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Enderby Icemen hockey season starting soon

Things are coming together for the first puck drops of Western International Junior Hockey League's 2026-27 season.

The divisional alignment for the league's inaugural season has the 100 Mile House Wranglers, Chase Heat, Enderby Icemen, Golden Rockets and Sicamous Eagles in the North Division.

The South Division includes the Castlegar Rebels, Creston Valley Thunder, Kelowna Chiefs, Oliver Outlaws and Spokane Braves.

The league's inaugural season officially begins Friday, Sept. 18 with all 10 WIJHL clubs taking to the ice to open what promises to be an exciting and competitive campaign.

Enderby's first game is in Sicamous Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. Its first home game is Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. against Sicamous. The Icemen play again in Enderby Sept. 26 against Spokane at 6 p.m. and Sept. 27 against 100 Mile House at 2 p.m.

The Enderby Icemen host a training camp Sept. 1-4. Contact head coach/GM Matt Stang at enderbyicemen_gm@outlook.com for more information.

Each team will compete in a 44-game regular season, concluding Saturday, Feb. 27, 2027.

Clubs will play 28 games against divisional opponents and 16 inter-divisional games, providing fans with the opportunity to see every team throughout the season.

The WIJHL will observe its annual holiday break from Dec. 20–30, with regular season action resuming New Year's Eve.

The 2027 WIJHL playoffs are scheduled to begin Friday, March 5, 2027.

In keeping with the league's commitment to player development and academic success, 92 per cent of the league's 220 regular season games will be played on weekends, minimizing travel during the school week and allowing student-athletes to better balance hockey and education.

WIJHL Chairman Brandon Buliziuk praised the collaborative effort that has gone into preparing for the league's upcoming season.

"The release of our regular season schedule marks another exciting milestone as we prepare for the 2026–27 season. On behalf of the Western International Junior Hockey League, I would like to sincerely thank our member communities, team governors, ownership groups, boards of directors, league staff, volunteers and everyone who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this season to fruition. The commitment, passion and collaboration shown across our league have been nothing short of exceptional. Together, we continue to build a league that is committed to developing young athletes, strengthening our communities and providing an outstanding junior hockey experience for our players and fans."

The WIJHL will release its 2026–27 preseason schedule Aug. 3.

For the full regular season schedule, visit www.wijhl.com.

Festival fantastic
The smoke cleared and temperatures mellowed just in time for the 34th annual Salmon Arm Roots and Blues Festival July 24-26 held in the Salmon Arm Fairgrounds. Reggae singer/songwriter Tiken Jah Fakoly from Mali, West Africa performed on the Main Stage Saturday, one of over 60 Canadian and international musical acts on four daytime stages and three evening stages at the event. Blue Rodeo, The Sheepdogs and Of Monsters and Men headlined the festival that draws approximately 30,000 people annually. The lucky 50/50 winner took home $26,285 in addition to great memories. [Photo by Jette]

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Whatsit!?

This is a Kodak Vest Pocket Model B camera.

George Eastman, who invented the Kodak camera, first marketed it in 1888. The Eastman Kodak Company, founded in 1892, established a factory in Rochester, New York. Between 1925 and 1934, Kodak Vest Pocket Model B was one of the first cameras manufactured by large-scale production. During the holiday season of 1925, this camera was released to the public at the original price of $7.50. Photography quickly became a popular hobby. This camera uses 127 roll film, has extensible bellows for adjusting the lens position, the finder on top of lens can be rotated from portrait to landscape, has a rotary shutter speed in T (Time) and I (Instant), and uses no flash. The 1927 edition of the T. Eaton Co. Limited catalogue sold the vest pocket Kodak (Model B) for $4.75. This artifact belonged to Lynn Emde's grandfather, William B. Allan, who was a bank manager in Nakusp in 1933. An exhibit of the evolution of cameras is displayed in the Enderby & District Museum. We received five correct answers.

Another section, another ribbon cutting
Splatsin Kukpi7 Edna Felix cut the ribbon for the opening of a new section of the Splatsin te Secwépemc / Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail between Mara Lake and Grindrod July 17 with help from Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) Chair Natalya Melnychuk, Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) Chair Shirley Fowler and RDNO Area F Director Alyssa Hopkins. This section of the rail trail was made possible through an investment from Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada's Active Transportation Fund. The funds were used to complete trail surfacing between km 14.8 at the south end of Mara Lake and km 27.3 at Grindrod. This funding will also assist in completing the remainder of the rail trail between Sicamous km 0.0 and Stepney X Road at km 42.6.
[Photo by Tracy]

FED fundraiser
Milton Roberts from Ashton Creek grabs a hot dog from Enderby & District Financial Member Services Manager Corrie Mckim and Feed Enderby & District Food Bank Director of Operations Cassie Sorensen outside Askew's July 17. Askew's provided the venue and food for the food bank fundraiser. [Photo by Jette]

100 years of RCL
Shuswap Pipes 'n Drums members (l-r) John Angus, Mary Thurber, Ron Light, Bob Shouldice and Wendy Schroeder were front and centre for a 100th anniversary celebration at the Royal Canadian Legion Enderby Branch 98 on July 17. Padre Greg Milne officiated a small gathering that included placing candles at the cenotaph. [Photo by Jette]

StreetTalk *By Lois Lane*

Get your garlic entries ready for the ***Grindrod Garlic Festival*** Sunday, Aug. 16 at Quilakwa Ball Park from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Check out the categories at www.grindrodgarlicfestival.ca.

