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## LETTER FROM THE **VOLUNTEERS**

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Warmer temperatures are upon us! Not only does this mean we're going to see an influx of tourists and have tons of things we can do outside, it also means we're in for some disasters. This is the time of year where floods and wildfires hit areas across the province. The hotter it is outside, the more likelihood we're going to experience wildfires.

This week's headline article shares tips on how to prepare yourself in the event of a fire, flood, and/or evacuation. Being prepared makes all the difference in how much the damage to

your life is mitigated. This can be everything from having adequate insurance to preparing a quick bag you can grab and leave the house with.

Being prepared is crucial to mitigate as much damage to your life as possible. Stay safe and make sure you're ready in the event a flood or wildfire hits you too close to home.

The VVV



# UPCOMING EXTENDED HIGHWAY CLOSURE

**April 19th at 12 pm (noon) -  
May 20th at 12 pm (noon):  
HIGHWAY CLOSED**

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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](mailto:news@thevoiceca.ca)





# FIRE & FLOOD SEASON

Be prepared for floods and wildfires when they happen.

It comes as no surprise to British Columbians when a flood of wildfire event strikes. It's a common occurrence every year in our province and we're coming up to that time of the year. Residents are being urged to take caution and prepare themselves for when these hazards strike.

Wildfires and floods can occur at any moment with very little chance to prepare yourself in the moment.

That's why it's crucial to have protection in place ahead of time to prevent disaster from causing you ruin. Flood and fire insurance is a great way to minimize the potential damage when these threats are high.

In a statement from a media release reported by [e-know.co](http://e-know.co), the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Emergency Management BC had the following comments.

"As we've seen in recent years, from wildfires to floods, many households in the province are uninsured or under-insured for the hazards we face in British Columbia, which are becoming more frequent due to climate change. The province is working hard to support those affected by recent disasters, but ultimately flood and fire insurance is one of the best ways you can protect your family."

Home insurance is available in every community throughout the province and provides security for disasters such as floods and wildfires. Though, flood insurance may be limited in certain communities which pose a higher risk of flood events. This is a crucial piece of protection in the event your home is impacted by a disaster, without it you may not be left with much recourse.

Due to the availability of wildfire insurance, claims towards Disaster Financial Assistance is not available which adds to the importance of having adequate coverage for your home in the event of disasters such as these.

If you already have coverage for your

home, great! It's recommended to review your insurance coverage every year to ensure the coverage you have fits your needs. The best time to do this is outside of flood and wildfire season. Otherwise, homeowners could be met with challenges in obtaining new policies or coverage due to current conditions or evacuation alerts.



### Tips on how to Prepare for Flooding Events

Ensure all debris is removed from gutters, downspouts, and have a plan ready for your household in the event of a flood.

Elevate and anchor heating systems, electrical panels, and other utilities. Stay away from eroded banks as they may be unstable and keep your children or pets away from stream banks.

Those who utilize the water for recreational or commercial use may experience increased debris in their surroundings with the rise of water levels

If you are boating during a flood, being aware of the impact your wake has on shorelines is crucial. Reduce your speed to prevent erosion or further flooding.

Flooded streets should always be avoided by vehicle or foot traffic. Water can be deceiving and may be deeper than it appears, the levels can also rise fairly quickly.

Keep updated on the conditions as the change, especially if you reside in low-lying water areas.

For more details on being prepared for flood events, you can review the Flood Preparedness Guide [here](#).



### Tips to Prepare for Wildfire Events

Remove all sources of combustible material and use non-combustible materials in areas adjacent to your home. Remove debris from gutters and avoid planting trees which are flammable such as cedar, spruce, pine, and tall grass near structures should also be removed. Keep your lawns watered and mowed. Any firewood, construction materials, storage

sheds, etc. should be kept away from your home to prevent the spread of wildfires. Ensure branches of trees on your property are at least three metres between each of them. Remove branches that are two metres off the ground to prevent surface fires from moving up into the tree. Spring clean! Remove any fallen branches, dead/dry grass, and weeds to prevent surface fires from igniting.



## Grab-and-Go Bag



## When Evacuation Alerts Strike

Evacuation alerts can strike at a moment's notice with little to no time available for you to prepare. Here are some ways you can be ready in the event you're being evacuated.

