

The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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From your CHAIR:
Murray MacDonald

Man, it's a hot one.

Pretty hard to handle if there is nowhere to cool down. Not a problem here in this valley. Perfect weather for a cool dip in the lake or the river. Enjoy and be safe in all ways.

At KCS we've come through a busy time in May, June and July. The events were all well-organized and well-attended.

~ Thanks to all.

Yoga and Farmer's Markets will take us through to the Corn Roast.

See you there.



Earlier in the year, some busy bees named Jax and James got together to paint and put up the newly painted flower basket hangers at the Hall.

Have you noticed them?

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

Fridays 3rd - 24 Aug: YOGA

Every Wednesday: Farmer's Market

Saturday, 25th Aug: Corn Roast

Sunday, 7th Oct: Road Bowl

Saturday, 20th Oct: Harvest Dinner

BLOOPER ALERT!



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1. Impressing the chicks with tough muscles!

2. Tough bikers like to groove @ the Jumble Dance

The 63rd annual Kingfisher Jumble Dance was a great success. Over 100 people attended, sporting wigs, wings, high heels, pig tails, mini skirts. .and that was just the men. Local prize winners included Hanna Brookes as a biker and brother Sam Brookes with the cutest pair of furry boots you've ever seen.

This year the younger crowd took responsibility for running the dance, a big step forward for the community.

Thanks to the leadership of Sydney Graham, Shana MacDonald and Amanda Wooden and the many others who worked at the dance.

Thanks to the Rivermouth Marina, Tony Os and Small Axe Bistro and Loris Davidson (Suite Mabel).

Also thanks to the KCS Directors for their confidence and support.

A **BIG Thank you** to all who helped out with the Strawberry Tea.



Many many thanks to Barbea Flath, Lisa Miner, Jacky Clark, Jan Lacko, Marieka Vroon, Mukti Bath and many others who came out to decorate, set up and make this a true community event.



Birds of Note

George Jameson

Like many of our friends and neighbours, chickadees are fierce, sociable, curious, and play well with others. As one birding pundit, Al Batt, noted about these aggressive leaders in the birding community, “*Thank God chickadees aren’t the size of hawks, nobody would go outside.*”

In Kingfisher, Black-capped Chickadees are the most commonly seen, with increasing numbers of Chestnut-backed and the occasional Mountain Chickadee also being spotted. Chickadee calls are complex and communicate a variety of information: predator alarms, species identity, and recognition of other flocks. The more “dee” notes on the end of the familiar “chickadee-dee-dee” call the more imminent and serious is the danger. The other members of winter’s mixed flocks, such as nuthatches, woodpeckers, and kinglets rely and respond to the warning calls of their leader, the chickadee.

Chickadees are very efficient at caching and then locating their winter food supplies. Scientists have discovered that in the fall neurons in the chickadee’s brain die to be replaced by new neurons to help adapt to changes in their environment. The hippocampus, the part of the brain in invertebrates responsible for spatial awareness, grows in the fall by approximately 30% and in the spring when less is required shrinks back to its normal size. Tested, they can remember thousands of cached locations for more than a month at a time.

In late winter flocks break up and pairs separate to breed and nest. Chickadees are monogamous and remain and nest in their established territories for their entire life.

Chickadees are omnivores, mostly feeding on insects, caterpillars, snails, and spiders. In winter they may lose up to 10% of their body weight in a single night and so are quite dependent on feeders searching for the most protein-rich seeds they can find.

Chickadees are shining examples of the beauty and brilliance of the familiar and the ordinary.

Noticed

Thanks to Sharilynn Upsdell and her husband for passing on (complete with photos) their spotting of a Black-chinned Hummingbird at their feeder.

A note of apology...all my life I've “identified” Ruby-throated Hummingbirds here and around Salmon Arm. It turns out they are extremely rare with the only confirmed BC sightings being in the northeast of the province. I should always confirm and not assume. Oops.

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2017 SUMMER CAMPS

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Emergency / Evacuation Planning Update

August 2018

submitted by Herb Latchko

For the last year or so, I have been simply 'copy and pasting' the heading for my submissions and then just change the month and or year. Today it struck me that regrettably, I do not see much happening in terms of emergency and evacuation planning coming our way from the Regional District and or other levels of government.

