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Fire Department Open House & BBQ



Photo submitted by Colleen Welter-Gavey.

The Fire Department Open House & BBQ was an informative fire safety success! The community learned about fire safety and participated in fun events. In the photo, Evelyn is suited up in bunker gear, standing alongside one of our Elkford Fire Fighters, A. Brunovas.

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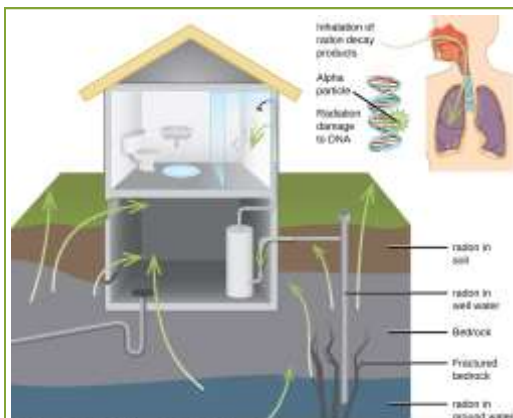
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Teck's Water Quality Open House is November 15, 2023

Teck is making progress implementing the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan, a long-term approach to managing water quality in the Elk Valley. Join us for an in-person open house to learn more about the plan and progress to date.

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Location: Senior Citizens Drop-in Centre
562 3rd Avenue Fernie, BC

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Visit www.teck.com/elkvalley
for more information.

Teck

Mayor's Musings

Written by the Mayor of Elkford, Steve Fairbairn

Happy autumn, Elkfordians! And what a spectacular fall season we've been treated to this year!

One-Year Anniversary

Your council (Shawna Bryant, Duncan McDonald, Jason Meldrum, Tathlina Lovlin, Len Gostick and Bert Schalekamp) and I have been at work for one full trip around the sun now. This amounts to 25 regular council meetings, about 20 in-camera council meetings, a few Committee-of-the-Whole meetings, one complete cycle of financial planning and strategic planning (both of which are about to start again, by the way), one Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments Annual General Meeting, one Union of BC Municipalities Convention, one Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention, one Regional District of East Kootenay Regional Governance Forum and one Local Government Leadership Academy Newly Elected Officials' training session. That's a few hours on-task, for sure.

Let me be the first to congratulate Elkford's council on a job well done—collegially and respectfully—while remaining open to new information and different approaches to solving the issues that the District of Elkford faces going forward. Even though we sometimes face contentious issues and very difficult decisions, we can still laugh with each other.

Solid Waste

So far in 2023, Elkford is sending fewer tonnes of solid waste to the central landfill than we did last year. To me, this indicates that we are diverting a larger share of our waste into the recycling stream. Keep up the good work everyone!

Hunters, for what it's worth: if you are dumping animal carcasses up some dirt road, remember that you are attracting bears to Elkford. Take the carcasses to the RDEK's Elkford Transfer Station for proper disposal (note that carcasses must be bagged).

Bears and Urban Wildlife

Those who don't follow the rules are leading to the potential doubling of solid waste collection costs in Elkford. It's complicated. Supply chain issues are but one component. Commercial bins (those big round black plastic things, the ones that look much like the grass clipping bins, that are supposed to be housed inside wildlife-resistant structures and closed and latched) at all the apartment buildings and businesses in town are one issue. Converting them to steel-lidded bins would require not only all-new bins, but the purchase of a new truck to haul their contents in. That is a massive cost that would be borne by each resident of Elkford. Especially those in apartments and commercial businesses!

Will that fix the problem? I doubt it. At least, not entirely. Individuals would still have to change their behaviour. Garbage put into bins properly; bins secured out of reach of animals (collection days will always present an unavoidable kink in the system) and bins themselves being properly secured when outside (again, impacted by collection day issues).

I send my gratitude to the Urban Wildlife Committee for their efforts to reduce human-wildlife conflict and help us move toward ways to coexist peacefully with wildlife in town.

