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The world is in solidarity with Ukraine. The actions of the Russian government and Vladimir Putin as despicable acts of violence. We are always impartial to community and global conflicts, though we stand against tyranny and violence.

It's important to keep an eye on this situation. For anyone who feels disconnected, that this couldn't possibly happen to them, it certainly can. The world is on a teeter-totter right now

with our global leaders at each end trying to keep the balance. Nobody wants World War III, that's exactly what is trying to be avoided right now.

We hope you will hold the people of Ukraine in your hearts as we, the volunteers, do as well.

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- ✓ HAVE SOME FUN

INFORMATION
Join us on March 6th, 2022 at 1pm to enjoy two hours of hockey fun at the Eddie Mountain Memorial Arena. To join in on this free event, email Maddy and Rachel at maddyroeb@gmail.com for more information and registration forms. We would love to see you there!

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HOW ARE WE DOING?

The Volunteers of the Columbia Valley Voices Online Magazine are dedicated to providing content that is generated and supported by our valley residents.

We welcome and encourage all communication - we want to know how we're doing!

Send us a note on Facebook or Instagram @thevoicecv

OR

by email to news@thevoiceca.ca

Standing With the Ukraine

The sovereign nation has been a victim of attacks from Russia since late last week.

A large-scale invasion of Ukraine was launched by Russia on February 24th, 2022 marking the first time the country has seen this level of attack since World War II.

Russia and Ukraine have been in a state of conflict since 2014 and the invasion was preceded by the build up of the Russian military in early 2021. At the time, the growth of NATO was criticized by Russian president Vladimir Putin as a threat to his country's security and demanded Ukraine be legally prohibited from joining.

It was around 05:00 EET (UTC+2) on February 24th when Putin announced a military operation taking place in eastern Ukraine where minutes later missiles could be heard hitting locations across the nation. Attacks included the capital, Kyiv and the border posts with Russia and Belarus. Hours later, Russian military troops began forcing their way into the country.

On February 28th, Ukraine and Russian officials met to discuss talks aimed towards ending the fight. Though, the first round of talks ended with no immediate agreements. The talks were held in the Gomel region of Belarus with delegations returning home to consult in their capitals. Following these discussions, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky released photos alongside a signed European Union application, [as reported by CBC](#).



Sanctions have been made towards Russia and its people which have already shown devastating impacts. From an economic perspective, the European Union, United Kingdom, and Canada have come to an agreement on preventing Russian central bank from deploying hundreds of billions of dollars in its international reserves, among a number of other sanctions geared towards crippling their economy. Political dignitaries attached to the Russian government have also received sanctions towards themselves along with access to airspace through Russian airlines or private jets.

Ruble Plummet

With the sanctions posed against the Russian economical system, the ruble went plummeting which led many Russians trying to withdraw their funds. According to [CBC](#), the ruble took a 30% drop against the U.S. dollar in early trading on February 28th. Western nations furthered their attempts at stopping Putin by blocking Russian banks from the SWIFT international payment system while restricting their use of its foreign currency reserves. In response, the Russian central bank raised its key rate to 20% from 9.5% to bring some sort of stability to the economy, though only brought a temporary relieve.



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Kyiv Under Fire

The capital city of Kyiv in Ukraine continues to be under attack with troops scattered around the city. Citizens who stayed are being provided with weapons to defend themselves and their city. Prisoners with military experience in the Ukraine are also being released, should they choose to fight. The capital city was under a 40-hour curfew which lifted on February 28th and will resume each night between 10:00pm to 7:00am.

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Protests in Russia

Pro-Ukrainian protests have occurred at several of Russia's embassies and consulates abroad, including those in:

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| Albania | Greece | New Zealand |
| Argentina | Hungary | North Macedonia |
| Armenia | Iceland | Norway |
| Azerbaijan | India | Peru |
| Belarus | Iran | Poland |
| Belgium | Ireland | Portugal |
| Bosnia | Israel | Romania |
| Herzegovina | Italy | Serbi |
| Brazil | Kazakhstan | Slovakia |
| Bulgaria | Kosovo | Slovenia |
| Canada | Kyrgyzstan | South Africa |
| Chile | Latvia | South Korea |
| Colombia | Lebanon | Spain |
| Croatia | Lithuania | Sri Lanka |
| Czech Republic | Malaysia | Sweden |
| Denmark | Malta | Taiwan |
| Estonia | Mexico | Thailand |
| Finland | Moldova | Turkey |
| France | Montenegro | United Kingdom |
| Georgia | Netherlands | United States |

During a 4-day period from February 24-27 it is estimated that around 5,794 individuals in 53 cities across Russia were detained for protesting against the invasion. Despite being a direct violation of both the Russian constitution and international human rights laws, Putin has declared peaceful public protest without permission of the authorities illegal.

On the 27th, another 2,063 people were detained in the street protesting the war. Along with signs and candles, a van with markings that read "People, wake up!", "This is war", "Putin is a scum!" crashed and caught fire in Pushkinskaya Square.

More than 10,000 technology workers, 6,000 medical workers, over 3,400 architects, more than 2,000 actors, directors and other creative figures, and 1,500 teachers signed petitions calling for Putin's government to stop the war.

Over 60 Russian activists and journalists have been arrested. 147,000 Russians have signed a petition to impeach Putin.





