
The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

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Director/Social Committee
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Front page newsletter
contributor,
Rhea Davidson...

August at the Hall: Growing Together

The land is lush, the air is buzzing, and our little hall is humming right along with the season. July brought us together in the best ways — thank you to everyone who's been showing up, pitching in, and keeping the spirit alive.

The Jumble Dance was a wild and joyful swirl of movement and mismatched magic. And the Strawberry Tea? Pure sweetness — ripe fruit, shared laughter, and those quiet moments that remind us why community matters.

The Farmers Market is in full bloom now — stalls heavy with produce, hands exchanging goods and greetings, and that good dirt-under-the-fingernails feeling that only summer can bring.

It's a beautiful thing, watching this place thrive. Here's to the weeks ahead — more gathering, more growing, more reasons to show up.

With gratitude,
Rhea



Photos donated by Dwayne Brandt (Russell Large's grandson). Photos taken by Russell Large in the 1950s.



Left to Right: Dwayne, Sue, Judy and Laura



Farmers Market

Every Wednesday
10am - Noon *new hours

Our many wonderful vendors will be selling produce, food, crafts, clothing, pottery, pictures and more!



KCS will be selling pie, coffee, water and pop from our beautiful new kitchen.



STRAWBERRY TEA



Thank you to everyone who stepped up to make this year's Strawberry Tea a lovely community event. So many of you contributed your time and talents. A big thank you to Jan Lacko who gave her experience and leadership to the event. We thank the organizers, Enderby and District Museum, local strawberry and raspberry contributors, makers of lovely quilts provided for display, including our heritage "Friendship" quilt, sumptuous cake walk donations, great live music, and a kitchen crew beyond amazing.



More than 30 community members pitched in. A special shout out to youth servers Emma, Duke, Knox and Evan! A big bonus: the spot-on cleanup crew that materialized without bidding.

We served about 100 people, among them several of our cherished elders. Bravo!



KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL



Corn Roast
AND
Pot Luck Dinner

AUGUST 23
5:00PM
KINGFISHER HALL

EVERYONE WELCOME
CORN & CHILI
provided

Potluck! Bring your favourite side dish or dessert.

50/50 DRAW!

Bring your \$5's & \$10's to help raise money for Family Movie Nights at the Kingfisher Hall

AUGUST



10am - Noon

June 25 - August 27
Every Wednesday
Farmers Market
Kingfisher Community Hall



10am - Noon

June 25 - August 27
Every Wednesday
Library open
Community Resource Centre (old school)



8 - 10am

Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Drop-in Pickleball
Kingfisher Tennis Court



Monday, August 4
BC Day Holiday



10am - Noon

Friday, August 8
Science Camp for Kids
Kingfisher Interpretive Centre (KIC)



10 - Noon

Saturday, August 16
Salmon Superpowers
Kingfisher Interpretive Centre (KIC)



5pm

Saturday, August 23
Corn & Chili Potluck
Kingfisher Community Hall
Hosted by the KCS Social Committee

Corn, chili, coffee, tea & punch will be provided. We ask that you bring a food item to compliment the Corn on the Cob.

ANOTHER EPIC JUMBLE DANCE



On June 28 we once again hosted our famous Jumble Dance. We had a good crowd, sporting great costumes causing the judges much debate before awarding the prizes.

The music, by Joe Abbott and the Flying Js kept the dance floor hopping.

This event is supported by several steadfast volunteers with the overall leadership from Sydney and Shana. And of course all the volunteers: Patty, Sherry, Joanne, Laurie, Pat, Jacalyn, Onna, Chad, Ursula, Greg, Kelsie, Shawn, Laine, Laura, Murray, Alison, Rhea, and those who washed dishes, cleared and put away tables and chairs.

Our appreciation to Tony Os in Enderby who, once again, handled ticket sales in town.