Downtown Core and Infrastructure Upgrades

Have you had a chance to check out the new improvements to our Downtown Core? The complete active transportation network is fantastic! Personally, I've been enjoying the new sidewalks and crosswalks downtown a lot already. My old (circa 1990s) urban bicycle has its winter tires on, and I'm ready for my third winter of bicycling to work, to the post office and to the mall.

Two great benefits of active transportation/bicycling around town are improving your fitness levels and putting less wear on your vehicle as temperatures get lower (okay, well, there's really four benefits there in total if you include enjoying the community and reducing your carbon footprint).

Volunteers and Non-profit Societies

Volunteers are the reason why Elkford (and every town in Canada, really) has so many great things for residents to do. To all those who volunteer their time—either a few hours or many hours—your efforts add up. And we thank you! It would be a challenge to list all the many amazing groups and activities (both in and around town) that depend on volunteers to run, but they all share one thing in common: volunteering is not something we can leave for someone else to do. Step up, get involved.

Speaking of which, have you considered joining the fire department? Paid-on-call participation also has its rewards! Interested? Call the Elkford Fire Department at **250.865.4020** or email **ecalla@elkford.ca**.

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://elkford.ca/news>

Shaggy Mane Mushroom



A shaggy mane (also known as shaggy ink) mushroom was found on the Upper Boivin section of the Elkford Nordic Club trail. Fall is the best time for spotting mushrooms, as the colder nights and shorter days encourage them to shoot up and spread their spores for reproduction.

- submitted by Jeff Gavey

You're invited to the ninth annual Environmental Monitoring Committee Public Meeting

Tuesday November 7, 2023
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm MT

In person: Senior Citizens Drop-in Centre, 562 3rd Avenue Fernie, BC
Online: Scan the QR code to register for the Zoom Link

Join us in Fernie at the Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre, or online via Zoom. Learn about the environmental monitoring in the Elk Valley required by Permit 107517 and ask questions about monitoring completed in the past year.



Visit **EMC 2023 Public Meeting Registration** to register and get more information.

The Environmental Monitoring Committee (EMC) was formed in 2015 following the issue of Permit 107517 that was issued under the Environmental Management Act for Teck's steelmaking coal operations in the Elk Valley. The EMC provides technical advice and Indigenous knowledge to Teck's ongoing monitoring submissions, associated supporting studies and reports required under the Permit. The Committee includes an independent scientist, representatives from the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, the Ktunaxa Nation Council and Teck.

Visit EMC Public Reports from previous years at: <https://www.teck.com/sustainability/sustainability-topics/water/water-quality-in-the-elk-valley/research-and-monitoring-reports/>

Schedule:

7:00 pm	Posters and Mingle, in-person only
7:45 pm	EMC Presentation, Zoom meeting
8:30 pm	Open Discussion, in-person and Zoom
9:00 pm	Meeting adjourns, Zoom meeting

We Remember

To those who served on
the frontlines of conflict;
thank you for bringing us
to today.



Teck

Elkford Secondary School's PE Students Out and About in Their Community

This month there has been a focus on exploring the outdoor Elkford community, from active living activities to finding local sources of nutrition survival as well as giving back to the community.

Mr. Gulyas' PE students have been learning about renewable protein sources at Amanda Culver's farm. The class focussed on chickens and their eggs. Students learned that their families could have chickens in their backyards and the value of farm-fresh eggs over store-bought eggs. Students also saw other animals on the farm that produce food, such as cows, goats and bunnies. Students had the opportunity to pick their eggs and cook them over an open fire.



Students have also been helping in their community. PE students hiked into the local mountains and helped the Elkford Trails Alliance work on the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle" trail network. Students started with raw ground, removed the top layer of soil and helped build an awesome new bike trail. Students showed tremendous grit and strength while working together to help build this local trail. Students were able to give back to their community and help support a local active living society through this stewardship and community-building adventure.





It was not all work and nutrition for these students; they were also able to use their local disc golf course and develop their survival skills. Students first began on the open fields at the school and then took their newly developed skills and abilities to their local Deerborne disc golf course. Moving deeper into the woods, students have also been outside, surviving. From building shelters to fires with flint and steel. This year's added challenge has been to build a survival fire "solo" with nothing but flint and steel.



