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Elkford Secondary School Volleyball Victory!



(Left) Kootenay Champions: Coach Darrin Cook, Nicholas Gagnon, Brendan Arthur, Brayden Smith, Declan Cook, Ayden Wells, Eddie Chamberlain, Nathan Newlove, Thorsten Haviland, and Ronan Cook.

Congratulations to the Elkford Secondary Senior Boys Volleyball Team on their amazing performance at the Single A Kootenay Zones Tournament held in Castlegar Nov 17th and 18th. The boys went 5-0 for the weekend not dropping a single set, dominating the court, and representing Elkford with tremendous Celtic spirit and pride. This showing has the team finishing off the regular season with an impressive 31 wins and 1 loss. But the boys are not finished yet....

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Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year

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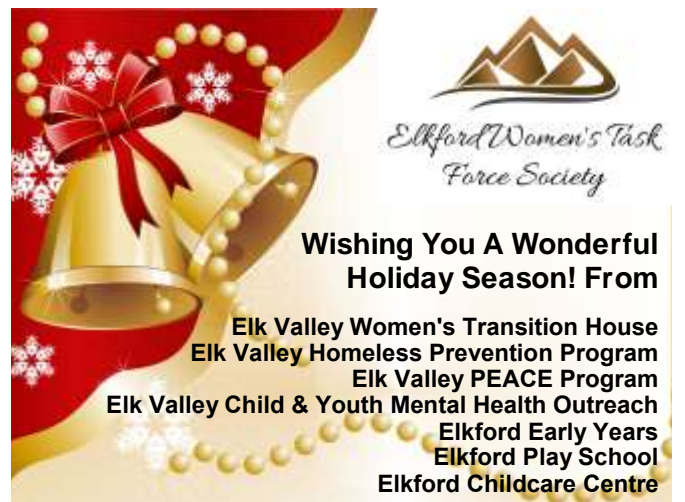
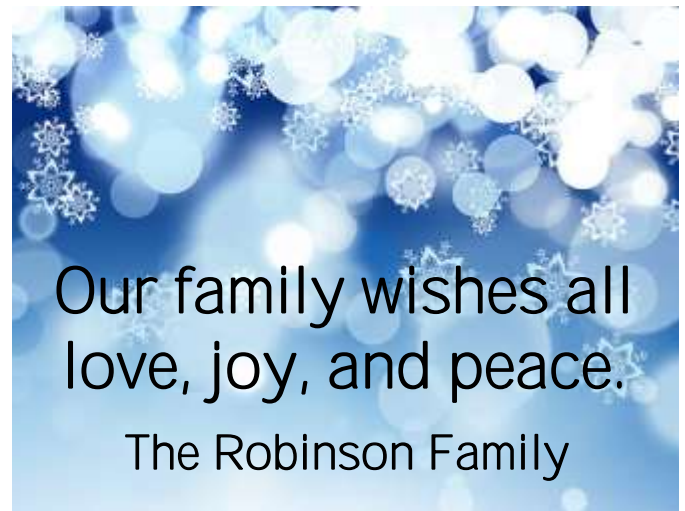
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Mayor's Musings

Written by the Mayor of Elkford, Steve Fairbairn

In Memory of Erik Kliment

I want to open by extending my deepest condolences to the family of my highly respected friend and long-serving District of Elkford employee, Erik Kliment. Erik was a fine human being who exemplified kindness and integrity in all that he did; he always made time for me, whether it was on a stage covered in musical equipment, over at his mom's place, or while he was at work.

District of Elkford flags were lowered to half-mast to honour and commemorate the life of Erik Kliment. He will live on in the memory of many, many people and his sudden passing signifies a great loss to his family, friends, colleagues and community.

Mine Ownership Developments

It is difficult to think of much else when we are mourning the loss of one of our own, but I want to acknowledge recent developments relating to Teck Resources selling its coal properties to Glencore/Nippon Steel/POSCO.

My friends, don't fall into the fear-mongering downward spiral. The sale won't be complete until this time next year, so we will all have to resist the rumour mill and the urge to jump on that bandwagon in the meantime. Remember that it's not the first time we have seen ownership change at mining operation sites in the Elk Valley. It likely won't be the last one, either.

The world needs steel-making coal—and our valley has the best there is—so I predict that coal will be mined in the Elk Valley for a good career's worth of years. Jobs will exist, they'll be well-paying, and Elk Valley Resources (EVR) will continue to invest in environmental research and community well-being. This is neither a good nor bad thing that has happened—it's just a thing.