The Coalition for Music Education is proud to announce the 2025 recipients of the NUFSCISUM Youth Leadership in Music Awards: Sierra Reap of British Columbia and Rubianne Ladouceur of Ontario. These exceptional students have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to their school music programs and for exemplifying leadership, dedication, and passion through music.

Sierra Reap, a student at A.L. Fortune Secondary School in Enderby, British Columbia, has consistently demonstrated initiative, creativity, and mentorship within her school and community as a musician and peer mentor. Sierra was one of two students across Canada to be recognized for her incredible music leadership

Congratulations!

NUFSCISUM AWARD WINNER
SIERRA REAP



THE COALITION FOR
MUSIC
EDUCATION

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KINGFISHER
COMMUNITY HALL

Seniors • Parent and Children 6+
Regular Class - suitable for ages 10+ Families Welcome

WEDNESDAY:

Seniors & Family class: 6 - 6:45 PM | Regular class 7: 8:30 PM

SATURDAYS:

Regular class: 8:30 - 10 AM | Seniors & Family Class: 10:15 - 11 AM



REGIONAL
DISTRICT
NORTH
OKANAGAN

One Region, One Future

PUBLIC NOTICE Temporary Closure of Mabel Lake Boat Launch at Kingfisher

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE WILL TEMPORARILY
CLOSE THE MABEL LAKE BOAT LAUNCH AT
KINGFISHER FROM MONDAY, AUGUST 11, TO FRIDAY,
AUGUST 15, 2025, TO
ALLOW FOR IMPORTANT DOCK UPGRADES.**

THESE UPGRADES WILL:

- Improve accessibility during low water levels, and
- Increase moorage capacity on the dock.

The timing of this work is essential to align with the annual fisheries work window. It will ensure the project is completed in an environmentally responsible manner. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete these important improvements.

The boat launch is expected to reopen on Saturday, August 16, 2025, weather and construction conditions permitting.

For more information, please contact us at communityservices@rdno.ca

COMMUNITY FIRE BARRELS

Submitted by Herb Latchko

You may have noticed several new white buckets with blue FIRE decals along the Mabel Lake Rd. With an anonymous donation, we were able to put out twenty new buckets. *Riley, at Central Hardware, gave us a great price on the buckets again this year.* As in the past; Brad Clark, Amy Clark and Steven Nadeau stepped up and put out the buckets. They have also been the people that have been putting out and taking in the Fire Barrels spring and fall. Brad has also been weed-wacking around many of the Fire Barrels. If you have a barrel near you that needs attention, please deal with it.

The barrels primarily serve as an educational message, yet they have been used to put out two fires over the years. Make sure to secure the lids if you use the buckets for fire suppression.

TIP:

- Use the water sparingly
- Aim at the base of the fire's leading edge - a little bit can go along way.

ANOTHER IDEA: put milk jugs full of water out around well travelled trails near your house. The first few minutes of a fire suppression response can make a huge difference.

- CAUTION: If a downed power line is involved, stay clear until you are certain that the power has been cut off.

Given the amount of rain so far this year, the deeper duff in our area is relatively wet (this influences what is called the Drought Code, which can determine how deep/hard/long it will take to insure the fire is truly out). However, the surface debris can dry out very quickly. (These are called Fine Fuels and their moisture content effects the immediate rate of spread.) It is easy to think that the risk of fire is over, but fine fuels around the property can spread very quickly with a little bit of wind. Make sure to have your hoses and other equipment handy and in good working order. Having a plan with your neighbours is something to think about as the weather turns hotter.

Go Online and search for "Summer 2025 Seasonal Outlook-BC Wildfire". The picture painted there is not as rosy as one would think.

If you see a lightning strike carefully note its location. Often accompanying rain after a strike will stop an initial spread of fire. After several days, a smouldering fire can again flame up and spread... Watch the hills !!!

The Kamloops Fire Centre informed me that it is best to call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cell to report a fire.