Prepare "grab and go" bags which includes clothing, toiletries, and other essential items that can be easily transported in a moments notice.

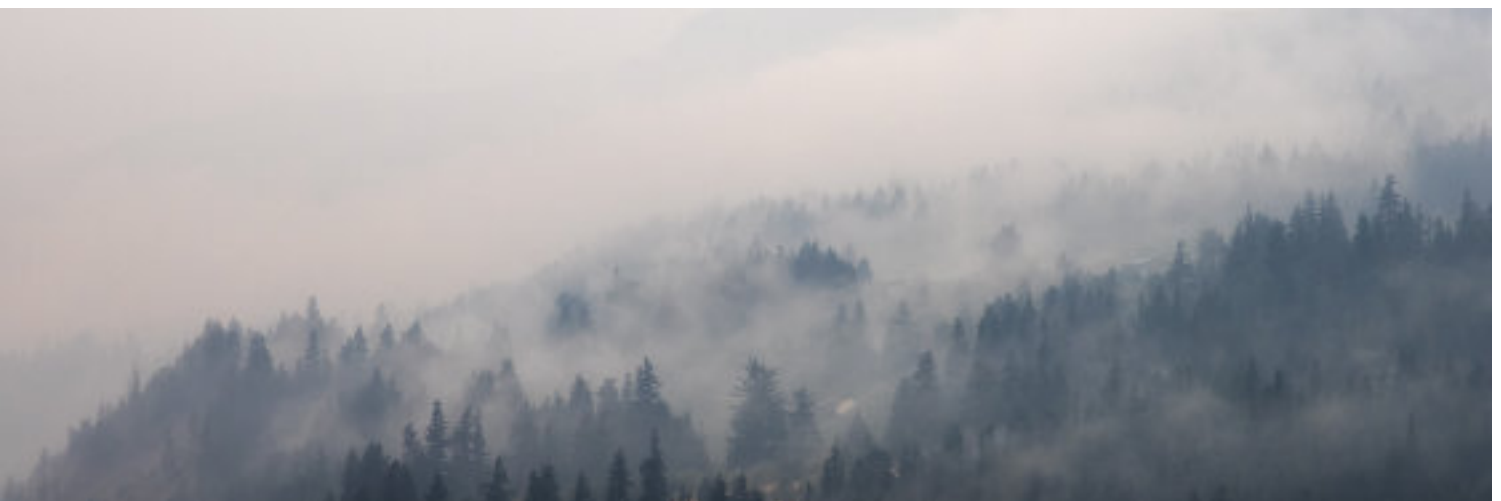
Leave the area immediately to prevent harm to yourself or your family members.

Follow directions from local emergency officials and be clear on the route they identify you take for evacuation.

Stay away from the evacuated area until you have confirmation that the evacuation order has ended.

Keep updated through local emergency officials and channels to receive the latest information on the situation as it progresses.

For additional information on how to be prepared for a wildfire event, you can view the [Wildfire Preparedness Guide here](#).



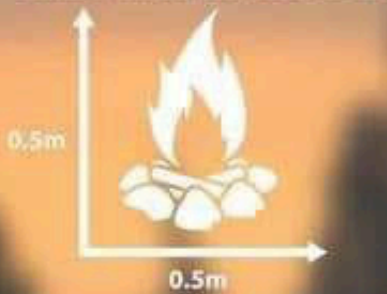


# OPEN FIRE REGULATIONS



40% of B.C. wildfires are human-caused and therefore preventable

## CAMPFIRES, CATEGORY 2 FIRES AND CATEGORY 3 FIRES: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



### CAMPFIRE

- Any fire no larger than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide

#### REGULATIONS:



You must have ready access to 8 litres of water or a shovel for the entire time your campfire is lit.



Your campfire must be completely extinguished and the ashes must be cool to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time. (Hot coals can reignite the fire.)



During campfire prohibitions, only a CSA- or ULC-approved portable campfire apparatus may be used, and the flame height must not exceed 15 centimetres.



You must build a fire guard around your campfire.



### CATEGORY 2 FIRE:

- 1 to 2 concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- Stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares

#### REGULATIONS:



A fuel break must be established around any Category 2 burn area.