Thank you to Amanda for opening your farm to this boisterous and respectful group. Thank you to the Elkford Trails Alliance for this stewardship opportunity to give back. Thank you to the Lions Club and the Elkford United Steel Workers for your transportation grant that allowed us to get to our farm and work site.

Great hustle!

- submitted by Andrew Gulyas

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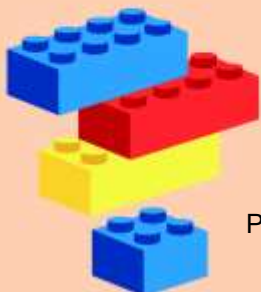
for details about events and programs.

LEGO Day at the Library

On non-instructional Fridays we provide LEGO and a space to build. A lot of fun was had at our last LEGO day on October 20th. Join us in November for our next one... come out and get creative!



LEGO Day at the Library



November 24th
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.



November 30th
at 6:30 pm

Between Two Moons
by Aisha Abdel Gawad



Writing Club

6:30 pm in the library

November 16th, 2023

Contemporary fiction. Plot and outline for novel writing.

December 14th, 2023

Poetry. Setting for novel writing.

January 18th, 2023

Fantasy. Theme for novel writing.

February 15th, 2023

Romance. Character-building for novel writing.

March 14th, 2023

Historical fiction. Character dialogue for novel writing.



In March we will be hosting a writing challenge! Keep your eyes on the Focus for more details.

Try it Yourself

1. Timed automatic writing.
The object is to write as much as possible for 10 minutes without censoring your writing. It can be in any genre of writing you wish.
2. Writing prompt.
Write two to three paragraphs that must include the four secret words placed somewhere in your writing. It can be a short story, memoir, poem, or any other genre of writing.

SECRET WORDS: bottle, threw, nauseous, pirate

How did you do?

If you want to share your writing prompt exercise with us using the four secret words, send it to info@elkfordlibrary.org with the subject line "Writing Prompt Focus." We may include it in a future issue of the Focus!



LEST WE FORGET

We will remember—today, tomorrow and always.

November Council & Committee Meetings

- **November 13** 6 p.m.
- **November 27** 6 p.m.

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.

Winter Parking Bylaw

Don't forget the winter parking bylaw! From **November 1 to March 31**, on-street parking is prohibited between the hours of **6 a.m. to 4 p.m.** to allow for optimal snow removal. Questions? Contact Bylaw Enforcement at **250.865.4024** or bylaw@elkford.ca.

Bleeder Valves: ON

A friendly reminder to all residents to turn **ON** the bleeder valves in your residences from **October 31 to May 1**. This important bylaw is in place to prevent your pipes from freezing and cracking in colder temperatures. Questions? Contact Public Works at **250.865.4025** or publicworks@elkford.ca.



Closed for Remembrance Day

District of Elkford facilities that are regularly open on Saturdays will be closed on **Saturday, November 11** to observe Remembrance Day, a federal statutory holiday. Facilities will reopen the following business day.

A Reminder From the Elkford Fire Department

Did you know that the majority of fire fatalities occur in one and two-storey residential family homes? According to the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner, 75 per cent occur in the winter months—all in time of darkness, when address identification is most difficult.

The Elkford Fire Department asks you to take a moment to assess your home for outside address identification. In the event of an emergency, will your home's address be visible to emergency first responders? Is your address clearly marked? Will it be covered in snow or hidden in the darkness? If it is inadequate or in need of repair, please take the time to repair or improve it. It could save your life!

Elkford Fire Department Pumpkin Drop 2023

Save the date (and your jack-o'-lanterns) for a special event on November 4: the District of Elkford Fire Department's Pumpkin Drop 2023!

- **DATE:** Saturday, November 4
- **TIME:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **LOCATION:** District of Elkford Municipal Office at (744 Fording Drive)
- **COST:** By donation

Join us to smash your leftover Halloween pumpkins and gourds, with help from Elkford Fire & Emergency Services, by donation to support a good cause: Angel Flight East Kootenay! Questions? Contact Elkford Fire & Emergency Services at **250.865.4020**.

