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Elkford Triathlon 2023 was a resounding success. A full slate of competitors enjoyed a great event and beautiful weather. Congratulations to all!

Dreaming Big, Working Hard, Making it Happen

The High Altitude Volleyball Club (HAVC) U18 Boys have officially finished the 2023 Alberta Club Volleyball Season. Team HAVC, under the leadership of Coach Dustin Murray and Assistant Coach Darrin Cook, have practiced 2 days a week since January and were fortunate enough to have competed in six different tournaments throughout the season.

Premier #1 in Edmonton was the kick off tiering competition for this new group of boys where they had opportunity to play against some of best U18 competition in the province. At Premier #2 in Red Deer they earned a Division 3 Silver Medal battling against a very strong Airdrie Hawks Volleyball



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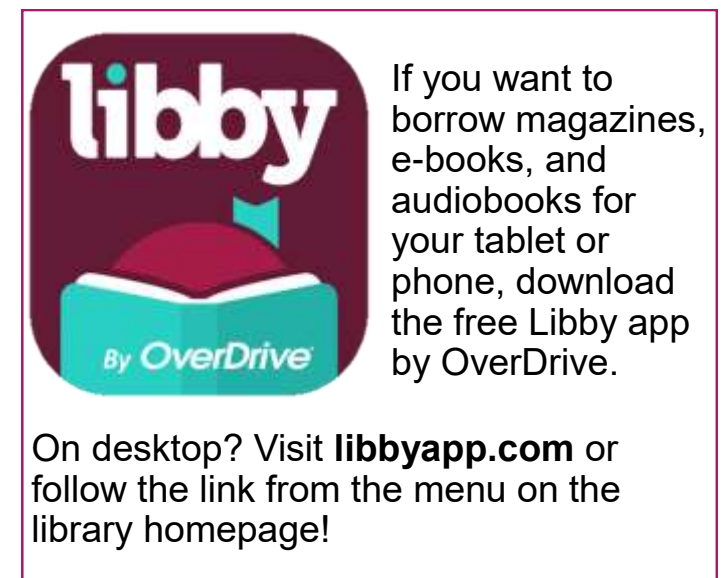
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Senior PE at Elkford Secondary School: Strength with Local Foods



Mr. Gulyas' Senior PE class at Elkford Secondary School went through a strength, conditioning, and nutrition unit. Students started with teacher programming and guidance in the school weight room. Students then developed their own personalized strength programming. Once students were comfortable in their school weight room, they moved down to the local gym, Rockhard Fitness, for a few workouts. Finally, students not only made connections to their school and local gym, but to their food as well. Students went down to Amanda Culver's farm, where she discussed the value of local farm fresh eggs and the differing nutritional values compared to the standard white grocery store eggs. Next, students went out and picked up and held chickens, selected their own chicken eggs and finally culminating the adventure with cooking their own eggs over an open fire and then eating them.