The ***Kingfisher Farmers Market*** is on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-noon until the first Wednesday in September.

A ***poll of kindergarten students*** touring Enderby City Hall in June determined that Enderby's official snack should be ice cream and Enderby's official animal should be the salmon.

The city acknowledged the recent retirement of ***Sheldon Tokairin***, who led the Parks Department since 2014 and worked for the city for a number of years in Public Works and Parks before taking on a leadership role. He was instrumental in making Enderby's parks and facilities fantastic.

The Thompson Okanagan Zone team at the ***BC Summer Games*** held in Kelowna July 22-26 included some ***local athletes***. Gillian Rands placed ninth in triple jump with 9.01 metres. Duke Reynolds also participated in athletics. Gage Salt played baseball and the mixed team came in fifth. Rhonda Roberts participated as an assistant coach in rowing.

Artist ***Roxi Hermsen***, formerly of Enderby and now of Kamloops, has an exhibit at the Courtyard Gallery Aug. 1-31. A Little Bee Told Me… features originals, prints, cards and more done in memory of Shea Hermsen and Erika Zonderland. A portion of the sales go to the Grindrod Elementary garden and Erika's A.L. Fortune scholarship. Roxi will be at the show Aug. 1 and 31.

The lineup for ***Wednesday on the Wharf*** includes a blend of altska, country and circus tunes from Blackberry Wood Aug. 5 and Latin fusion of cumbia, salsa, bugaloo and jazz with a rock and roll edge from Midnight Boogaloo Aug. 12. The free concerts at Marine Peace Park start at 6:45 p.m.

The Harvest Sharing Hut is looking for a long-term volunteer to ***tend the Harvest Hut Garden***. Get your pay in community fulfillment and tomatoes. Contact harvestsharinghut@gmail.com.

There is a ***BC Long Weekend Hangover Breakfast*** offered at Kingfisher Hall Sunday, Aug. 2 from 9-11 a.m. for $20.

Check out abstract art, illustrative art, macrame, stickers, bag charms, skateboards and multi-media work at the ***August Art Show*** of Shanyn Cambruzzi with Deryk Stenson at the Enderby Arts Centre Aug. 4-29.

Planning survey for school property

The Kingfisher School Planning Survey mailed out to Kingfisher residents and business owners in July is due by Aug. 31.

The school property was purchased by the Kingfisher Community Society in 2007 with funds borrowed over 20 years through the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO).

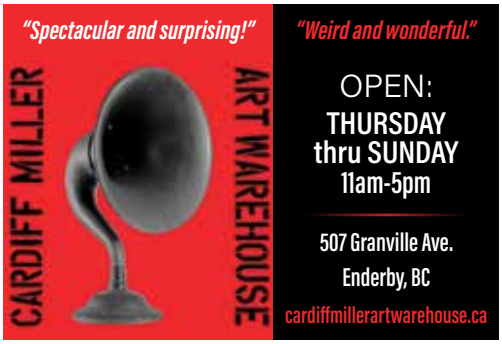
In preparation for the transfer of the property to the community in 2027, the RDNO is working with Community Futures North Okanagan to gather community input on the future of the building.

A public engagement session held June 17 helped shape the questions on the survey now being circulated.

The survey mailed to locals can be completed and mailed to the RDNO or emailed (communityservices@rdno.ca). Alternately, people can speak to the CFNO team at the Aug. 5 Kingfisher Farmers Market between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The survey is also available online at rdno.ca/kingfisher-school-planning-survey.

Surveys must be accompanied by the unique ID code on the letter mailed by RDNO.



City now in Stage 2 water restrictions

The City of Enderby implemented Stage 2 water restrictions July 24 for all properties connected to the city's drinking water system.

Stage 2 water restrictions are required to manage demands placed on the drinking water system so there is adequate capacity for essential and emergency needs.

During Stage 2 water restrictions, odd-numbered civic addresses may water on Tuesday and Saturday and even-numbered civic addresses may water on Wednesday and Sunday.

On a permitted watering day, watering may occur for a maximum of two hours per day, between 6-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. The same applies to underground irrigation, except that it may only occur between 12-6 a.m.

