

The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

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December in the Valley: A Season of Quiet Strength

December settles over the valley like a soft blanket. The paths fall silent, the hills breathe in long, cool rhythms. Even the light seems to step back, making room for our own inner glow to gather itself. This is the time of year that asks us to move gently, to restore, and to let stillness become part of our nourishment. Warm cups of tea become rituals, small comforts become lifelines. I like to bring in herbs like Tulsi, Lemon Balm and Nettle for cold mornings and heart warming nights. Ginger, Cinnamon and Turmeric combined with your favorite cream or nut milk and a dollop of honey can bring a gentle lift to the Spirit.

As the longest night draws near, our little valley enters its deepest hush...December 20th, the Solstice, is the quiet returning of the light. The path forward reveals itself in thin, golden strands. This is the season to allow yourself the same pace. Rise gradually. Root gently. Follow the new light without rushing towards it. Trust the small signs. Trust the quiet. May this time remind you that rest is not a collapse, it is preparation. And may the returning light stitch itself into you so steadily and softly that by the time the days lengthen, you feel ready to rise with them.

Stay cozy Kingfisher...

PLEASE NOTE

Monthly Newsletter
will Not be published
in January.



THE GREY CUP PARTY WAS A HIT!

Thanks to Laurie,
Sherry, Joan & Sandra
for organizing!



Sue Levitt



Lynn Stuart

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Lynn Stuart and Sue Levitt won BOTH of the Football Pool.

Prizes coming in at \$250!
Congratulations to them
and big thanks to everyone
who came out to support
the event!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
KINGFISHER CHRISTMAS
Concert &
Potluck
DECEMBER 13TH AT 4 PM
AT THE KINGFISHER HALL

PLEASE CONTACT URSULA AT
ULUSSIN@GMAIL.COM IF YOU HAVE A
CHILD/CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER TO ADD
TO SANTA'S LIST & WOULD LIKE TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE CONCERT



Christmas Decorating Party

Join us for festive fun,
sparkling lights
& joyful cheer!

December 12th, 7PM
at the Kingfisher Hall

BYOB & a light snack to share!

HOW DO YOU FIND OUT ABOUT HALL EVENTS?



YOUR
OPINION
MATTERS

The Directors are reviewing the ways we communicate to the community. We hope to improve communication and reduce costs.

Please give us your feedback in one of the following ways:

- At the next hall events, give your feedback at the form available at the door
- Complete the survey on the Kingfisher Community Society Facebook page
- Email kingfishersecretary1@gmail.com with your answer to the following question:
"I find out about hall events by..."



Answers could be:

- large signs at halfway hill/ hall
- paper newsletter by mail
- newsletter by email
- word of mouth
- Kingfisher Facebook page
- other local Facebook page
- Kingfisher website
- poster

... Comments are also welcome.

Please note that when you purchase a membership to Kingfisher Community Society, you can receive an email copy of the newsletter each month.



MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2026 ARE NOW AVAILABLE. Yearly rate

- Family \$30.00
- Single \$20.00

Contact Sherry Saunby:

Email: sjsaunby@telus.net,

Mail a cheque to:

Sherry Saunby

74 Lusk Lake Road East, Enderby, BC V4Y 4L4
or

Etransfer to: kingfisher3337@gmail.com
(include your name and 'membership' in memo).

SOLSTICE SOUND BATH

with Kate & Robyn

Kingfisher Hall • Dec 20 • 2-4 pm
Register: katefagervik@live.ca \$30 per person



CHRISTMAS

Traditions Over the Years



The Hall Decorating Party and the Christmas Concert over the decades the concert has included a play, music and of course a visit from Santa.

The Hall Decorating Party was the 'Ladies Decorating Party' for several decades. A large tree, boughs and an assortment of decorations transformed the hall. The event includes wrapping the gifts for all the community children from birth to 10 years. The gifts are purchased by the Community Society.

About 15 years ago, the Directors decided to include men in the event to ensure better attendance.

This year's Decorating Party is December Friday December 12 at 7 pm. Bring a snack and beverages if you like.

The Christmas Concert has been part of the community celebrations for decades. In the Flowing Through Time history book, the teacher who arrived in 1958, is quoted: 'the Christmas Concert was a major event..'. Over the decades, presented the concert which included a play, music, and of course Santa's arrival.

Murray MacDonald continued the tradition and now Ursula Lussin leads this event.