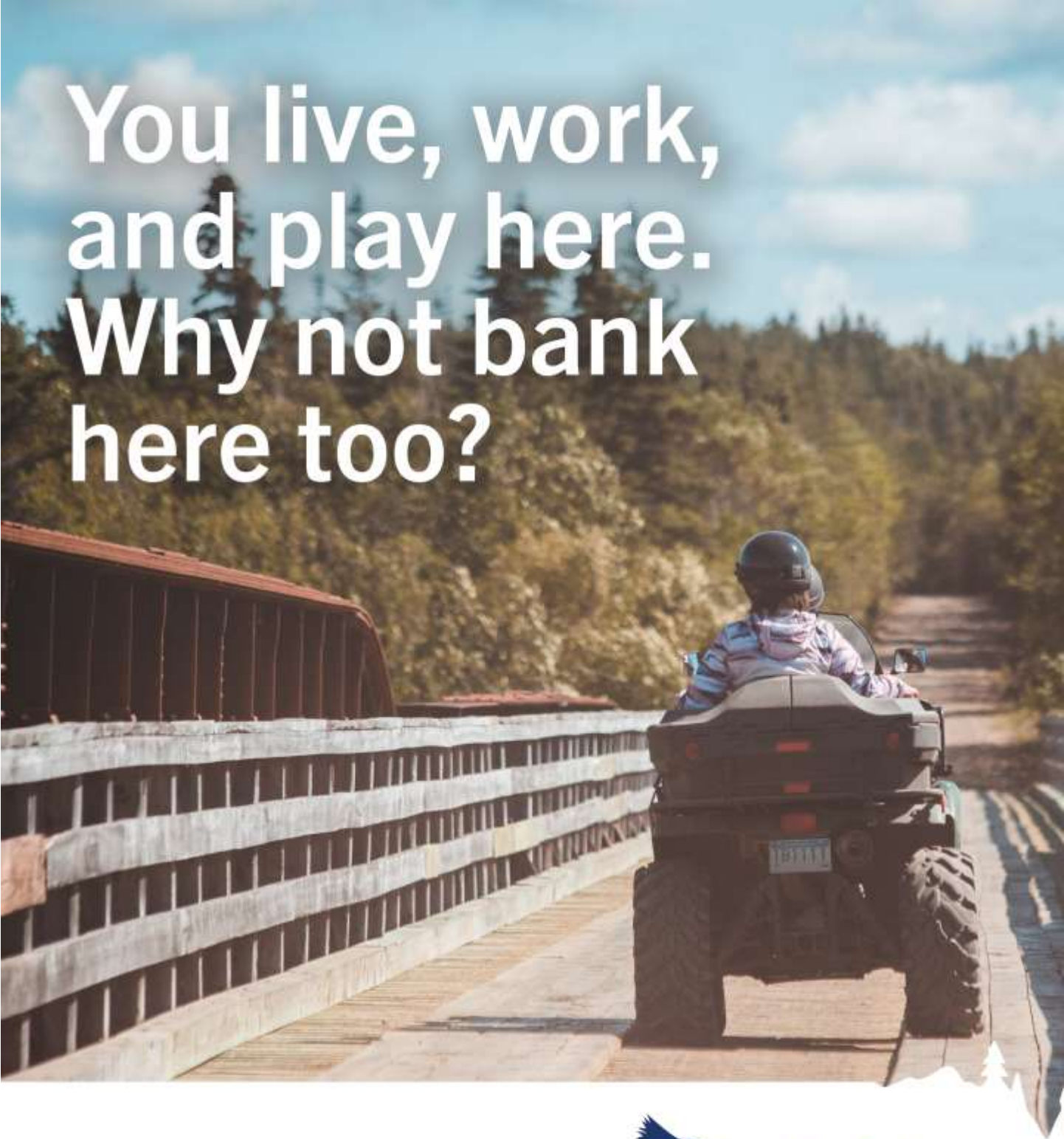
The belief with this programming is that perceived barriers were lowered, strength was created and confidence was built. Along with newfound connection to a renewable food source was deepened. Finally, it is hoped that in the future, these students continue to remain strong and can have their own sources of healthy protein.

Thank you to the USW and the Lions Club for providing transportation funding for local adventures. Thank you to Kim at Rockhard Fitness for allowing a group of teenagers into your gym. Finally, thank you to Amanda for also allowing a group of awesome teenagers onto your farm to meet your chickens and pick their eggs.

Great hustle everyone!

— submitted by Mr. Gulyas





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Mayor's Musings

Written by the Mayor of Elkford, Steve Fairbairn

Hello Elkfordians! Someone special told me to “keep this short.” Sure....

Tax Season

Tax season is here! It's time to give thanks for safe drinking water and good roads. Recreational facilities, sewage disposal, solid waste handling, modern and efficient buildings, preschool, daycare, fire protection... it's a long list of things we take for granted. I know that some of you don't use all these things, but together we all use some of them, and together we are all better off because of that. Just like home maintenance, the District of Elkford (DoE) must put money away to maintain the capital assets and to repair things as they wear out.

Road Work

That ‘gosh-darned’ road work! Imagine the excitement as we find things that have been buried since the early 1970s! “I wonder where that pipe goes?” A lot of infrastructure that is never accurately recorded on a map, kinks in pipes, holes you can stand in. It'll be worth it in the end. I know of more than one developer who has been excited to see the activity.

Emergency Preparedness

As May becomes June, Elkford faces two seasonal-specific, community-wide potential emergency scenarios: flooding and fire (okay, to nit-pick, most communities—including ours—face a huge list of potential scenarios).

I've had a touch-base meeting and refresher on the Emergency Operations Centre model and emergency evacuation alerts and orders. Let me just remind you that now is the time to prepare for a potential emergency. In the event of an emergency, all residents should have home and family evacuation plans already in place.