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Grades 7-12

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DROP-IN HOURS**

LGBTQ+

MON.
4:00PM
TO
7:00PM

TUES.
3:00PM
TO
8:00PM

WED.
3:00PM
TO
8:00PM

THUR.
3:00PM
TO
8:00PM

FRI.
1:00PM
TO
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STRICTLY ENFORCED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN PLACE
****MASKS MANDATORY****



Meeting Local Housing Needs

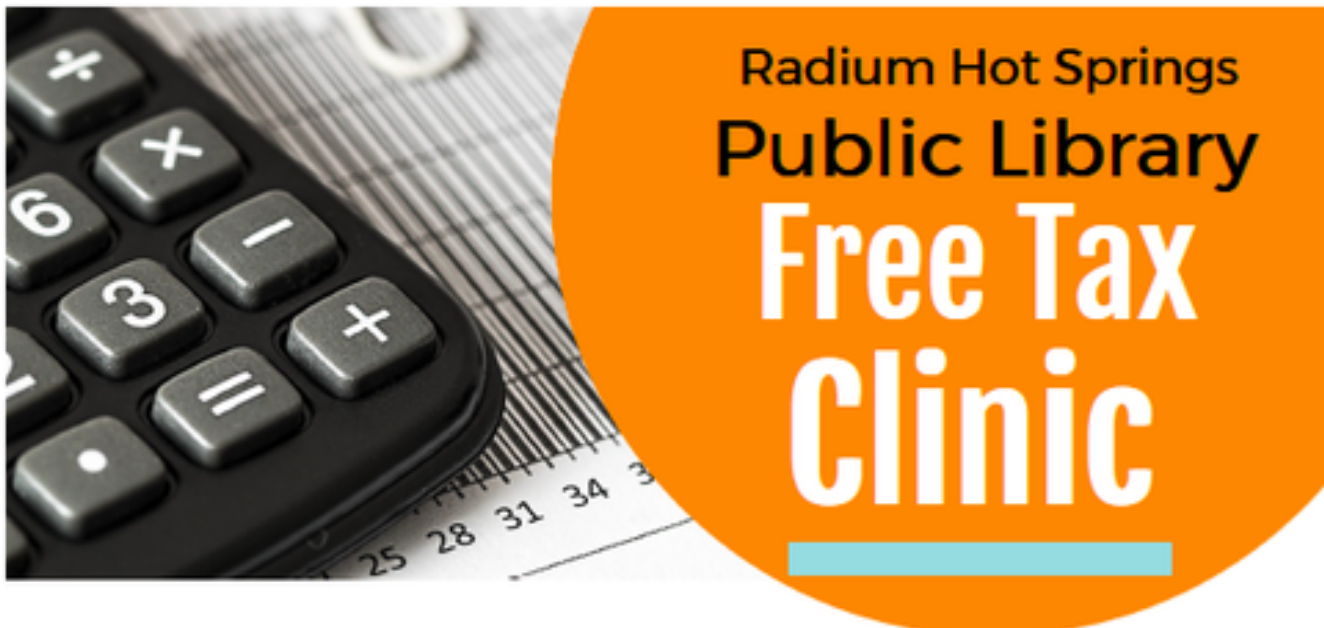
Cranbrook makes strides towards housing for the community.

The City of Cranbrook identified a need for more housing in the community and are working towards making it possible for its residents. The 2020 Housing Needs Report put together by the City of Cranbrook highlighted the demographic shift, specifically in relation to family sizing and people per household. A Development Variance Permit and a Development Permit was approved for a 71-unit apartment complex located at 4th St North. Approval was also received for an Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendments to allow for an additional 75-unit apartment complex located at 10th St North. The location will soon be back before council for a Development Permit and Development Variance Permit.

As reported by myeastkootenaynow.com, Cranbrook Mayor Lee Pratt shared a statement on the new developments.

“Developing new purpose-built rental units in Cranbrook geared toward young professionals and seniors is needed as many of Cranbrook’s apartment units built in the 1970s and 1980s have been converted to strata taking them out of the rental pool. Once more new high quality rental units become available people will be able to move into the units freeing up spaces in older units.”

Though these projects are top of mind for city staff, both projects will still require building permits prior to construction commencing. Though considering the needs of residents and the rise of homelessness in Cranbrook, city staff are moving swiftly to move the process along.



Free Personal Tax Filing at the Radium Library- Beginning February 22, 2022!

Free tax clinics are available for eligible individuals through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

This free personal tax preparation service is available for individuals who do not exceed the BC Low-Income Value. Please go to our website to review full eligibility criteria, or call the library at 250-347-2434 to inquire!

If you qualify for this service, you can drop off your income tax documents in-person at the library. Please bring government issued ID with you. (It is required to submit your forms)

- Drop off available: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. Bring your documents to our front desk anytime during open hours (11:00am-4:00pm)
- We will ask you to fill out a quick intake form before you submit your documents
- Tax returns will be completed by our volunteer tax assistant off-site, and we will notify you when it is ready for pickup
- Phone and in-person appointments with volunteer tax assistant available upon request

The Clinic will end on April 21, 2022.



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<https://radium.bc.libraries.coop/>

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with the Invermere Library

Fridays at 10:45 am
Columbia Valley Centre Hall



Join us for stories, songs and a take-home craft!
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Please bring a blanket to sit on
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HELP WANTED



Thanks to Columbia Basin Trust Summer works program we are hiring two students for our summer season. Position starts May 15th and goes until August 27, 2022.

Students need to be 17 years of age or older, have been registered as a full-time student in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year.