Fireworks are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.



Burning barrels are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.



At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.



### CATEGORY 3 FIRE:

- Any fire larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 3 or more concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 1 or more burning windrows
- Stubble or grass burning over an area greater than 0.2 hectares

#### REGULATIONS:



A fuel break must be established around any Category 3 burn area.



Monitor your open burn to ensure that the fire doesn't spread beyond its intended size.



You must have a burn registration number to light a Category 3 open fire. Call the burn registration line 1 888 797-1717 to obtain one.



Do not burn when venting conditions are "Poor" or "Fair". Always check here first: [www.bcalrquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html](http://www.bcalrquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html)

## GENERAL REGULATIONS:



Never burn in strong wind conditions.



Your fire must be extinguished before leaving the area.



Always keep your fire a safe distance away from nearby branches, wood and other combustible materials.

*\*Further bans and restrictions can be implemented at the Wildfire Management Branch's discretion.*



Anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition may be fined up to \$1,150. If your fire escapes and results in a wildfire, you may be fined anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1 million and be sentenced to one year in prison. Please check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any open fire.

Please report wildfires by calling **\*5555** or **1 800 663-5555**.



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# PUPPET POWER

## FAMILY *festival* DAY

**Monday, May 23, 2022**

**NOON - 4 PM \* IN PERSON**

Puppet shows, crafts, parades & more!

Highland Park Community

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## AFTER-SCHOOL DROP-IN HOURS

Grades 7-12

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<b>MON.</b> 4:00PM TO 7:00PM	<b>TUES.</b> 3:00PM TO 8:00PM	<b>WED.</b> 3:00PM TO 8:00PM
<b>THUR.</b> 3:00PM TO 8:00PM	<b>FRI.</b> 1:00PM TO 8:00PM	

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## 2022 MARKET SCHEDULE

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

<b>SPRING MARKETS</b> Starting on: <b>MAY 7</b> Until: <b>JUN 11</b>	<b>SUMMER MARKETS</b> Starting on: <b>JUN 25</b> Until: <b>SEP 3</b>
<b>FALL MARKETS</b> Starting on: <b>SEP 10</b> Until: <b>OCT 29</b>	<b>SPECIAL WINTER MARKET</b> at Western Financial Place <b>NOV 26</b> and <b>NOV 27</b>

Schedule subject to change

## 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](mailto:EVENTS@INVERMERE.NET)**

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

# VALLEY PROMOTIONS

# BREAKING

# NEWS

## RCMP SEEK STOLEN TRAILER

Cranbrook RCMP are on the hunt for a trailer allegedly stolen from the 300-block of Celia Road. Police advise the owner left their home for two hours and during that time someone hooked up their trailer and drove away. Surveillance footage showed a blue Ford pickup driving the trailer away. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Cranbrook RCMP at 250-489-3471.

## SLOW DOWN FOR CONSTRUCTION

With warmer temperatures upon us, construction season is right around the corner. Officials with the City of Cranbrook are urging drivers to be cautious and slow down around construction sites. It's important for drivers to be cognizant of the presence of construction workers and reduce speed where they see workers present.





### ROLL-OVER ON HIGHWAY 3

A semi-truck rolled over in Sparwood Tuesday morning on Highway 3. The accident caused no injuries though traffic increased as the highway was down to one lane while the semi was safely moved. Officers responded to the accident alongside Sparwood Fire Department and BC Emergency Health Service.



