of registration. Visit the web site for the complete public swim schedule ~ www.elkford.ca

Elkford Playschool

750 Fording Drive
Contact: Kim Bauer ~ evrtf@telus.net
Phone: 250-433-1863 EWTF: 250-865-2031

Sparks, Brownies, & Guides

Meetings every Thursday:
Sparks (grades K & 1) 5:30-6:30pm
Brownies (grades 2 & 3) 5:30-6:30pm
Guides (grades 4, 5, 6) 5:30-7:00pm
Contact:
Dallys Knieck ~ dallyswildeman@telus.net
Phone: 250-865-2793
Christal Klassen ~ crklasz@telus.net
Phone: 250-865-7789



Beavers, Cubs, & Scouts

Registration is ongoing. All programs are co-ed. Meetings every Monday:
Beavers (ages 5-7) 4:30-5:30pm
Cubs (ages 8-10) 6:00-7:30pm
Scouts (ages 11-14) 6:00-7:30pm
Contact: Kris Wilde ~ doug.kris.wilde@gmail.com

EKKids.ca is a website that was created as a resource for parents and children in the East Kootenays. The links take you to our community pages where you'll find information about the Early Years Teams for each community, along with resources, ways to get involved, and a community calendar which tells you what is going on in that community on a given day.

Check it out now!



Coming Events

Workshops in Glass

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