For more information contact Angela Miller
at serenityfarmcv@outlook.com or 250-341-5216

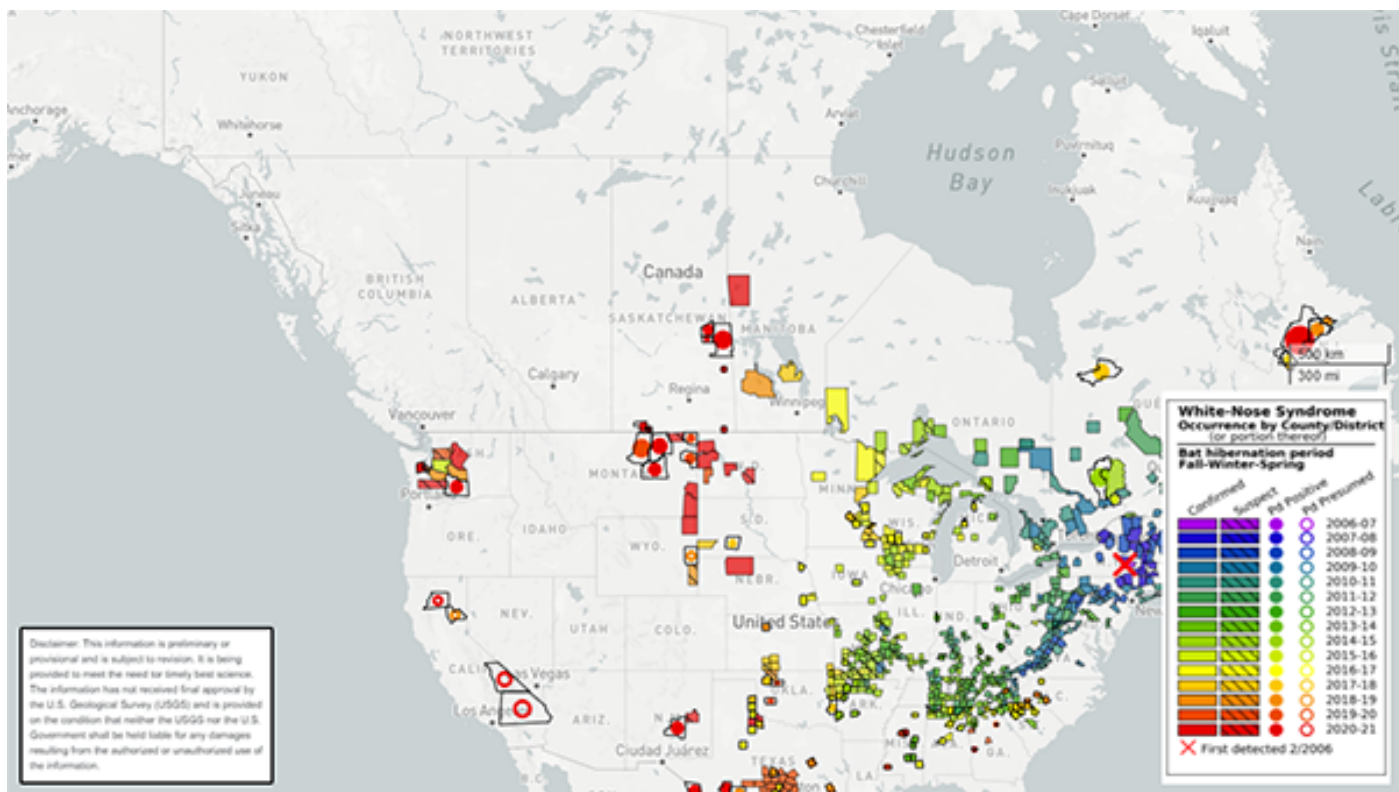



Family Storytime



NOW INDOORS!
SATURDAYS @ 11:00AM

VALLEY PROMOTIONS



Protect the Bats

Researchers are asking for help.

Bats in the province are being threatened by disease and public help is being requested by the Kootenay Community Bat Program in collaboration with the Province of B.C.

Help is being requested to detect and prevent the spread of White-Nose Syndrome in bats. During the winter season bats should be hibernating and any that are observed or found sick or dead should be reported before May 31st. The disease is harmless to humans but has shown a devastating impact on bat populations across North America. The fungal disease attacks bats while hibernating and shows itself on their wings and faces, giving an appearance of a white nose. When the bat wakes to clean the fungus from their skin, their using valuable energy and can eventually die from hypothermia or starvation.

There are two species in the province listed as Endangered under the federal Species at Risk

legislation. The Little Brown and Northern Bats who are part of the ecosystem as a key predator for invertebrate species and an essential part of the province’s overall ecosystem.

White-Nose Syndrome was first detected in Seattle in 2016 and continues to spread across Washington State and making it’s way towards our communities. It’s challenging to detect the disease without help from the public as bats hibernate alone or in small groups across the province. Reports from the public could help prevent further loss of life for the species and mitigate the negative impacts on our wildlife.

You can report any sightings to the B.C. Community Bat Program at www.bcbats.ca, via e-mail to info@bcbats.ca or by calling 1-855-922-2287 (1-855-GOT-BATS).



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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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PAINTING
DRAWING
SCULPTING
GRAPHIC ART

PHOTOGRAPHY

LANDSCAPES
ACTION SHOTS
MACRO
PHOTOSHOP
COMMUNITY

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SHORT STORIES
SONGS/LYRICS
POETRY
COMIC STRIPS
MONOLOGUES

JOURNALISM

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GAME / APP REVIEWS
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HOME RECIPES
RESTAURANT REVIEWS
FAVORITE FOODS
PHOTOS

LGBTQ+

YOUTH CENTRE NIGHT
NEWS
RESOURCES
COMMUNITY
EXPRESSION

WORDS AND PUZZLES

CROSSWORDS
JOKES AND RIDDLES
WORD SEARCH
MAZES
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

INDIGENOUS

COMMUNITY ART
CULTURE NEWS
RESOURCES

SKI / SNOWBOARD

PHOTOGRAPHY
TRICK TIPS
SLEDDING SPOTS
SNOW SPORTS

MISCELLANEOUS

BIG IDEAS
YOUTH PROJECTS
TECHNOLOGY
HOBBIES

VALLEY PROMOTIONS

American Badger Sighting Information Wanted



It's still winter, but when the snow was gone...

...had you seen an endangered American Badger or one of its burrow entrances (large elliptical hole often seen with a mound of dirt at the entrance) in the Columbia Valley? If so, we want to hear from you! Please let us know where, when, and what you saw it.

To do so, please email us at badgersightings@gmail.com

Newsprint advertisement by the Columbia Kootenay Community Partners. If you would like more information, please contact us.