### SENSELESS VANDALISM

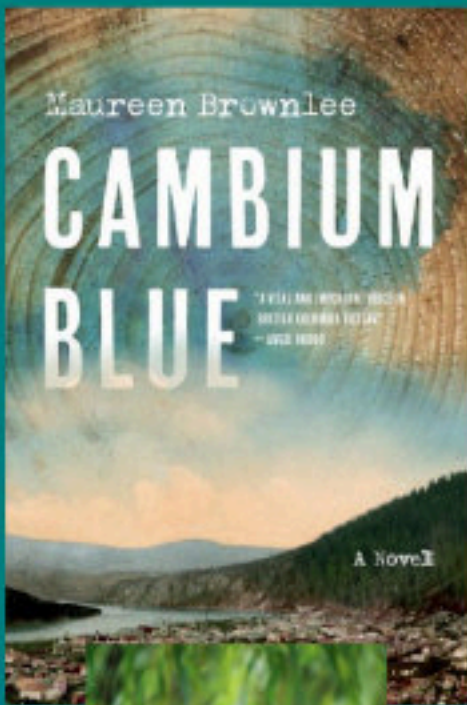
An act of senseless vandalism occurred in the valley and is being investigated by the Columbia Valley RCMP. Six vehicles' windows were smashed with no apparent motive. The incidents occurred sometime overnight on April 8th and there was no apparent theft from any of the vehicles.



# CAMBIUM BLUE

— THE COLUMBIA BASIN TOUR —

## Readings & Conversation — with Basin writers —



- Apr 26<sup>th</sup> Golden Library 7<sup>PM</sup> *with TBA*
- Apr 27<sup>th</sup> Invermere Library 6:30<sup>PM</sup>  
*with Tony Berryman*
- Apr 28<sup>th</sup> Polar Peek Books, Fernie 7<sup>PM</sup>  
*with Angie Abdou*
- Apr 29<sup>th</sup> Huckleberry Books, Cranbrook 7<sup>PM</sup>  
*with Sioux Browning*
- Apr 30<sup>th</sup> Kimberley Library 6:30<sup>PM</sup>  
*with Colleen Friesen*
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Creston Library Mtg Room 7<sup>PM</sup>  
*with Luanne Armstrong*
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Rossland Library 6:30<sup>PM</sup>  
*with Rosa Jordan*
- May 4<sup>th</sup> Nelson Library 7<sup>PM</sup>  
*with Deryn Collier*
- May 5<sup>th</sup> Kaslo Library 6:30<sup>PM</sup>  
*with Keith Liggett*
- May 6<sup>th</sup> Nakusp Library 6:30<sup>PM</sup>  
*with Barbara McPherson*
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Revelstoke Library 6:30<sup>PM</sup>  
*with Laura Stovel*



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Cleanup**

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RINSMEN BEACH MEETUP

Contact lake Windermere Ambassadors at [info@lakeambassadors.com](mailto:info@lakeambassadors.com) to sign up, or visit our website to register!

**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 [serenityfarmv@outlook.com](mailto:serenityfarmv@outlook.com) or 250-341-5216

**VENDORS  
WANTED**

Columbia Valley Pride Fest 2022  
Saturday, June 25th from 12-4 PM  
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\$25 per vendor  
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# BRINGING MORE NURSES

The province is streamlining the process for nurse accreditation.

The ongoing pandemic has had a strain not only on our provincial medical system but globally. Our province has been struck by a nursing shortage and the B.C. government is addressing it by adjusting the process for accrediting internationally trained nurses. As reported by [Times Colonist](#), B.C. Health Minister Adrian Dix explains the current process is complex, costly, and lengthy and the situation is “no longer acceptable” as the demand for nurses exceeds the current supply available.

The adjustment will cost the province \$12 million which is expected to decrease the amount of time registration and licensing for internationally trained nurses can take, which is up to two years. A triple-track system will also be implemented which provides nurses with the ability to apply for multiple positions at one time. Previously, a nurse was only able to apply for one position at a time which adds to the length of time before a nurse is hired.

The assessment process will be adjusted to incorporate the use of computer-based exams and simulation labs which will test skills concurrently for those working as a health-care assistant, licensed practical nurse, and/or registered nurse. The process is expected to replace the individual tests being used currently. As reported by [myeastkootenaynow.com](#), Minister of Health Adrian Dix had the following comments.

“Our government is committed to addressing the province’s demand for nurses. That’s why we’re launching this comprehensive suite of supports for internationally educated nurses to help them put their skills to use here in B.C. Removing some financial barriers and streamlining the assessment process will facilitate pathways to employment in the province and ensure British Columbians have access to the health care they deserve with even more nurses and healthcare assistants.”