As a former child performer in the concerts, Ursula understands how to make the event successful. The song "Kingfisher Christmas" written by former resident, Wayne McLeod, is a welcome part of the concert each year. This is the event where new babies make their debut, sitting (and sometimes howling) on Santa's knee.

Kingfisher Christmas
Wayne McLeod



It's a Kingfisher Christmas and
all my best wishes
Go out, to you, today
With the snow all around, on the
trees, on the ground
So happy, I'm here to stay
And when Mabel Lake freezes,
forget colds and sneezes
We're off to the ice for the day
Cause it's here that I wanna be,
home by the Christmas tree
Shining for you and me
And there's no place I'd rather
be, Kingfisher's gotta be
Special for you and me.



*Santa still comes every year
though he has thinned down a bit.
There will be potluck, gifts
for children 10 and under.*

**Hope to see you
December 13th, 4 pm.**



Repeat



BEGINNING OF THE KINGFISHER LIBRARY
SUBMITTED BY SUE LEAVITT



For the love of books

Sue Leavitt organizes the shelves at the library located in the old Kingfisher school. She and Jane Clayton created the library to satisfy summer-visiting, book-reading grandchildren and it has grown to a copious inventory of books. The collection is organized alphabetically and there are even sections for children, westerns, cooking, crafts and more. It is free to take or leave books, just sign the register. The library is open during the weekly market and whenever the school is open.

[Photo by Jackie]

In 2007, the Kingfisher Community Society acquired the Kingfisher School from RDNO on a 25-year lease. When the community asked for ideas for the old building, I suggested creating a free library, inspired by one Jerry and I had seen while visiting relatives in a Florida mobile home park in 2005. Their community hall had a card room, a gathering space, and along the walls, a well-used free library stocked entirely by resident donations. I thought something similar could work in the school hallway.

I brought the idea to George, and after some discussion (and after turning down Sherry Saunby's idea for an M&M store!), I was encouraged to give it a try. I packed up my own books and brought them to the school. Jerry and I set up bookcases along the hallway walls, and the library began to take shape.

I asked the Enderby Library if they had books to spare, and they kindly allowed me to take from their recycling shelf. I also put a notice in the newsletter asking for donations and reached out to friends in Mabel Ridge. Books poured in—despite my forgetting to mention that we didn't need magazines, Reader's Digest, or cookbooks! Over time, the collection grew steadily.

After the first year, Jane Clayton joined me to help shelve books and greet visitors on Market Day. Over the years, many others have helped as well, including Sandra Scott, Sherry Saunby, and Jan Quesnel.

All of our books are donated, and any extras or duplicates are passed along to the nursing home in Enderby, the Enderby Library for their book sales, and the Salmon Arm Hospital.

Our library motto: If you want to keep a book, that's fine. If you want to return it, even better. We just ask that you don't throw books away—everything here has been donated by our community.

Thanks,
Sue Leavitt
Happy Reading!!!

"Where there are books, there is always a doorway to wonder."

KARATE KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL

**CLASSES FOR KIDS 7-11 yrs.
Saturdays, 10:45 - 11:30 am**

**ADULT CLASS, ages for 12 and up
Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Saturday, 9 - 10:30 am**

FREE CLASS

**Open dojo for everyone including the curious.
Come when you can and leave when you must.
Monday, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

JOIN NOW!



**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Shihan Terry at 250-540-9028
or email at kingfisherdojo@gmail.com**

**3337 Mabel Lake Road,
Kingfisher Community Hall**

Everyone is welcome!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



**Holiday
Gift Certificates
AVAILABLE!**

778-908-1480





oh what fun!

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
OUR CHRISTMAS GATHERING

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
CHRISTMAS AT KINGFISHER HALL
ON THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 25TH, 2025 AT 3PM.
Doors will open at 2.

This is a community social event open to anyone wishing to share Christmas dinner with others.

We will contact you with further details regarding how those attending can help out by bringing dishes, set up and clean up...