Glencore has agreed to continue at current or increased rates with their research into environmental issues and local social issues, non-profits and community development. The new company—EVR—has a stated position of honouring all existing agreements with Indigenous Nations and has also stated that they'll be a major contributor to improvements in both renal medicine and the oncology department at the East Kootenay Regional Hospital in Cranbrook.

EVR is also on record saying that they'll "maintain significant employment levels in Canada with no net reduction in the number of employees in the business in Canada ...". Yes, this may be a weasel word or two, but it is standard legal language.

Are you familiar with the Serenity Prayer? You know, the one that says "... grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference"? I hope we can all remember this when things feel turbulent: don't sweat what you can't change. This sale was inevitable and beyond our control. Don't lose any sleep over it. If you are in a union, talk to your leadership. I'm not worried. I'm going to approach this change as an opportunity for Elkford, and I hope you will too.

Hope and Healthcare

With grief weighing heavily on many residents in our community—and times of change raising concern—I'd like to try and end this on a high note. As best as I can manage, anyway.

The Kootenay East Regional Hospital District (KERHD) has been a surprisingly effective avenue of healthcare advocacy for us over the last 12 months—which means hopefully good news to come.

Without giving all the details, we were allocated an additional 0.25 full-time equivalent physician (as of July 1, 2023), and Elkford is gaining the attention of KERHD and Interior Health. Council is concentrating efforts on advocating for staffing and the service delivery model in Elkford, which looks like focusing on different approaches and on areas where Elkford can exert some influence on the future of our local health care services.

On this note, I will sign off. It is never an easy thing to move forward during times of change—or after a great loss—but we will do our best. That is, after all, all one can do.

Yours sincerely,
Mayor Steve

MERRY CHRISTMAS

& HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Thank you for all the support in 2023.
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Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's photo contest. We received 69 entries over four categories and awarded eight prizes, one adult and one youth prize in each category.

Door prizes including a Teck gift basket and a Western Financial Group gift bag were awarded through our random draw to ceremony attendees. \$70 (adult) or \$40 (youth) cash prizes were awarded for each winning photograph.

Congratulations to Lianna Quinn, Kim Dale, Suzanne Thiel, Isaac Russell and Skarlett Bilenki.

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Elkford Public Library

2024 PHOTO CONTEST



Next year's theme will be "Art in Town,"
with categories Abstract, Interesting Perspectives,
Long Exposure, and Open.

We will open for submissions in September.



TECH FRIDAYS AT THE LIBRARY

Need tech help?
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December 1st & 15th, January 12th & 26th



Writing Club

December 14th & January 18th
at 6:30 pm in the library.

December: Poetry and Setting for novel writing.
January: Fantasy and Theme for novel writing.

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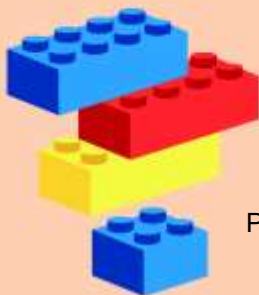


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for details about events and programs.

LEGO Day at the Library



**December 8th &
January 26th
2 to 4 pm**

Please note that supervision is not provided; adults are responsible for supervising their children.

Book Club

Join us at our next meeting!

Books are available at the library approximately four weeks before the meeting date.



**January 11th
at 6:30 pm**

Fire Weather
by John Vaillant

Sourdough 101



Thank you to everyone who attended our successful Sourdough 101 program! We had an overwhelming response with many tasty and delicious sourdough recipes being created. Enjoy these photos of the breads that we made! We only wish you tasted them. We are hoping to offer this class in the future, so for those interested phone or drop by the library to add your name to the waitlist.

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Our winter season begins Monday, January 8th!

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Our Programs:

PreCanSkate

Ages 3-5+ Mondays & Wednesdays 3:45 - 4:15PM
Winter classes run January 8th - March 15th, 2024
One class per week options available for Wednesdays only

CanSkate

Ages 5+ Mondays & Wednesdays 4:15-5:00PM
Winter classes run January 8th - March 15th, 2024
One class per week options available for Wednesdays only

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ESS Celtics Senior Boys Volleyball



(Left) Kootenay Champions: Brendan Arthur, Ayden Wells, Nathan Newlove, Brayden Smith, Declan Cook, Ronan Cook, Thorsten Haviland, Eddie Chamberlain, and Nicholas Gagnon

As Kootenay Zone Champs, the team qualifies to represent the Kootenays in Vancouver at the BC School Sports Provincial Volleyball Championship November 30th to December 2nd.