Approximately 700 internationally educated nurses and return-to-practice healthcare workers are referred to the Nursing Community Assessment service annually, the majority of nurses show to be educated outside of Canada. Between 350 and 400 applications are received each year by the BC College of Nurses and Midwives and it's expected these changes will double the number of applications which can be tested each day. The \$12 million funding also includes \$9 million towards bursaries for 1,500 nurses who are educated outside of Canada. This will assist in their fees and travel requirements during the application process which can range anywhere from \$1,500 to \$16,000. Though the bursary program will start its focus on those currently residing in British Columbia.

The initiative is being praised by the B.C. Care Providers Association president Terry Lake who applauded their efforts in a statement reported by [Times Colonist](#). He shares that removing financial barriers and streamlining the assessment process for these internationally educated nurses has been a key goal of their organizations advocacy.

\$2 million of the funding will be dedicated towards new nurse-navigator positions which will help nurses educated internationally with their assessment and licensing process. There will also be a new centralized recruitment website and tools through Health Match B.C. This initiative is a province wide collaboration between them, the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives, the Nursing Community Assessment Service, and Health Match B.C.

The streamlining will begin in May and inquiries for bursary can begin immediately.



## SHARING THE ROAD WITH HORSES DO YOU ALREADY DO THESE 5 THINGS?

### 1 Slow Down

Horses are flight animals much like elk or deer and can be just as unpredictable. Protect yourself and others by slowing down.

### 2 Move Over

You don't know if a horse is used to traffic. Inexperienced horses might kick out or jump. Be careful!



### 3 Make Eye Contact

Make eye contact with the horse rider. They may indicate needing more space, ask you to slow down, or give you the okay to speed up.



### 4 Increase speed Slowly

Sudden acceleration can scare a horse into behaving unpredictably.

### 5 Announce yourself

Are you a **cyclist** or have an **electric car**? Give plenty of warning by yelling "hello" or "behind you!" before you come close to the horse. This gives the rider time to prepare the horse appropriately.

With less public land available to equestrians, riders are using the road more. This includes inexperienced or young horses learning about traffic.

*Thank You!*

Emma Kjelson Horse Behaviour & Biomechanics

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**Radium Hot Springs Public Library**

**Free Tax Clinic**

**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 (9:00am-5:00pm)
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  - Tax returns will be completed by our volunteer tax assistants off-site, and we will notify you when it is ready for pickup
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The Clinic will end on April 21, 2022.


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**Seniors Day on the farm**

**Every Tuesday 9:30-11:30am**

Starting May 17th we would like to invite seniors to the farm every Tuesday between the hours of 9:30-11:30am. During this time you will have the opportunity to visit farm animals, have tea or coffee, enjoy the garden and its different stages throughout the season.

Visit Farm Animals \* Seniors social with tea or coffee \* Enjoy the outdoors

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# FOOD DRIVE

# APR 30

CITY WIDE

APR 30  
2022

## TOP 10 ITEMS NEEDED



1. FRUIT CUPS
2. GRANOLA BARS
3. CRACKERS OR COOKIES
4. HEALTHY CEREAL
5. PACKAGED MEALS
6. DRY SOUP MIX
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8. TRAIL MIX
9. FRUIT LEATHER
10. CANNED BEANS & VEGETABLES



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# ENERGY EFFICIENT COMMUNITIES

Columbia Basin Trust funds energy efficient buildings.

The Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) is issuing a total of \$1.2 million towards community buildings to make them safer and energy efficient. The funding will focus on projects which increase energy efficiency in community buildings. The improvements to come aim at conserving or generating energy and will include things like adding LED lighting, insulation and solar systems, extending the life of buildings through repairs, improving health and safety, etc.

As reported by [myeastkootenaynow.com](http://myeastkootenaynow.com), senior manager of CBT Mark Brunton had the following comments on the funding for these projects.

“Basin residents have told us that climate resiliency and community well-being are important to them. These projects increase energy efficiency and sustainability in buildings used by the community, which in turn helps non-profit organizations and First Nations meet local needs.”

Communities in our local area who are receiving funding are ʔaqam who will be improving their language and cultural centre by adding insulation and exterior walls. Cranbrook will also be receiving funding for similar projects in the community.