There are many online resources for your use: the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) website: (<https://www.rdek.bc.ca/departments/protectiveservices/emergencyinfo/prepare/>) is but one such stop. I also want to promote the DoE's information source, www.elkford.ca/evacuation_plan, as the place to go first. Bookmark it, read it, put it in your phone. In the event of an evacuation, this will be a key source of accurate and up-to-date information. Outside of the DoE's Facebook page, I advise that Facebook is not the best source of reliable information. The best sources will be the DoE website and the RDEK website. In the event of an emergency, the DoE will work with the RDEK to run a regional Emergency Operations Centre. Not the Mayor or any other elected official.

A few years ago, Elkford was on an evacuation alert for days and days. Did you know that Lytton had less than 20 minutes to evacuate in 2021? Do not wait until the last minute to organize your banking information, passwords, insurance, credit cards, family photos, medications, pet food, your food, phone chargers, children and possibly a safe destination. Make plans on where to meet up with family members and how to contact them.

You may not realize this, but once an evacuation order is issued and you have exited the evacuation area, you may not be allowed back in for an extended period of time. It is not the time to hook up your RV or boat and head out when you get the evacuation order; these things should have been done well before the order was dropped. Further, as an FYI: the RCMP has the power to address the possibility of traffic issues by any preventive measures they wish to take.



Evacuation orders are about safety: for citizens, animals and emergency response crews. A large part of is about getting people out of the way of the deployment and operations of emergency services and personnel. Don't take it personally—it's simply safer for everyone if you and I are out of the way so that emergency crews can work unimpeded.

Ongoing Advocacy

Advocacy on the healthcare front continues. We have achieved an additional 0.25 full-time equivalent (FTE) physician allotment—up from 1.75 FTE to 2.0 FTE—and we should see two family physicians in Elkford beginning in July. Some additional related positions are possible, too! The future is a big place. Hopefully Elkford will get the pleasure of an open house from Interior Health in the next six or so months to outline what the future of healthcare in Elkford may look like for us.

More Exciting Things Happening Soon

Teaser alert: the RDEK passed financial plans for composting facilities in Sparwood for 2024-25. No mention of curb-side recycling here in Elkford yet, though.

Upcoming things to get excited about: Wildcat Days is being held at the end of June (check out www.elkford.ca/wildcatdays) and it includes fireworks, live music, craft sales, ball tournaments, food trucks, bouncy castles, car shows, THE PARADE, 'fun, fun, fun until daddy takes your t-bird away.'

Camping, travel, family holidays, graduation ("*school's out for summer, school's out forever...*"), ah, spring and summer are glorious. Keep an eye out for motorcyclists, bicyclists, convertibles, wildlife, pets... play safe, be kind and say 'hi' to your neighbours.

Until next time,

Mayor Steve

This is an excerpt of the monthly Mayor's Musings available on the DoE website
Scroll down to Mayor's Musings at <https://www.elkford.ca/news>

Legends Catering & Events

- Pig Roasting
- Roast Beef / Lamb
- Prime Ribs
- Salmon
- Greek / Mediteranian Speciality

Minimum 30 people

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Club in the final. At Premier #3 in Okotoks, they fought hard up against tough Division 2 competition where they gained valuable experience and growth. They then competed along side twenty-nine U18 teams at the Provincial Championships in Calgary at the Seven Chiefs Sportsplex where memories were made and skills developed. After Provincials it was off to Kalispell to compete in the Northwest Volleyfest tournament, going undefeated and bringing home the first-place hardware, proving to our Southern neighbours that Canada is more than just hockey. Following up their tournament win it was off to Nationals at the Calgary Olympic Oval alongside eighty teams from across the nation all competing under the same roof. It was here where they placed first in their power pool on Friday which matched them against season rivals, Jasper Peak, in the quarter finals. It was a hard-fought battle, coming out on top after an incredible 21-19 third set victory. Emotions ran high after the conclusion of their semi-final defeat against eventual division 3 tier 2 champions, the White Eagles VC from London Ontario, but as they exited the court for one last time their heads were held higher.

This group of young men made up of athletes from Elkford, Sparwood, Fernie, and the Crowsnest Pass represented our little corner of the world with integrity, respect, and sportsmanship that was acknowledged and recognized by officials, coaches, and spectators at all events attended. Unfortunately, not once during their five-month season were these boys competing at full capacity because of illness and injury, but this didn't interfere with their ability to overcome adversity due to their strong bond as a true team with shared goals supporting each other every step of the way. We wish our senior athletes all the best as they finished off their youth sport careers on the volleyball court and look forward to more ball smashes next season with the returning athletes.