The team would like to thank all their supporters that have helped make the season such a huge success: Coach Darrin Cook and Coach Luke Anhorn, the parents, ESS AD Craig Boehmer, the ESS Staff, our SD5 bus drivers, and most of all the fans that have been cheering loud from the stands and at home watching the live streams. We wholeheartedly appreciate sharing the excitement and love of the game.

Next stop is North Vancouver to show BC what our little corner of the province has to offer. Please watch for fundraising to help offset the overwhelming costs involved in sending nine enthusiastic athletes and one proud coach to continue swinging at Provincials.



Follow us on Facebook at “ESS Athletics” for live streams, information, and updates.

- submitted by Jennifer Gernon



ESS Celtics Senior Girls Volleyball



(Left) Kootenay "A" Girls: Jade Besner, Alicia Besner, Grace Corris, Zoey Ingham, Emily Joy, Riley Payton, Ruby Tennant, Macy Murray, Shae Bryant, Serenity Foster, Abi Talbot.

On November 17th & 18th, Elkford Secondary School hosted the 2023 Kootenay "A" Girls Volleyball Championship to determine who will attend provincials in South Slokan November 30th to December 2nd. Eight teams attended with over 100 athletes and coaches in attendance. On Friday, the teams played round robin games, which ranked the teams for the next day. On Saturday, playoffs were held. Elkford played in the quarter final versus Nakusp which they won. The girls then went on to play in the semifinals vs Sparwood, which they lost. Sparwood went on to play in the finals vs Mount Sentinel, which they won. Congrats to all the athletes who played hard and showed amazing sportsmanship.

Tournament Results

Sparwood Secondary placed 1st, Mount Sentinel Secondary placed 2nd, Elkford Secondary placed 3rd, and Salmo Secondary placed 4th.

Elkford hosted an amazing event and had wonderful community support. Thank you to all the citizens who came to watch and cheered on our players.



Thank You!!

We want to extend a huge thank you to the businesses and organizations who sponsored the 2023 Kootenay "A" Girls Volleyball Championship. Your generous donations and assistance greatly contributed to this successful community event.

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Celtic Athletics



As the High School Volleyball Season at Elkford Secondary School is winding down we would like to thank our community fans from near and far for your enthusiasm and support. This year at ESS we had 7 competitive teams showcasing their athletic ability, volleyball skills, dedication, love of the game and Celtic Spirit on and off the court: Grade 7 Girls, Bantam Boys and Girls, Junior Boys and Girls, and Senior Boys and Girls. All teams served up some great volleyball participating in tournaments throughout the East and West Kootenays and the Crowsnest Pass. Shout out to all of our school and community volunteers that helped when we hosted visiting teams for league games and tournaments and for setting us up for success always.



VOLLEYBALL



Thank You Coaches! We Dig You!

Thomas Skelton, Erick Canlas, Luke Johnston, Haley Culver, Shelby Wurmlinger, Taylor Wurmlinger, Luke Anhorn, Taeler Kniert, Jackie Ingham, Dustin Murray and Darrin Cook.

Follow us on Facebook at "ESS ATHLETICS" for information and updates.

- submitted by Jennifer Gernon

Moonlight Madness



(Above Left) Summer Breeze of the Art of Summer Breeze was one of over 50 vendors at Moonlight Madness. This annual event is a great opportunity to shop local for Christmas. If you have missed this one there are more shop local opportunities to support your favourite vendors in December.



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Wednesdays Parent-Tot Fundamentals 8:30-11:30
Fridays Baby and Me (2 and under) 8:30-11
Saturdays Healthy Start 8:30-11:30

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:

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10 Family Swim 12:30-2:30 Public Skating 1-3 Public Swim 2:30-4:30	11 Mornings Out—Library Story Time 9:30-11:30 Parent & Tot Skating 12:30-2:30	12 Family Swim 10:30-12:00 Public Swim 3-5	13 Parent & Tot Skating 10-12 Family Swim 11:00-12:30 Family Swim 1-3:30 Public Swim 5:30-8	14 Parent Tot Swim 9:30-10:30 Family Swim 10:30-12:00 Public Swim 6:00-8:00	15 Baby & Me 9:30-11 Family Swim 10:30-12:30 Public Swim 1-4 Public Swim 4:30-8	16 Swim with Santa 10-12 (Please RSVP) Public Swim 12:30-4:30 Public Skating 6-8
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	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
Feminine 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

Tech Fridays at the library. Bring your devices and questions on December 1st & 15th, January 12th & 26th from 1 to 4 pm.