By dialing those numbers, you will reach the Fire Centre directly.

Dialing 911 will definitely work, but this creates a telephone tag situation between the Fire Centre and the 911 dispatch.

MABEL LAKE FARMS CAR SHOW




**RAFFLE DRAWS
VENDORS**

**ENTERTAINMENT
50/50**

**BBQ
LUNCH**



ENTRY
\$10.00 ADULTS
\$5.00 KIDS
3 AND UNDER FREE

GATES 10AM TO 4PM
TO REGISTER A CAR OR BE A VENDOR
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ultimateblueberryvenue@gmail.com
Text or Call Pete
(250) 300-6859





33 KINGFISHER RD ENDERBY BC

Mabel Lake-Kingfisher COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE



LIBRARY NEWS



Silent Auction item will be displayed in the library every Wednesday. The final bids will be accepted at the Harvest Dinner and a winner declared.



Illustration created by the late Bob Clayton, long time resident of Mabel Ridge Estates.

Donated by his son, Doug Clayton to use as a fundraiser.



Kingfisher Country Quilters

Welcomes all quilters and crafters to join us to work on either a charity project, or your own project.

Wednesday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Coffee/Tea provided, bring your own lunch

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lisa Miner

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DROP IN PICKLEBALL

KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL
now playing outside



PICKLEBALL

**MONDAY,
WEDNESDAY
& FRIDAY**
9-11AM

BABY WELCOME FUND



The fund provides one-time financial support to parents of infants from Kingfisher.

Application forms are available from a Director.

The family must reside in Kingfisher at the time of the birth.

MOBILE RV SERVICE



- Plumbing & Electrical repairs
- Battery testing, upgrades
- Solar installation
- Exterior maintenance & re-sealing
- Pre/post-purchase inspections
- Seasonal Maintenance
- Parts & Accessories



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MABEL LAKE

Farms

33 Kingfisher Rd • (250) 838-6248

Very Berry Cafe

Venue Hosting

Snow Plowing

Farm Fresh Goods

Excavation



Very Berry Cafe
8am - 2pm



ALL DAY BREAKFAST & LUNCH

- Homemade jams syrups ice cream • Fresh baking
- Iced coffees • Smoothies • Lattes
- Fresh lettuce from our aquaponics room
- Fresh in season fruits



Our menu is online!

facebook.com/MableLakeFarms

www.mabellakefarms.com

Campground: 12 dry camping sites





To get on the Directors' Meeting Agenda: kingfishersecretary1@gmail.com
 To submit a post to the Facebook page: kingfisherpromos@gmail.com
 Hall booking and entertainment: KCSentertainmentcontact@gmail.com

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Direct all your advertising and distribution questions to
 George Jameson
 E: g67george@gmail.com
 KCS Members Only

Paid ads be limited to 1/4 page,
 Word Document only
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 Ads run from May - April for full year
 (\$100) or 6 months or less (\$50)
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Payment Options

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 Include name and what it is for in
 comment box.

Cheques can be mailed to
 Sherry Saunby
 74 Lusk Lake Rd, Enderby
 V4Y 4L4

Make cheque payable to
 Kingfisher Community Society.
 Include what it is for in the
 memo line.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS - SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!

FAMILY RATES: \$30.00 SINGLE: \$20.00

Contact Sherry Saunby

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MAIL: Sherry Saunby

74 Lusk Lake Road East, Enderby, V4Y 4L4
 (Make Cheques out to Kingfisher Community Society)

OR

E-TRANSFER: kingfisher3337@gmail.com

IMPORTANT Please include your name if not in your email address

OR

Kingfisher Library: Wednesday (SUMMER ONLY)
 10am - Noon

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Email photos and news items to Robin:
editorkingfisher@gmail.com
 Or call, 250-574-3572

Deadline is the 20th of each month.

I will acknowledge receipt of your email, so if you
 do not receive a reply, I did not receive your email.