AMAZING BATS IN THE KOOTENAYS!

**LEARN ABOUT BATS IN OUR COMMUNITIES
MONDAY, MARCH 7TH @ 6:30 P/ 7:30 M**

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TO REGISTER FOR THIS FREE ZOOM EVENT

2022 MARKET SCHEDULE

Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm at 10th Ave S. 
beside Rotary Park

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|  <h3 style="color: green;">SPRING MARKETS</h3> <p>Starting on: MAY 7 Until: JUN 11</p> |  <h3 style="color: orange;">SUMMER MARKETS</h3> <p>Starting on: JUN 25 Until: SEP 3</p> |
|  <h3 style="color: red;">FALL MARKETS</h3> <p>Starting on: SEP 10 Until: OCT 29</p> | <h3 style="color: blue;">SPECIAL WINTER MARKET</h3> <p>of Western Financial Place</p> <p>NOV 26 (9:30 AM - 12:30 PM) NOV 27 (9:30 AM - 12:30 PM)</p> |

Schedule subject to change.

WHAT MOVIES SHOULD PLAY IN SUMMER 2022?

Invermere
on the Lake

Movies in the Mountains

Monday Nights at dark

Pothole Park
Downtown Invermere

KOOTENAY DISCOVERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Join us on Tuesday March 8th, 2022, 6:00pm - at the BSE Cranbrook Campus (25th Ave North) for a short presentation followed by a Q&A session. Find out if KDS is a good fit for your child. All welcome!





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B.C.'s Economic Future

Columbia River-Revelstoke MLA Doug Clovechok speaks out on the provincial budget.

The provincial government released their budget for 2022 on February 22 with the tagline “Stronger Together”. A statement taken directly from the Strategic Plan on the [B.C. budget website states](#),

“Budget 2022 keeps building on the progress we’ve made to make life more affordable and improve the services families count on. The strategic plan sets out the overarching vision, goals and priority actions for the Province of British Columbia.”

MLA Doug Clovechok doesn’t share the same perception as the NDP government when it comes to making life more affordable for British Columbians. In a statement reported by [myeastkootenaynow.com](#), Clovechok shares his thoughts surrounding the new taxes being proposed by the NDP government.

“There’s a brand new tax on online transactions,

they’re increasing taxes on used cars, and they’re increasing taxes on buying home heating systems that use fossil fuels, like natural gas furnaces. That’s 27 new taxes since they took office. You can’t tax your way to prosperity.”

The strategic plan released by the provincial government paints a great picture for the future of B.C., should they be able to deliver what they’re promising. Clovechok is skeptical and [shares his thoughts](#) on the lack of address towards the cost of living in the province, especially in the lower mainland.

“If you look at rent overall, it’s increased by about \$2,800 per year under the NDP since 2017, especially in Vancouver. The price of everything has gone up and yet they are the party that said they’re for affordability. It’s really unfortunate, but this budget is a sham. As Kevin Falcon, our new leader said, if someone were to bring him a budget like this, he would fire them.”

Image of Doug Clovechok
As seen in the [Revelstoke Mountainear](#)
PHOTO CREDIT



Clovechok and other B.C. Liberal MLAs will be taking the debate to the legislature to find a more common ground with revisions the party finds agreeable. He'll certainly have support from Kootenay East MLA Tom Shyptika who also shared his comments as [reported by myeastkootenaynow.com](#) on the proposed budget by the NDP government.

"Some folks are just hanging on the edge and a lot of this stuff has just been regurgitated promises from the past like 114,000 affordable homes and \$10 a day daycare. A budget is to spend money, and that's public money, but what have they accomplished? It's more of the same over and over."

Though on the positive side of the budget, fire mitigation and disaster relief will see \$2.1 billion in funding, something the province has shown to be in desperate need of in the past few years. The funding will be distributed towards different areas over the next three years. \$1.5 billion will be dedicated towards flood recovery and supporting ongoing disaster response. \$83 million will be put towards climate change preparedness and expanding monitoring networks that will measure streamflow, groundwater, and other data.

The funding also includes \$145 million towards transforming the BC Wildfire Service into a firefighting and risk mitigation workforce all year-round.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & SIGN UP NIGHT!

**COLUMBIA VALLEY CENTRE
THURSDAY APRIL 21ST, 2022
4PM - 7PM**

**THIS EVENT IS YOUR ONE STOP
SHOP FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES,
INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION!**

**IF YOU ARE A SPORT, RECREATION OR LEISURE
BUSINESS, NON-PROFIT OR COMMUNITY GROUP, MAKE
SURE YOU SIGN UP FOR A TABLE TO LET OUR
COMMUNITY KNOW ABOUT YOUR GREAT ACTIVITIES!
CONTACT EVENTS@INVERMERE.NET**

**HAVE YOUR PROOF OF VACCINATION
AND ID READY WHEN ENTERING**



District of Invermere TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

The **District of Invermere** needs to update its **Transportation Master Plan (TMP)**. The updated plan will shape the future of all transportation modes in Invermere, building from the recommendations provided in the 2006 Transportation Study and the recently completed Joint Active Transportation Plan (JATP) developed in partnership with the Shuswap Band. The TMP is being updated to identify and prioritize current transportation needs and address projected growth and development in the community.

A **virtual public information session** will be held on **March 2, 2022** from **3:30pm to 4:30pm**. The session will expand on work completed to date, the proposed network improvements, and next steps. People will be able to ask questions during the session. Following the event, there will be a **follow-up online survey** open from **March 3 to 14**, available on the District's website. Please visit <https://invermere.net/invermeres-transportation-master-plan/> for more information on the TMP project and the upcoming session!



VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:
March 2, 2022 | 3:30pm - 4:30pm

BREAKING

NEWS

TOP PEAK CONTEST

Help the Kimberley Alpine Team win \$50,000 to invest back into great causes. The national competition Mackenzie Top Peak is being held for ski communities across the country. Once ski season ceases, a panel of judges will award Canada's Top Peak with the winner receiving \$50,000!

Voting can be done [here](#). Click on find my peak and search for "Kimberley", then vote!



L'IL PEEPS ART SHOW

Close to 120 local artists between 18 months and four years of age will have their art featured at the Columbia Valley Centre. Approval was received from the District of Invermere council and their art will be displayed between May 3 - May 31. This is part of an initiative on behalf of Columbia Valley Arts as well as the daycares and preschools within the district.



COTR INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS

An information session is being hosted by the College of the Rockies for parents who need guidance on the differences between high school and college. Sessions will be held via Zoom and will provide parents with the information on where to find program details, tuition, housing, scholarships, bursaries, and student loans.

The session will be held on March 1st and 2nd between 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Registration can be done [here](#).



COVID-19 ONLINE TREATMENT ASSESSMENT TOOL

An online assessment tool has been released by the provincial government for approval on anti-viral treatments such as Paxlovid or Sotrovimab. These treatments are available for those who clinically are extremely vulnerable and under 60 years of age. The treatments are not suitable for everyone and some may not be able to receive treatment based on any previous medications. You can fill out the online assessment tool [here](#).



Rebecca Cayenne
PHOTO CREDIT



A Terrifying Call

A phone call no parent wants to receive.

On February 27th, Cranbrook Citizen Rebecca Cayenne received a terrifying phone call. Her first born child had been involved in a car accident.

The accident in question took place on 7th Ave and 4th St in Cranbrook. A dark dodge ram allegedly ran through a stop sign at high speeds which impacted the vehicle of her child, AJ. The vehicle struck the passenger side of AJ's vehicle jumping it over a curb and into a snowbank. The offending vehicle was found to have almost entered right through the front door of someones home. Thankfully, no fatalities have been reported though injuries were sustained. AJ suffered a separated shoulder, torn ligaments, bruising, and emotional distress.

In a statement made by Rebecca on Facebook, the driver of the offending vehicle was visibly drunk and allegedly said to AJ "you're fine, please don't call the cops" while sustaining injuries themselves. Paramedics, Fire Services, and RCMP arrived on scene swiftly to attend to the victims of the accident.

This is an alarming incident to happen so close to home. Whether you're in a big city or a small town, drunk driving is never the right thing to do. This situation could've ended very tragically because of someone's decision to drink and drive. Please, from all the volunteers at The Valley Voice, don't drink and drive.



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VALLEY SHARES

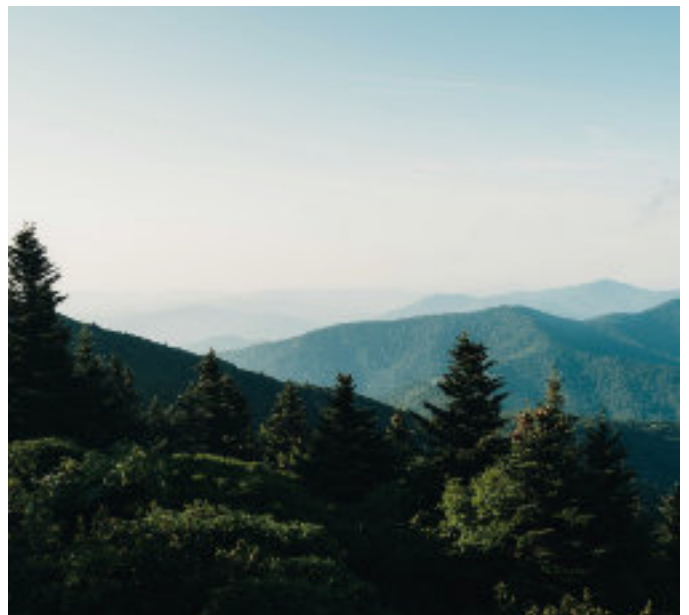
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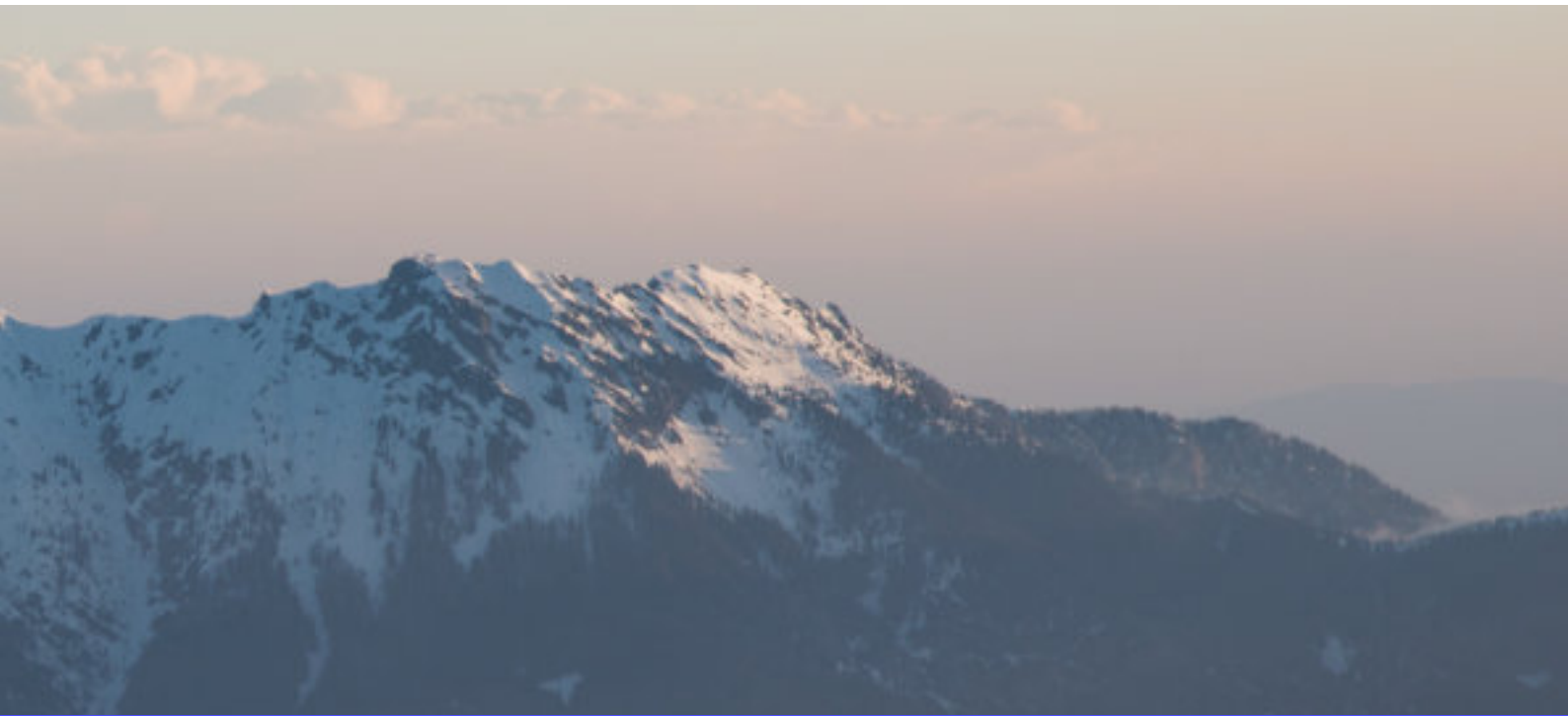
Columbia Valley Rural Fire & Rescue Services congratulates Fire Chief Jim Miller for his 28 years of service to the communities in the Columbia Valley. Chief Miller is retiring from his post and the CVRFRS thanks him for his dedication, guidance, and support.