Christmas Truck Parade & Tree Light-Up December 4th. Parade at 6 pm, tree light-up at 7 pm.
www.elkford.ca/2023christmas for details.

Market & Mingle December 5th, 2 to 8 pm at the Elkford Golf Course. See page 19.

LEGO Day at the Library December 8th & January 26th from 2 to 4 pm. Please note we do not provide supervision for this program.

District of Elkford 2023 Senior's Christmas Luncheon December 14th at noon at the Community Conference Centre. Must RVSP, see page 24.

Writing Club at the library December 14th and January 18th at 6:30 pm. Join other fellow writers and participate in writing exercises, share work, and get feedback.

Holiday Market and Bake Sale December 17th from 4 to 7pm at the USW Hall -12 Water Street, Elkford.

Library Closed December 17th, 2023 to January 1st, 2024.

Christmas Day December 25th.

Boxing Day December 26th.

New Years Day January 1st.

Book Club at the library January 11th at 6:30 pm. See page 13.

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

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



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>
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Half Page	\$20.00	\$45.00
Full Page	\$25.00	\$80.00

Not Quite Classified Ads

Elkford Trails Alliance

Follow us on FB or IG for meeting places and times.
www.elkfordtrails.com/eta

Fall Workshops at Katherine Russell Glass Studio

Loads of new workshops for kids and adults at Katherine Russell Glass Studio this fall, check out
www.katherinerussell.ca for all the info.

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.

Any Lengths Group AA meetings

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



**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.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Elkford Community Conference Centre, Aquatic Centre, Recreation Centre and Public Works Office are closed on:

- **December 25 and 26, 2023**
- **January 1, 2024**

The District Office is closed from **December 23, 2023, to January 1, 2024**. We will reopen on **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**.

In the event of an after-hours emergency (for water, sewer or roads only), Public Works standby personnel can be reached at **250.910.4026**. Note that after-hours charges will apply.

2024 BUSINESS & PET LICENCE RENEWALS

It's almost time to renew your business and pet licences for 2024! You can look for your renewal notices in your mailbox in January.

Annual fees for business licences are:

- **New OR Annual Renewal for Business Licence: \$100**
- **New OR Annual Renewal for Youth Business Licence: \$20**
- **New OR Annual Renewal for Inter-Community Business Licence (ICBL): \$100 (note that the ICBL fee is in addition to your \$100 fee for your municipal business licence)**

The due date for all business licence fees is **January 31, 2024**.

The dog/cat pet licence fee is \$50 annually for an unsterilized licence and \$20 for a spayed/neutered licence.

Are you a new pet owner? You must purchase a licence for your dog or cat. Please bring the certificate of spaying/neutering for first time registration. The due date for all pet licence fees is **February 29, 2024**. **For pet licences, a late fee of \$20 applies after February 29, 2024.**

CHECK YOUR CHIMNEYS

Before you hang up your stockings by the chimney with care this Christmas, make sure you book a service call for your chimney! This holiday season, the **Elkford Fire Department** reminds homeowners to check their chimney and heating appliances.

Chimney fires are common during the fall and early winter as the weather cools down. Inspections should be completed by a qualified inspector on an annual basis.

Visit **www.yip.ca** and search for chimney cleaning and sweeping to find a local service provider.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Elkford residents who are **60 years and over**, and their spouses, are invited to join us for lunch to celebrate the Christmas season!

- **WHEN:** Thursday, December 14 at noon (doors will open at 11:30 a.m.)
- **WHERE:** Teck Hall, in the Community Conference Centre at 750 Fording Drive

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, December 6 at 5 p.m.** to **250.865.4010**, **events@elkford.ca** or visit **750 Fording Drive**.

KEEP KIDS OFF ROADSIDE SNOWBANKS

Please ensure that children do not play in snow berms or on snow piles along the roadways. When we get a huge dump of snow, Public Works operators will work to cut back snowbanks and snow piles to widen roadways.

Operators don't have x-ray vision and cannot see tunnels carved in the snow, and they may not always be able to see children who are playing on snowbanks either. Play it safe: reminds kids that snowbanks along the roadways are off limits!

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETINGS

- **December 11 at 6 p.m. Regular Meeting**

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place in Council Chambers at 744 Fording Drive.

For regular council meetings, electronic attendance is 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.

DECEMBER SKATING SCHEDULE

Did you know that all of our skating schedules are available online? Visit **www.elkford.ca/recreationcentre** for printable PDFs of the skating schedules, rules and guidelines and more!

Questions? Contact **Community & Facility Services** directly at **250.865.4010** or **recreation@elkford.ca**.