We were able to provide this opportunity that offers next level training and competition at an affordable cost to our families all thanks to some amazing community sponsors. Once again, on behalf of Coach Dustin Murray, Assistant Coach Darrin Cook, the Executive, the U18 Boys HAVC Team and their families we would like to express our sincere gratitude for the generous donations both financial and in-kind that have helped make this season a huge success.

The Elkford Projects Society, River Run Developments Ltd, CraneMax Hoisting Inc, SMS Equipment, the Elkford Lions Club, Elkford Fas Gas, and Elkford Secondary School, we can't thank you enough for your investment in Team HAVC. We are extremely grateful that you choose to sponsor the team. Your donations made an incredible impact, and we are beyond grateful for your contributions and support.

The team would like to send out a special shout out to our wonderful team Manager Haley Culver who stepped up and took on the daunting task of administration, ensuring our season went smooth and seamless from start to finish. And finally, thank you to the drivers, the scorekeepers, the food providers, the hotel bookers, and the emotional support people AKA the parents for raising fine young men making it easy for this team to transform from eleven individual players to one big volleyball family. Until next season... keep swinging. #GoHAVC

— submitted by Jennifer Gernon-Cook



Riley, Declan, Nathan and Ayden pictured with Ian Patterson, Kevin Brennan and Travis Steinmann of SMS Equipment



High Altitude Volleyball Club U18 Boys
Left to Right: Hayden Bax, Ayden Wells, Nathan Newlove, Sawyer Sawatzky, Hudson Hare, Joe Chester, Declan Cook, Carson Tennant, Kalan Therrien, Riley Murray, and Kaelin Walgren

Congratulations ESS 2023 Grads!



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Lucas Sorensen



Johnathan Steinke



Levi Vogt



Dakota Vollmin



Mailey Williams-Laybourne



Aubrey Zlatnik

Grads missing from pictures:

Nevin Hayward

Oakley Mengel



**Congratulations to the
Elkford Class of 2023**

Have a safe and happy grad!

**Elkford Public Library
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Random Thoughts from Father David *of St. Bernard's Catholic Church*

Some time ago I visited a family and their young son had a thing about dinosaurs. This wasn't just a passing interest, it was a really deep knowledge and love. I was shown his collection of different dinosaur models, his vast collection and his many books. I remember thinking that this was a bit unusual, but when this young boy spoke about anything to do with dinosaurs he was so clearly filled with joy and excitement. And around the same time I visited a lady who had a love of butterflies, whether real ones, pictures, or broaches; basically, if it had a butterfly in it anywhere she loved it. One could look at both of these as being slightly 'odd,' but my overriding memory is not how uncommon they were but how energised these two people were with their particular passion.

Being a Catholic priest, I suppose that my faith should be my passion, but I do wonder if I give this same impression of energy and joy when I talk about things to do with religion! And similarly with other people I meet who are interested in politics, or environmental issues, or whatever – how often do I meet their dogma before I meet their sense of fulfilment?

My hope is that through the things I love, be it religion, camping, cars, gadgets or the many other interests I have, I will be aware of the energy and life that they give to me so that when I talk to others about these things, what will be heard first and foremost is excitement and joy.



Post Mother's Day Tea

On May 16th, 2023, the 50+ Club held a post Mother's Day tea, bake and craft sale at the Union Hall. Thanks to those who came and supported us. A big thanks to all the non members and members who baked wonderful goodies for us. A special thanks to Terry Vandale for putting our sale out there on Facebook several times.

Our club meets every Tuesday of the month from 11 am – 1 pm at the Union Hall. Membership is \$10.00 a year which entitles you to play bingo, Christmas Dinner and end of the year BBQ in June. We are shut down July and August and open up again the 2nd Tuesday of September. Come join our team and see what we are all about!

Any questions please contact Suzie Pond (250) 910-9827 or Renie Porter (250) 910-1944.

— submitted by Rene Porter



Elkford Public Library

Emergency Preparedness Week Draw Winners



Our first place prize, a 72 hour emergency kit, was won by Trudy Roberts. Ashleigh Jamasson took the emergency radio and Katherine Russell picked up the emergency light.