One of the lessons learned as a result of the Fort Murray fire is that evacuation alerts and orders will come sooner rather than later. The RCMP will be the lead agency in that process. In a previous statement from the Regional District's Protective Services manager: locals will be the first people to action a fire. This brings me to the point of this months submission-be prepared:

- **Be Safe !!!** Although the first few minutes of a fire are critical, don't take chances with your life or the lives of others.
- Call **1-800-663-5555** or ***5555** on a cell phone to report a fire. Call rather than not call. Ground crews come Vernon and helicopters come from Salmon Arm.
- Gather your equipment and make sure everything is in working order.
- Have a '**Go Bag**' ready in case you will be away for an extended period of time.
- Make plans with and keep in touch with your neighbours. Know their resources and capabilities. Where is your 'muster point' ?
- Go to: wildfirebc.ca for information on 'fire smarting' your home and to get relatively up-to-date information about fires in the area.
- **Be cautious** when sharing information; rather than spreading rumours.
- Watch the hills.

Here a few dates from last year, as reported by the BC Flood and Fire Review:

- 7 July-Provincial state of emergency declared. Campfire Bans in effect for several Fire Centers, including ours (Kamloops).
- 2 August-Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) banned in three Fire Centers including ours.
- 15 September-Provincial State of Emergency is lifted.
- 20 September-ORVs bans are lifted province wide.
- 22 September-Campfire Bans are lifted province wide.
- Estimated cost of fighting wildfires in 2017: **\$568 million**

According to the SFU Tree Ring Lab, it would take an estimated \$3-4 billion to substantially reduce the fuel load around communities in British Columbia.



A quilt called **Beach Fun** is going to be hung in the **Mabel Lake Farm's Coffee Shop (Blueberry Farm)** for the months of July and August. It is a raffle quilt and tickets will be on sale at that location. Tickets are **\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00**. Drop in there on any day after July 1, have a look and buy your tickets - on sale **only** at that location. The draw for that quilt will be made on Sept. 3 at noon at the Mabel Lake Farm's Coffee Shop and the proceeds will go towards the purchase of quilting supplies.

Remember quilting happens at Kingfisher School during July and August on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Bring your lunch along with your personal projects and your favorite needle and scissors! **The quilters thank you for your support of these projects.**



Summer Skies

~ Brian Lussin

August presents the best view of the Milky Way. From Earth's outer position in the Galaxy we look through its edge; a presentation of hundreds of stars, more by viewing through binoculars or a telescope.

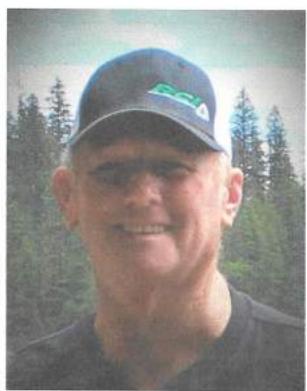
Overhead is the constellation Cygnus, the Swan. The bright stars in the constellation form the body and wing tips. *Imagine it flying down the Milky Way.*

Jupiter is well placed in the evening sky. Look southerly for the brightest object that does not shimmer. Sunlight reflected from the planets comes to our eyes as parallel rays of light not like the pin points of light (causing twinkling) from much further stars.

The Perseid Meteor showers peak on August 13th. Best viewing towards the East from 12 midnight to 4am. But random meteors throughout the evening. Perhaps you'll see a fireball. These are pebble and rock sized pieces of iron composite that pass through the upper atmosphere and heat up in the denser air closer to the earth's surface. They could hit the surface. Note the time and direction of a fireball and your location. Report to the Canadian Fireball Reporting Centre. **Yes, there is such a place.**

Emil Alexander Prevost

June 19th, 2018



November 21, 1952 – June 19, 2018

Emil Alexander Prevost passed away peacefully at his home on June 19, 2018. He was born in Kamloops BC on November 21, 1952. Emil was raised in the Mabel Lake area and resided there until his passing.