MOVIES IN THE MOUNTAINS

Have your say in what movies should be played this summer! Movies in the Mountains is a family-friendly event held in Pothole Park. Enjoy a different movie every Monday evening through July & August! Visit the [Invermere BC Events Facebook page](#) to have your say on what movies should play.

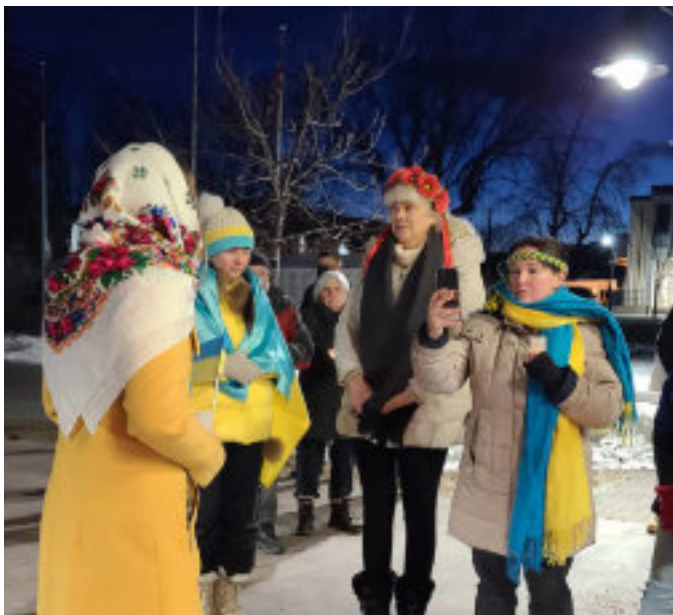




CRANBROOK SHOWS SUPPORT

Close to 40 people came together in Cranbrook to hold a candlelight vigil in Rotary Park on February 26th, 2022 to show support for Ukraine in their ongoing defense efforts.

The vigil began with the Ukrainian national anthem followed by a speech from a young Ukrainian woman who spoke of the concern and fear they have for their families safety in Ukraine. Cranbrook City Councilor John Hudak also made an appearance to denounce the actions in Russia and share gratitude towards the freedoms we have in Canada. These vigils will be held every Saturday at 7:00pm in Rotary Park until the attacks on Ukraine are over.



Help shape the future of walking & bicycling in Radium!



Village of Radium Hot Springs **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK PLAN**

The Village of Radium Hot Springs is seeking **your input** to help develop an Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP) that will guide the future of active transportation in the community. Whether you walk, roll or bicycle, this Plan will help shape the way we move around Radium.



WHAT IS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION?

Active transportation is any human-powered way of getting around, such as walking, biking, using a wheelchair or rollerblading. Facilities that support these activities include bike lanes, multi-use trails/pathways, and sidewalks. Other new and emerging transportation modes that are either assisted by or fully powered by electricity (i.e., micro-mobility), such as e-scooters and e-bikes, may also use these facilities.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

COMMUNITY SURVEY

A survey is open from February 14 to March 13 to collect feedback from community members.

Scan the QR code on your mobile device or visit www.radiumhotsprings.ca to access to the survey.

Hard copies of the survey are also available for pick up and drop off at the Village Office (4836 Radium Blvd). Please drop off completed surveys by March 13.



INTERACTIVE MAP

Take a virtual tour around Radium's existing sidewalks, trails and pathways and pin your comments on the map to let us know what walking and cycling facilities you like and where you think there is opportunity for improvement.

For more information on the project, visit www.radiumhotsprings.ca





Free

Rapid Testing

The province is making rapid antigen tests more accessible.

As of February 25th, 2022 rapid antigen tests are now available for free through participating pharmacies across the province. The tests will be accessible to those 70 years of age and older to start. The tests have been sent by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with the BC Pharmacy Association to community pharmacies across the province. Those who are 70 years of age or older can access one kit every 29 days which contains five tests. In order to receive the kit you must present your personal health number or if on behalf of someone, must provide their name and date of birth.