Thanks to all who entered.

Thank you to the RDEK for providing us with Emergency Preparedness Week materials.

D&D at the Library

Adventure awaits at our Dungeons & Dragons program!

Saturday, June 10th at 6:30 pm



Young adults and adults are welcome regardless of experience.
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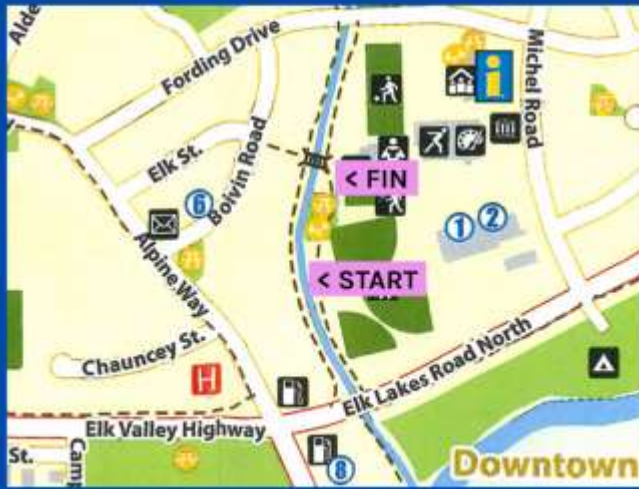
Each session is a new adventure!



Story Walks

Along Boivin Creek, Behind the Devonian Playground

New stories every two weeks until mid-September.



Please let us know if you've read the story so we can continue to offer them.



Take 'n' Make Crafts

Come in and get yours today.



New craft every 2 weeks
in the spring and summer.

Manga Club

June 8th 6:30pm at the library.

Read something new
before each meeting
and talk about it
with fellow manga fans!



LEGO Day at the Library

On non-instructional
Fridays we put out
the LEGO
so you can
BUILD!

June 16th 2 - 4pm



Community Foundation of the Kootenay Rockies Announces 2023 Community Grants

The Community Foundation of the Kootenay Rockies (CFKR) is thrilled to announce the recipients of its 2023 community granting program. In 2023, CFKR had a record-breaking \$131,130.06 available to grant, contributing a total of \$98,922.32 to 49 community initiatives, including four scholarships and one volunteer award. In addition, a total of \$32,207.74 was re-invested in the principals of sixteen endowment funds, to grow future granting.

According to Lynnette Wray, CFKR Executive Director, “We appreciate and celebrate all our 2023 grant recipients. We would especially like to highlight the inaugural grant from CFKR’s Addressing Homelessness Fund, which was divided equally among ANKORS, Street Angels, and the Cranbrook Food Bank, as well as the inaugural grant from the Cranbrook Past and Present Teachers’ Legacy Fund.”

In 2023, CFKR granted to a wide range of community projects and programs. Each grant application was reviewed by CFKR’s local volunteer committees, with granting decisions ratified by the CFKR Board.

Elkford Community Fund – \$4,078.46:

Elkford Public Library – Photo Printer: \$1,400.00

Elkford Search and Rescue – Furniture for community meeting room: \$1,178.46

Elkford Lions Club – Neighbours Helping Neighbours: \$1,000.00

Wildsight – Eco-Stewards: \$500.00

— from the CFKR website.





Elkford Early Years

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KID'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR JUNE 2023



PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR KIDS AGES 0-12

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CCRB - Child Care Resource & Referral Providing information, referrals and support to Elkford families. Phone: 1-800-661-2445	Elkford Library New Story Walks behind the Devonian Playground every second week there will be a new story for you to read and read together!	Legs Day at the Library June 14th 2-4pm	Topic: High 6 (Gifts) FREE! Every 2 weeks stop by the Library and bring home a craft to make!	Baby and Me 9:30-11:30 Kids Café 10:00-11:30 Parent Tot Swim 11-12:30 Family Swim 3-5:30 Public Swim 6:30-8:30	No School RMES Parent Tot Swim 10-10:45 & 11-1 Public Swim 1-2:30 Parent Tot Swim- 2:30-4 Family Swim 4-6 Public Swim 6-8	Healthy Start 9:30-11:30 Family Swim 12-2 Public Swim 2-4
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Aquatic Centre 250-865-4012

Public Library 250-865-2912

Playgroups
All located in Tech Hall unless otherwise specified on calendar.