Emil is survived by his wife of 42 years, Loretta, daughter Jennifer (Chris) Yewchyn, grandsons, who were his pride and joy, Ashton, Jackson and Sawyer. He is also survived by sister in law Cora, Mary (John) Eichinger, Emily Beattie, Edward (Linda), Eileen(Brian) Dack, Louise Dugdale, Jamie (Brenda) and Kelly (Cliff) Vetter all of Enderby. Emil is predeceased by his parents Emil and Nellie, brother Arnold and brother in law Eric Dugdale. Emil will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his family, friends and all the people he touched.

Emil drove logging truck, farmed and most recently drove the Shihiya school bus. Since his retirement in 2017, he has enjoyed fishing, farming and most importantly spending time with his grandsons.

A celebration of Emil's life will be held on August 4 at the Splatsin Center.

Kingfisher Quilters

Old Kingfisher School
Barbea Flath 250 838 0324

GUITAR:

A **guitar** hanging on the wall above the piano has been generously donated to the KCS by **Jade Lawrence**, to encourage random music-making.

Feel free to play. Rock out, Kumbaya or practice.
Age 10 and up would be a rule of thumb.

KINGFISHER SCHOOL LIBRARY JULY 2018

As another year begins for the library, again we would like to thank all that have donated books over the fall, winter and spring months. The library has been put back together and all the books and movies have been put back on the shelves.

Jane Clayton will be taking a leave of absence from the library, she will try and visit occasionally during the library days. I have found a new person to help me take care of the library and it is Bonnie Warawa, so when you meet her please say hello.

Please remember that we do not accept any novels dated before 2000, and also no magazines, reader digest books. Thanks again see you on the first day of the market June 27th, 2018.

Happy Reading
Sue Leavitt and Bonnie Warawa

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BOTTLE RECYCLABLES NEEDED....

If you are not wanting to sort out your pop/beer/wine bottles, we will gladly pick them up for you or you can drop them off at The Schalin Farm located 2843 Mabel Lake Road. Aspen, Navi and Boden are fundraising for fastball and 4-H and are looking for ways to help out with costs.

Tennis Anyone?

I am looking for anyone in the Kingfisher area that could play week day afternoons or weekends. Please call **250-503-6198**

Bruce Ingleson

LOOKING FOR LEADS

Please give me a call if you spot interesting wildlife out Kingfisher way. I love coming out to the valley to catch these images. Thanks!

Janet Brown, 250-833-8181
www.janetbrownphotography.com
ejanetbrownphotography@yahoo.com

FOR SALE

Approximately 95 feet of Aluminum powder coated spindle deck railing in various lengths - beige in colour - slightly used but in excellent condition - easily installed. Accepting offers. Call **Harry** at **250 838-0324**



Community Ads (free to KCS members)

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RAFTING, KAYAKING, WATER SPORT RENTALS

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Contact **Luke Digga** at:

3130 Mabel Lake Rd,
Enderby, V0E 1V5
Tel: 250-838-7721
paddleshuswap@gmail.com

ANTIQUES SALE

AUG 3,4,5,6. 9AM-2PM EACH DAY

cash sales only...

25 KM FROM ENDERBY BRIDGE TO 51 POTRIE RD.
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*Gentle yoga to increase flexibility,
strengthen, tone and relax*

July 6– Aug 24

Fridays, 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

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Please bring something to lie on, and a small blanket

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For more information, contact:

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Liquor and Supplies -----	Dirk Campagnolo-----	250 838 6278

Receipts and Invoices

If you have a bill or invoice related to the KCS, contact Brigitte Koch, our treasurer, 838-7350, or 2215 Mabel Lake Road.

Directors meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; members are welcome to attend!

Please write to:
kcsentertainmentdirector@gmail.com to know about events.
KCSrecreation@gmail.com to ask about activities happening in & around the hall

Membership *Art Herbert*

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From OUR ARCHIVES Kingfisher Community Society Mandate

The purposes of the KCS are:

- to acquire land and thereon build and operate a Community Hall and Recreation Centre, and
- to foster and promote social, sporting, recreational, charitable and educational activities