Remembrance Day Poppy & Wreath Campaign

In partnership with the Royal Canadian Legion, the District of Elkford will once again facilitate the Poppy and Wreath Campaign in 2023. All funds collected in this campaign are forwarded directly to the Royal Canadian Legion.

To donate or purchase a wreath or cross to lay at the Cenotaph in Elkford on November 11, contact Community and Facility Services at **250.865.4010** or recreation@elkford.ca.



2023 Remembrance Day Ceremony

On **Saturday, November 11**, you are invited to attend Elkford's Remembrance Day ceremony in honour of those who have fought for our freedom. All are welcome to attend.

Elkford's 2023 ceremony will take place in Teck Hall, inside the Community Conference Centre (750 Fording Drive) with wreath laying occurring outdoors at the Cenotaph (located between this facility and the District Office). Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

- **DATE:** Saturday, November 11
- **TIME:** 10:45 a.m. (ceremony start time)
- **LOCATION:** Teck Hall (in the Community Conference Centre)

Those who are unable to attend may pay their respects by observing two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. to honour, thank and remember the fallen. You may also attend the National Remembrance Day Ceremony by tuning in to the Royal Canadian Legion's live broadcast.

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

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November 7th

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(Left) Jason Meldrum and Mayor Steve Fairbairn serve up the BBQ for the event.



One of the fun and educational events for the community was an opportunity to sit inside and take a tour of the fire truck.



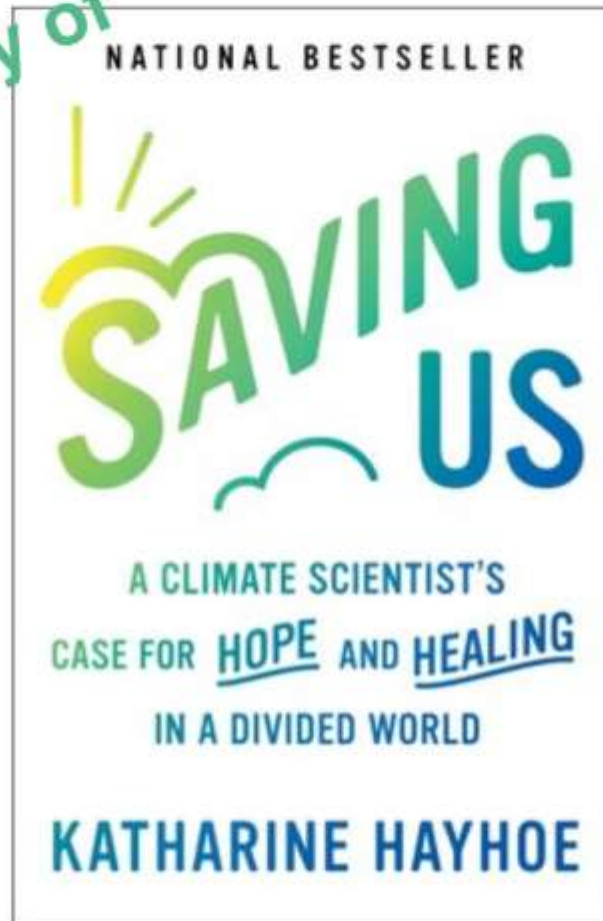
Onlookers watch while the Elkford Fire Department performs a vehicle extrication demonstration.



Photos submitted by Colleen Welter-Gavey.

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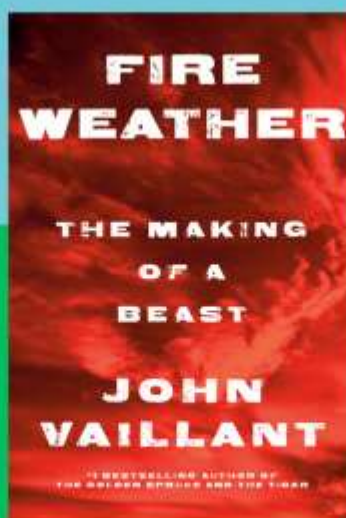
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John Vaillant,
Author of
Fire Weather and
The Golden Spruce



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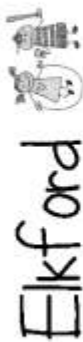
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Wednesdays Parent-Tot Fundline
8:30-11:30

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

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KID'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2023

PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR KIDS AGES 0-12

All programs, meetings, and events are subject to change. Please contact the individuals on the back for confirmation of times and details.