Tuesdays: Morning out 9:30-11:30 @ Devonian Park

Wednesdays: Parent Tot Funtimes 9:30-11:30 @ Devonian Park

Thursdays: Baby and Me (2 and under) 9:30-11

Kids Café 10:00-11:30 located at the Green Roof Church (Old Congregational) on Alpine Way

Saturdays: Healthy Start 9:30-11:30

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 Cherney at cherneyjennifer@gmail.com

Sponsors and Partners:



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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 2nd Monday of each month from 6:00pm at the Elkford Community Conference Centre
Contact: elkfordced@gmail.com or
www.elkfordearlyyears.com



RMES PAC is a council open to all parents and/or guardians of students of Rocky Mountain Elementary School.
Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from 6-8pm
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Phone: 250-865-4341



Morning Out is a free drop-in program for children 0-6 and their parents /carers/givers.
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Elkford Healthy Start is a free drop-in program for parents and children 0-5yrs. Everyone welcome and parent participation is required!
Located at the Rec Centre Banquet Hall
Contact: elkfordced@gmail.com



Elkford Leisure Service Department
Contact: 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
Phone: 250-865-4012
Swimming Lessons are created based on interest. Please leave your name, phone number and level you wish to take with the pool. Visit the web site for the complete public swim schedule ~ www.elkford.ca



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COVID Screening
If you are experiencing COVID symptoms and would like a rapid test they are available for free at the Elkford IDA Pharmacy or at the Elkford Medical Clinic. Please call 250-865-2215 to pick yours up.



If you would like your COVID-19 Vaccination call to register! 1-833-828-2323

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
Addiction Services	1-250-425-4564
	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	250-946-6004
Elk Valley Victim Assistance	250-425-0499 or
	250-423-7500
Elkford Women's Task Force	250-865-2031
Infant Development Program	1-877-999-2543
Elk Valley Preschool Speech-Language Program	250-430-7026
Family Support Institute	1-800-441-5403
Fernie Counselling	250-423-2608
PEACE	250-433-6353
Sexual Abuse Intervention	250-423-5311
CB Family Resource Society	250-430-1136
Women's Resource Centre	250-423-4687
Child and Youth Mental Health Outreach	250-423-0817

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 Childhood Development (ECD) 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.

Coming Events

Manga Club for youth and teens June 8th at 6:30 pm at the library.

Dungeons & Dragons for young adults and adults at the library on June 10th at 6:30 pm.

Tech Help at the library on Friday June 16th & 30th from 1 - 4 pm. Struggling with technology? Bring your device and your questions.

LEGO Day at the library June 16th from 2 - 4 pm.

Father's Day June 18th.

National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21st.

Elkford Public Library Board Meeting at the library June 27th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

District of Elkford Wildcat Days June 30th to July 2nd. Visit www.elkford.ca/wildcatdays for more information.

Elkford Public Library Annual Book Sale July 1st from 12 to 4 pm in the multipurpose room beside the library.



Share your pictures of Elkford events in the Focus

We'd love to see photos and news about sports teams, school events, happenings or celebrations on these pages.

Email to
info@elkfordlibrary.org

Or call us at 250-865-2912
if you have questions.



Did we mention that classified ads are free?
Short descriptive ads,
no more than 50 words.

If you wish to add a picture, then we charge
you our regular ad rates (see below).

Advertising Rates per month effective January 1, 2017

	<u>Black & White</u>	<u>Colour</u>
Business Card	\$ 7.00	\$12.00
Quarter Page	\$15.00	\$30.00
Half Page	\$20.00	\$45.00
Full Page	\$25.00	\$80.00

Not Quite Classified Ads

Elkford Food Bank

If you need assistance from the Food Bank, or you know somebody who does, please call **250-910-7088** and leave a message along with a return number. Your call will be returned at the earliest opportunity.

Elkford Search and Rescue

Practices held first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at 222 Alpine Way. Everyone welcome to attend. Please contact elkfordsearchandrescue@gmail.com for current information.

Elkford Lions Club

Come join us - everyone welcome. Contact us at elkfordlions@gmail.com for current information.

Sketching in the Wild

Art camps for ages 8-12 this Summer in Elkford! July 17th to 21st & Aug 14th to 18th (9 am - 4 pm) More info: www.katherinerussell.ca

Any Lengths Group AA meetings

For current information contact Betty-Ann S.
250-433-6510.