# MOVIES IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Monday Nights at Dark Pothole Park  
Downtown Invermere**

**July 4 Godzilla vs. Kong  
July 11 Ghostbusters Afterlife  
July 18 Spiderman No Way Home  
July 25 Jumanji  
Aug 1 Honey I Shrunk the Kids  
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# Journey



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# Grizzly Bear Safety Workshop

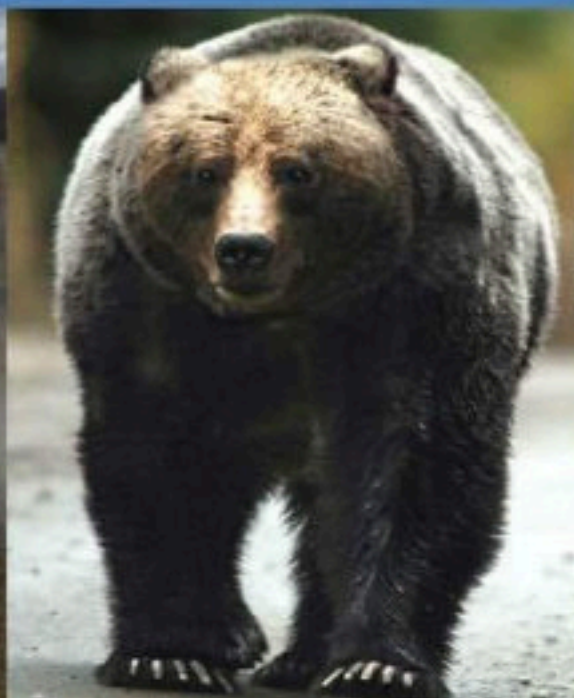
with Grizzly Bear Solutions

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 pm

Nelson District Rod & Gun Club, 801 Railway

FREE, everyone welcome!

Doors open at 6:30



Are you heading into an outdoor summer? This free workshop is geared towards hikers, mountain bikers, runners, dogwalkers, hunters, campers, berry pickers, birdwatchers and anyone living, working, or recreating in grizzly bear habitat. Learn how to prevent bear conflicts and how to respond safely if/when you encounter a bear. Safety training will include hands-on practice with inert bear spray. Workshop leader Gillian Sanders has 21 years of field experience in grizzly bear conservation. For more info email [grizzlybearsolutions@gmail.com](mailto:grizzlybearsolutions@gmail.com)





# CITY COUNCIL GETS A FACELIFT



Cranbrook City Hall goes under renovations.

Starting in May, the city council in Cranbrook will be holding all their regular meetings at the Manual Training School located in the Cranbrook Public Library for the rest of the year.

City Hall is pending renovations which will soon be underway and is specific to the council chambers. The space is expected to receive a full renovation and creating multi-use spaces to reconfigure the room for training and large meetings. There will also be technological upgrades included to facilitate virtual attendance.

In a statement reported by [Cranbrook Townsman](#), Cranbrook Mayor Lee Pratt had the following comments on the renovations of City Hall.

“We have a great opportunity to invest in

both the improvement and restoration of this important heritage building that is City Hall, without impacting the local taxes – something that would not be possible without this grant. On behalf of the City, I am grateful for the financial commitment to this project from both the Government of Canada and the Province of BC.”

The cost of renovations is being funded by the federal and provincial governments for an amount of \$1.51 million. Included in the renovations will be the removal of hazardous materials and completion of additional work and updates to City Hall. Renovations are expected to be mostly complete by the end of the year and city council meetings will continue to be livestreamed on the City of Cranbrook website.