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Contact: elkfordcccd@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
Contact: RMES PAC Chair ~ rmespac@yahoo.ca
Phone: 250-865-4341



Mornings Out is a free drop-in program for children 0-6 and their parents / caregivers.
Located at the Rec Centre Banquet Hall
Contact: elkfordcccd@gmail.com



Baby and Me Group

A weekly program for caregivers and parents to experience and share rhymes, songs, stories and baby topic discussions. For children 2 and under.
Located in the hall above the arena.
Contact: elkfordcccd@gmail.com



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: elkfordcccd@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



Elkford Play School

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



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:

Elkford Medical Clinic	250-865-2215
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
	1-250-425-4564
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
Eik Valley Safe Homes	250-946-6004
Eik 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
Eik Valley Preschool Speech-Language Program	
	250-430-7026
Family Support Institute	1-800-441-5403
Femie 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

Sourdough 101 starts November 1st at 6:30 pm at the library. Registration required.

Tech Fridays at the library. Bring your devices and questions on November 3rd and 17th from 1 to 4 pm.

Climate Action Week November 4th to 10th. Enter a draw at the library to win a copy of *Saving Us* by Katharine Hayhoe.

Photo Contest Awards Ceremony at the multi-purpose room above the arena on November 7th. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the presentation starts at 6:45 pm.

John Vaillant: Our New Fire Weather author talk November 8th at 7:30 pm on Zoom. Registration required, see page 19.

Remembrance Day November 11th.

Writing Club at the library on Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 pm. Join other fellow writers and participate in writing exercises, share work, and get feedback.

Moonlight Madness November 17th from 4 to 8 pm.

LEGO Day at the Library November 24th from 2 to 4 pm. Please note we do not provide supervision for this program.

Book Club at the library on November 30th at 6:30 pm. Come to the library and pick up this month's book, *Between Two Moons* by Aisha Abdel Gawad.

Elkford Public Library Board Meeting at the library on November 28th 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>
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 Trails Alliance

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

Join the Elkford Trails Alliance for the AGM on November 8th at 6:30 pm at Clarkson Contracting. We are looking to expand our Board!

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

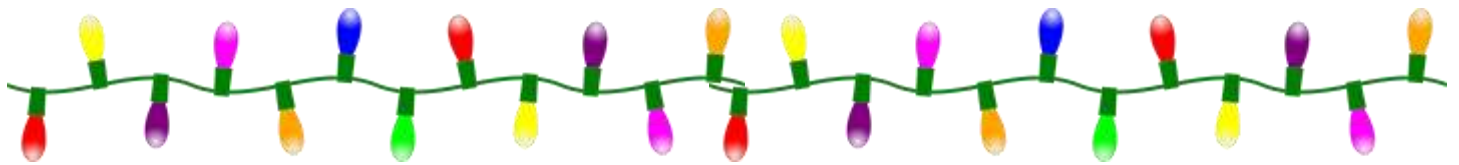
Elkford Women's Task Force
250-865-2031

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.**



Season's Greetings

It's time to submit your Season's Greetings for the December issue of the Elkford Focus.

We are offering colour 2" x 3 1/2" Season's Greetings for \$12.00 each.

Get your order in early. Limited space is available. Drop this form off at the library with your payment, or mail to:

**Elkford Focus
c/o Elkford Public Library
Box 280
Elkford, BC
V0B 1H0**

The deadline for Christmas Greetings is November 20th.

For more information, contact us at **250-865-2912** or at **info@elkfordlibrary.org**

Other greeting sizes are available at regular advertising rates.

Name/Business: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Which Greeting would you like?

___ Season's Greetings

___ Merry Christmas

___ Happy Holidays

___ Your own greeting: _____

If you would like your logo included, please send a digital copy to **info@elkfordlibrary.org**.
Make cheques payable to Elkford Public Library.