*We look forward to celebrating
with our community.*

Thank you, Alana, Shelley and Families

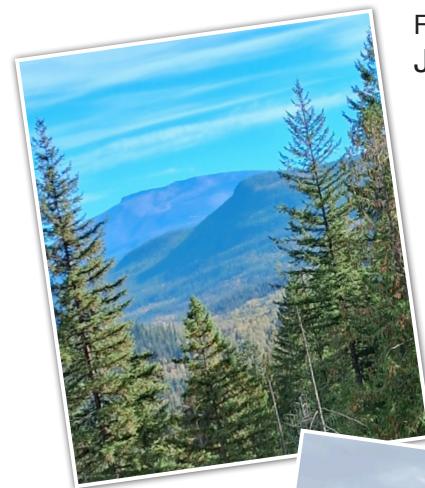
RSVP

by Dec 15th, 2025

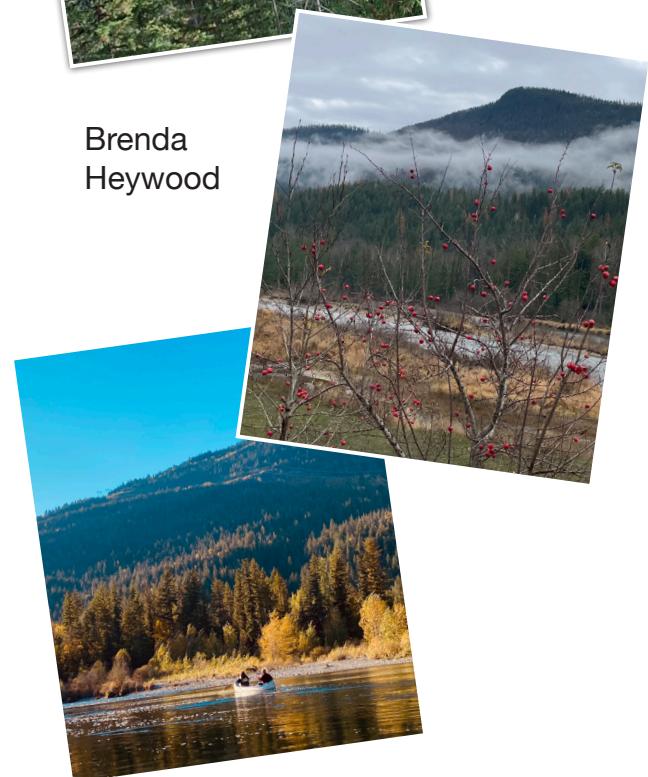
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We encourage you to send a photo that highlights some aspect of life in Kingfisher: past or present, at the hall, school, outdoors, the lake, river or any other local site.



Filbert Hill
Jan Lacko



Brenda
Heywood



My daughters canoeing down the river towards the Dale boat launch. What a beautiful time of year to take in the beauties and witness the salmon finishing up their life cycle.

Thanks! Lisa Olsson



A photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing a grey hoodie, smiling and holding a newborn baby in her arms. The background is a light-colored wall.

Born to Kelly Miller and Tessa Cran
November 18, 2025
A boy, Kane Alexander Miller
3:22 am
Weighing: 7lbs 9 oz

A graphic with a yellow background. On the left, the text "BABY WELCOME FUND" is written in large, black, sans-serif capital letters. On the right, there is a colorful illustration of a stork flying in the sky with a baby in a basket. The stork is holding a sign that says "HELLO, baby". The background features stylized clouds and a small house.

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.

A blue and white advertisement for Mabel Lake Farms. The text "MABEL LAKE" is at the top, followed by a large, stylized "farms". Below that is the address "33 Kingfisher Rd • (250) 838-6248". A list of services follows: "Very Berry Cafe • Farm Fresh Goods", "Venue Hosting", "Snow Plowing • Excavation". A small text box says "Its that time of the year again ...". At the bottom, it says "For Snow Plowing call Ryan" and "T: 250-838-6248". The background is decorated with white snowflakes.

A photograph of a newborn baby wrapped in a white blanket and wearing a blue knitted hat. A pacifier is attached to the hat. A small "Introducing... BABY" card is visible behind the baby, listing the following information:

Baby Name	Link	Link	
Parents	Megan + Ken	Time	10:14
Birth Date	Nov 25, 2025	Gestation	40 weeks
Birth Weight	7lbs 9oz	Birth Location	Vernon Jubilee Hospital
Birth Place	Dr. Makaray	Christy Kau	
Dr. Makaray		Mollie Kau	

Link Kent Clark-Daniels



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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lisamarie313ca@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

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
KCS members only
Ads run from May - April for full year
(\$100) or 6 months or less (\$50)
Payment required **prior** to ad placement. Make cheque payable to Kingfisher Community Society.

Payment Options
E-transfer:
kingfisher3337@gmail.com
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
T: 250-838-5660 | Email: sjsaunby@telus.net

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.