## ROCKIES APRIL TOURNY 2022

### APRIL 22 -24

<u>Game#</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DIV.</u>
<b>FRIDAY APRIL 22</b>				
1	3:30pm	Peacocks	Chiefs	B
2	4:45pm	Rustlers	Kool Country Wreckers	B
3	6:00pm	Kootaney Water	Inside Edge	A
4	7:15pm	Canmore Big Bad Boys	Ouzomen	A
5	8:30pm	MAD HACKERS	FURY	G
6	9:45pm	No Regretzkys	ICE HAWKS	G
<b>SATURDAY APRIL 23</b>				
7	8:15am	Canmore Big Bad Boys	Inside Edge	A
8	9:30am	Ouzomen	Kootaney Water	A
9	10:45am	Peacocks	Rustlers	B
10	12:00pm	Kool Country Wreckers	Chiefs	B
11	1:15pm	MAD HACKERS	ICE HAWKS	G
12	2:30pm	FURY	No Regretzkys	G
13	3:45pm	Ouzomen	Inside Edge	A
14	5:00pm	Kootaney Water	Canmore Big Bad Boys	A
15	6:15pm	No Regretzkys	MAD HACKERS	G
16	7:30pm	FURY	ICE HAWKS	G
17	8:45pm	Peacocks	Kool Country Wreckers	B
18	10:00pm	Rustlers	Chiefs	B
<b>SUNDAY APRIL 24</b>				
19	9:00am	3rd	4th	G
20	10:15am	2nd	1st	G
21	11:30am	3rd	4th	B
22	12:45pm	2nd	1st	B
23	2:00pm	3rd	4th	A
24	3:15pm	2nd	1st	A





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# Create Your Dynasty

Embark on a long journey to develop your lineage.

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I fell sick over the Easter weekend and whenever that happens, I immediately jump into strategy/simulation games. Something I can throw my mind into and forget about the fact I'm sick. This time around I figured I'd try a game I'd never played before off Xbox Game Pass - Crusader Kings 3. A strategy/simulation game where your goal is to create a long-lasting legacy and capture as much land as possible. Think of the game as Civilization meets Risk.

This is a game that requires A LOT of patience. It's a very complicated game with enough gameplay mechanics to throw your head for a spin. The tutorial itself is about an hour or so and even at that point you still won't grasp all the games concepts. Though once you start to get the hang of things it's extremely addicting and fun.



Similar to Civilization, you have different time periods and leaders you can choose from. You also have different cultures, religions, diplomacy, and politics that you will have to navigate as your kingdom grows larger. While the purpose of the game at the end of the day is world domination, if you try to conquer through war you're going to find yourself having a hell of a time. War is definitely a key component of the game and one of the ways early on you can acquire land, though it needs to be done so sparingly.

Outside of war there are marriages to create a lineage. You can arrange a marriage between a member of your dynasty and another powerful ruler. In turn, this will bring their lands into your family's house once their child is born. This will allow you to enact a claim against the land and eventually seize it as part of your kingdom.

There are many other mechanics that would take an entire issue of this magazine to go through, though these are the main components. You also have different lifestyle trees to select from that will unlock different perks depending on your selection. Based on the education you received as a child, you'll get additional experience for certain lifestyle dependent on your education.

This game is definitely best for people who enjoy playing a strategy simulation game in multiple sittings. This isn't the kind of game you can beat in one go, it's the kind you play over time. It requires a lot of patience and precise decision making to avoid taking the wrong turn and losing your kingdom. For example, I made it all the way to the third heir in my lineage and died because no one endorsed him. There's many different factors that go into how the game can play and it's different for each playthrough!