In a statement reported by myeastkootenaynow.com, Adrian Dix, Health Minister shared the following comments on the rollout of rapid tests.

“Community pharmacies have played an important role in supporting people in B.C. throughout the COVID-19 pandemic by providing vaccinations and now distributing rapid tests. Our expanded test availability

means more people will be able to access rapid tests to use to understand their own symptoms and illness and to take action to limit transmission to their friends, family and work.”

Over 865,000 kits have been distributed with millions more to be arriving in the coming weeks.



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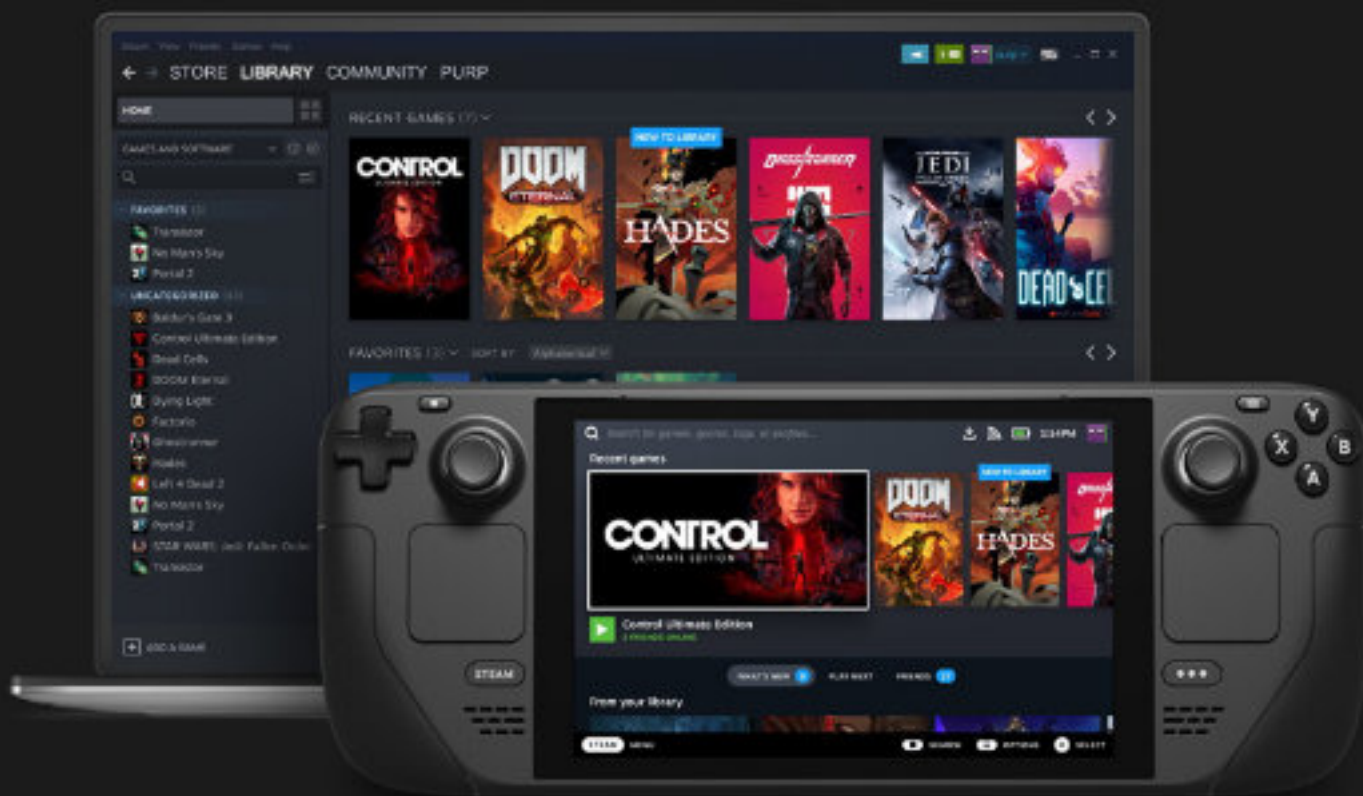
Not All Games Can Be Handheld

Where do we draw the line?

The Nintendo Switch has completely changed the way handhelds are perceived. Not only can it be played as a handheld device, you can also detach the controllers and connect it to an external display like a television. Does anyone remember Game Boy? Or the PSP? Devices that were specifically developed to be utilized as a handheld gaming console with games that were made to match?

I do! Now don't get me wrong, I love the

Nintendo Switch. It's one of my favorite gaming consoles and has gone a long way towards revolutionizing Nintendo's offerings. However, therein lies the issue, the expansion of its offerings. Many games you once played on gaming consoles such as the XboxOne or PS4 can now be played on the Nintendo Switch. This is great for gamers who want to bring those games on the go and enjoy them wherever they are. Though, this is a situation of just because you can doesn't mean you should.



These games that are being ported over from other big name consoles were not originally developed or designed to be a “handheld game”. While you can make adjustments for the game to be compatible on a handheld device for your players, your basically playing the same game you’ve always played, on a smaller screen. This is the same for new release games that are cross-platform. If the game is not designed for a handheld, what’s the point?

Another example of this is the upcoming Steam Deck. A handheld gaming-console from Valve that is geared towards allowing users to play their Steam library on a handheld device. This means you’ll be able to play PC games on a handheld device, yet these games were developed to be played very differently.

I’m not against game ports and I’ve even have purchased cross-platform games.

JOSH GRIEVE

Gamer and Author

Though I look at the example of Marvel Ultimate Alliance 3, a game developed for the Nintendo Switch and it was perfect. It felt like a handheld game instead of something I should be playing on my TV. Though the common consensus disagrees!