Elkford Trails Alliance

Join us for weekday evening short hikes and mountain bike rides beginning later in May. Follow us on FB or IG for meeting places and times. www.elkfordtrails.com/eta
ETA is also looking for a secretary and trail maintenance lead, contact us if you are interested!

Thank you for saving resources!
**Pass this paper on for
more people to enjoy!**

Elk Valley Hospice
250-423-4453 Ext. 309

Elk Valley Safe Homes
Women's Shelter & Helpline
250-946-6004

Elkford Women's Task Force
250-865-2031

Kids Count Too
Kids Counselling
250-433-6353

Elk Valley Critical Incident Response Team
Critical Incident Emergency Contact
250-423-4226

**Deadline for submissions for the next issue of the
Elkford Focus is the 20th of each month.**

**Please email your classified ads to
info@elkfordlibrary.org and put classified ads
in the subject line. If you are sending us a coming
event, please put coming event in the subject line.**



It's Property Tax Time!

Have you paid your property taxes and utilities? The District of Elkford's **2023 Property Tax Notices**—and the **2023 Residential Utility Notices**—were mailed out in May and payments are due by **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, 2023**. If you have not received your notices yet, please contact us as soon as possible at **250.865.4000**.

A reminder that eligible homeowners across B.C. can no longer apply for their home owner grant through their local municipal office, but instead must apply directly to the Province of British Columbia. Eligibility requirements remain the same. To avoid penalties and interest, you **MUST** apply before the tax due date on **July 4, 2023**.

To apply for your home owner grant, or if you have questions or concerns about the home owner grant, please visit www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or call **1.888.355.2700** to speak with a live agent.



Watering Restrictions

With plenty of residents wanting to water their lawns and gardens, Elkford has bylaws in place to help preserve and protect our water supply throughout the drier months.

To ensure capacity of Elkford's reservoirs in the event of a fire emergency (and adequate water for all throughout the summer) watering between **April 1 and September 30** is to take place on odd or even numbered days, **corresponding with your address**, and within the hours of **4 to 10 a.m. and 8 to 11 p.m.** only.



The countdown to Wildcat Days is ON! This is your official invite to join us this Canada Day long weekend (June 30 to July 2) for Elkford's wildest event of the summer: Wildcat Days!

Watch www.elkford.ca/wildcatdays for updates and keep an eye on your mailbox for the official map + event guide!

Look forward to our famous fireworks, a parade, a dignitary luncheon, beer gardens and an outdoor music festival, a family ball tournament, a Canada Day BBQ, pool party, a show n' shine, grass smash volleyball tournament, a pancake breakfast, fire trucks, an outdoor concession, face painting and balloons, an art show, entertainers, inflatables and games, food trucks, a craft fair, gold panning—and so much more!

Want to get in on the action? The following events require advanced registration:

- The 2023 Wildcat Days Parade
- Soapbox Racer Derby (for Kids)
- Putter Madness: Build-a-Mini-Golf-Hole Competition
- Grass Smash Volleyball Tournament
- Wildcat Days Craft Fair

Visit www.elkford.ca/wildcatdays for more info. Make sure you double check the registration deadlines and sign up ahead of time!

Questions? Contact the Community Conference Centre directly at **250.865.4010**, recreation@elkford.ca or **750 Fording Drive**.

June Council & Committee Meetings

Regular Council:

- June 12 at 6 p.m.
- June 26 at 6 p.m.

Annual General Meeting:

- June 26 at 5 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place in Council Chambers at 744 Fording Drive. Electronic attendance is also welcome.

Visit <http://zoom.us/join> and enter the meeting ID: **250 865 4000**, then click join and wait for the host to let you into the meeting.

Congrats to Elkford's Graduating Class of 2023!

You did it! Congratulations on your well deserved success, graduating class of 2023. Best wishes from council and staff at the District of Elkford!

Keep Elkford Clean

Let's all do our part to keep Elkford clean!

Each of us plays an important role in keeping our beautiful community clean. There are many simple ways that you can help: ensure that trash and debris makes its way to garbage and recycle bins, take a minute to clean up after your pets while out enjoying the scenery and keep an eye out for—and report—any misuse of Elkford's properties and green spaces.

We're Open 24/7/365 at www.elkford.ca!

From pool schedules to public notices to council agendas—and everything else in between—our website is your 24/7/365 one-stop shop for all things Elkford!