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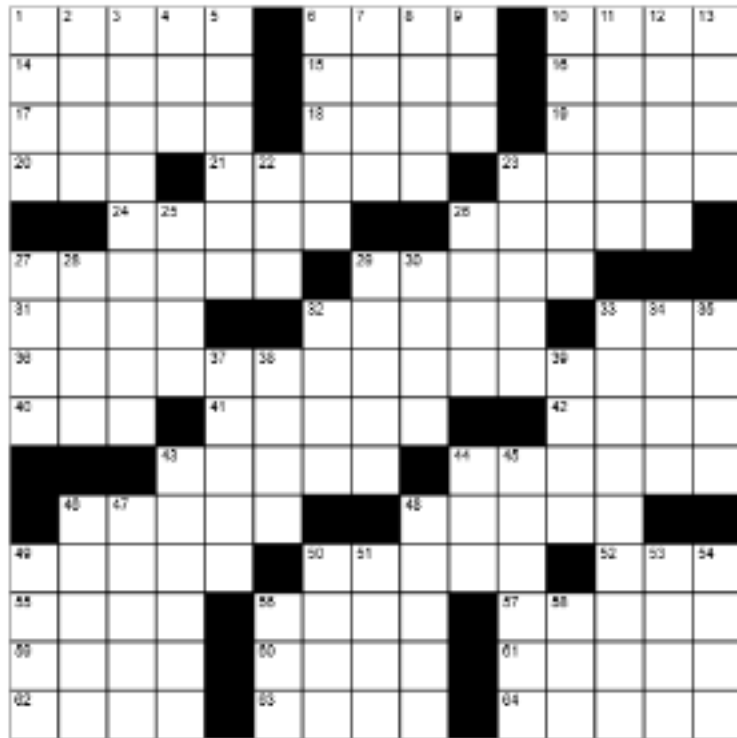
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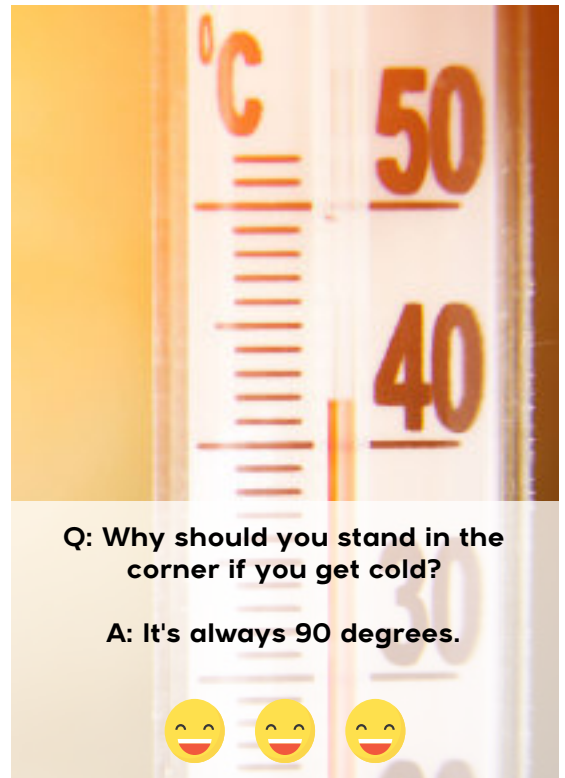
1- More wise; 6- What's more; 10- Hats; 14- Foam; 15- Extol; 16- Rat-\_\_\_; 17- Chairs; 18- This can be guilty or not guilty; 19- Slight; 20- Georgia, once: Abbr.; 21- Group character; 23- Sumptuous meal; 24- Sleep issue; 26- Fuming; 27- Important; 29- Celestial body; 31- Brief letter, paper money; 32- Cobb, e.g.; 33- "...and seven years \_\_\_\_\_"; 36- Typical instance; 40- Coloring material; 41- Lover of Juliet; 42- Frequently; 43- Piles; 44- Presidential middle name; 46- Let go; 48- Up; 49- Live's partner; 50- Son of Abraham; 52- Big bang producer; 55- Like the Sahara; 56- Polo of "Meet the Parents"; 57- Different; 59- Urn; 60- Ages; 61- Employ again; 62- Chemical used on trees; 63- \_\_\_-majesté; 64- Try;

**Down**

1- Flat sound; 2- Simians; 3- Ensure; 4- CPR expert; 5- Take offense at; 6- Omega's opposite; 7- Composer Schifrin; 8- Takes to court; 9- Room within a harem; 10- Attacked; 11- Bothered; 12- Analyze a sentence; 13- Editor's note; 22- Peg used on the first in golf; 23- "Band of Gold" singer Payne; 25- Composition in verse; 26- Apple variety; 27- Like a line, briefly; 28- Cunning; 29- Sidewalk eateries; 30- Assortment; 32- Ninny; 33- An urban shade tree; 34- Continue; 35- Fully aware of; 37- Primp; 38- Mutual fund fee; 39- Story, often rooted in folklore; 43- Guy who tends sheep; 44- Cinco de Mayo, e.g.; 45- Go with; 46- Untamed; 47- Mikhail's wife; 48- Worker's reward; 49- Magma; 50- Able was \_\_\_...; 51- Ladies of Sp.; 53- Hotbed; 54- Corner; 56- \_\_\_ Aviv; 58- Leaves in a bag;



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**Q:** Why should you stand in the corner if you get cold?

**A:** It's always 90 degrees.



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