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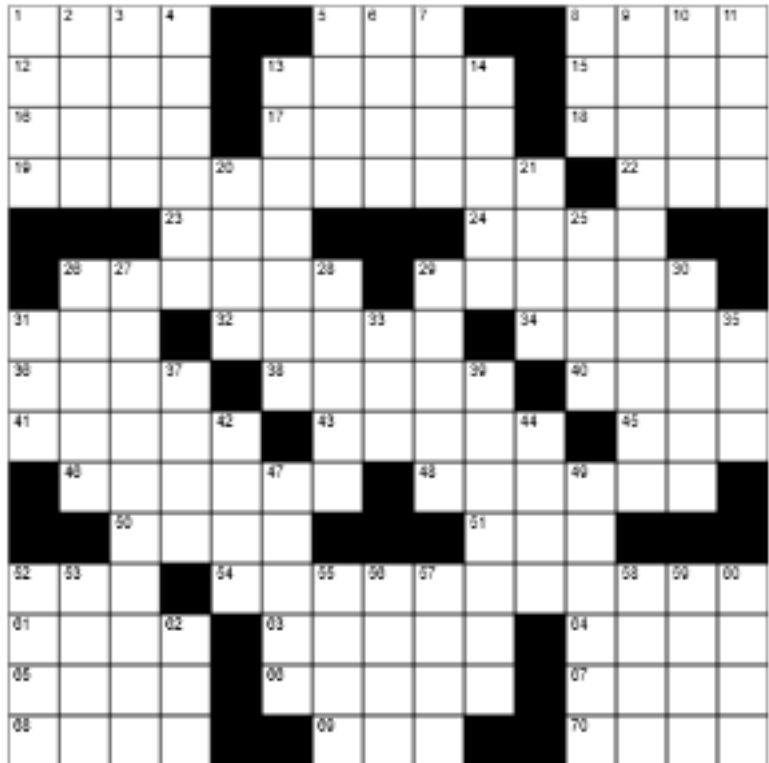
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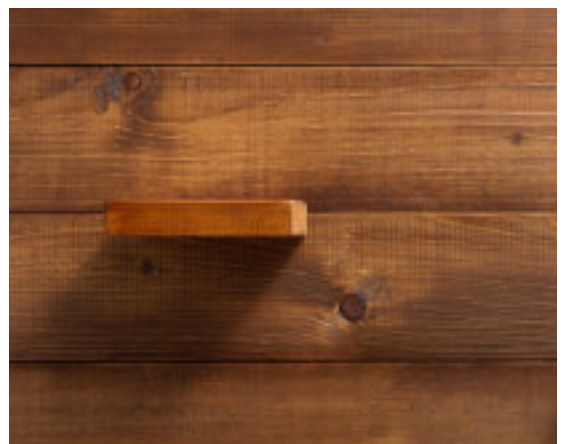
1- Slippery ___ eel; 5- Slugger Mel; 8- Madam, I'm ___; 12- Japanese rice wine; 13- ___ having fun yet?; 15- Campbell of "Scream"; 16- Peace Nobelist Wiesel; 17- Reason for a raise; 18- Sgts., e.g.; 19- Bougie by-product?; 22- Ques. response; 23- Rocky peak; 24- Breakfast chain, for short; 26- Handsome young man; 29- Like toxic rainfall; 31- Road with a no.; 32- Dazzling display; 34- Organization; 36- Big lugs; 38- Biblical brother; 40- Dress often worn by Hindu women; 41- Run in the wash; 43- Dressed to the ___; 45- Green or black, e.g.; 46- Current; 48- Resounds; 50- He ran from Iran; 51- Equipment; 52- Quarterback Manning; 54- Variety; 61- Barbecue fare; 63- Sophia of the screen; 64- Big do; 65- Scandinavian capital city; 66- Throw with force; 67- Wish for; 68- Really moved; 69- UK honor; 70- To ___ (perfectly);

Down

1- Just ___; 2- Room in a casa; 3- Related by blood; 4- Must; 5- Hurler Hershiser; 6- Actress Hatcher; 7- Nest component; 8- Abby's twin; 9- Cut off the head; 10- Mary Kay competitor; 11- Untidy condition; 13- 1981 Neil Diamond hit; 14- Body of values; 20- Single; 21- "Is ___ it?"; 25- Poems, often used to praise someone or something; 26- Whatsoever; 27- Capable of being annulled; 28- Viewpoint; 29- Compensate; 30- Heals; 31- Hold up; 33- Greek nickname; 35- Actress Zadora; 37- Third son of Adam; 39- Petting; 42- With "eye," unerring aim; 44- Pack and send; 47- Ledge; 49- Capital of Canada; 52- Piccadilly Circus statue; 53- Speech issue; 55- Han ___ was a "Star Wars" character; 56- Child's bed; 57- Lacoste of tennis; 58- ___ first you don't...; 59- Caen's river; 60- Brief letter, paper money; 62- Lay down the lawn;



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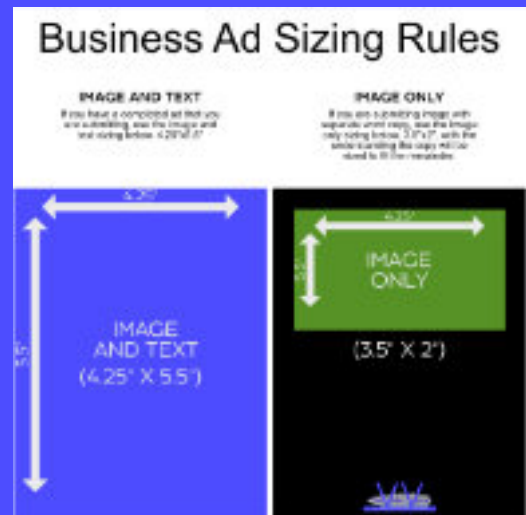
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