Additional watering days are provided for drip irrigation and hand watering of lawns, landscaping, plants, trees, shrubs and flowers, as well as watering that is related to food security.

If required, further water conservation measures will be announced on the city's website, social media, digital sign and media.

The city has a printable graphic on its website to use as a quick reference for drinking water restrictions.

Fun in Grindrod
Backus Racing owner Everett Backus (right) and assistant Carlie D. brought along a 2023 Pro Turbo Razor to Grindrod Day July 18. Everett uses the vehicle in competitive long-distance desert racing in Mexico. Grindrod Day featured a pancake breakfast along with lots of fun activities for the family at Grindrod Park. [Photo by Jette]

Volunteerism earns award for Neil Fidler

The Enderby and District Arts Council (EDAC) invites the community to join them in celebrating a longtime supporter of the arts and volunteer.

The City of Enderby is presenting a Lifetime Civic Merit Award to Neil Fidler on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at the Enderby Arts Centre at 2 p.m.

Neil and his wife came to Enderby in 2004 after he retired from Canada Post and they quickly fell in love with the community.

"Its welcoming spirit inspired me to become actively involved and I have been proud to contribute to the organizations that help make Enderby such a vibrant place to live," Neil says.

He joined the Enderby and District Garden Club the same year where he has served as secretary, treasurer and board member, while also volunteering on the Cornerstone Garden project for nearly 20 years and supporting many other club initiatives.

He was part of the Enderby in Bloom Committee from 2004-07, helping promote community beautification.

Neil has been part of EDAC since 2006 as a board member, secretary and two terms as president.

"During my years with EDAC, I have helped organize and deliver many significant community projects, including concerts, public art initiatives, Music by the River, the Coffee House series, and the Enderby Arts Festival."

The art festival ran successfully for 10 years and brought together numerous community organizations, including the Enderby and District Community Resource Centre, garden club, and Courtyard Gallery, while attracting large numbers of visitors to Enderby.

Neil's volunteerism also included being part of the Enderby and District Chamber of Commerce and the Christmas Committee.

He was a founding member of the Courtyard Gallery in 2012 and also served a term as president.

When he returned to the position of EDAC president in 2020, Neil worked alongside a dedicated team of volunteers to establish the Enderby Arts Centre, which officially opened in June 2021.

"The Arts Centre has become a thriving hub for local artists and artisans, providing gallery space, workshops, exhibitions and retail opportunities. Today it welcomes more than 6,000 visitors annually and stands as one of the accomplishments of which I am most proud," he says. "My years of volunteering have been driven by a commitment to strengthening the community, supporting local arts and culture, and helping make Enderby an even better place to live."

Artist instruction
The Courtyard Gallery's guest artist for July, Doug Swinton from Alberta, did a fun painting demonstration for local artists July 18. [Photo by Jette]

Zoning change focused on park usage

The city altered its zoning bylaw to accommodate the need for temporary structures on four city-owned properties.

On July 20, Enderby council gave three readings and approval to an amendment of the City of Enderby Zoning Bylaw to permit the siting and use of temporary buildings/structures at the arena, Riverside Park, Riverside RV Park and Campground and Barnes Park.

The amendment was deemed necessary to meet an identified operational or community need on these properties that the current zoning bylaw does not accommodate.

The city plans to add a portable to the arena to serve as a dedicated dressing room for the local Junior B hockey team, the Enderby Icemen.

The amendment allows the city to develop storage solutions for ball user groups playing most frequently at Riverside Park.

At present, equipment storage for these groups is not meeting needs, and siting temporary structures allows the city to respond to user-group needs without committing to a permanent build.

As owner/operator of Riverside RV Park and Campground, the city can now site temporary structures for storage related to its operations and hosted events.

A conceptual planning process to develop a long-term vision for Barnes Park is currently underway.

As that vision is built out over time, staff anticipate a need to site temporary structures to support different phases of the work and interim amenities to accommodate park users during different phases of the redevelopment.

The zoning change would normally trigger a public hearing but the Local Government Act allows for it to be waived when the proposed bylaw is consistent with the Official Community Plan, which council determined it to be.

City staff do not anticipate that siting temporary structures on these specific properties will result any negative impact to surrounding properties or the community.

Timing of the change was critical, as an Enderby Icemen training camp is set for early September and the temporary building at the arena needs to go through the building permit process and placed on the property well before then.

70 years of classic cars and community service

The Okanagan Cam Jammers Car Club celebrates its 70th anniversary this year, making it the longest continuously operating car club in North America.

Established in 1956 as a group of classic car and hot rod enthusiasts, the club evolved into a non-profit society while holding true to its original mandate of promoting the collector car hobby.

Over the past seven decades the Cam Jammers club has gifted thousands of dollars to many community organizations in need of support.

Every North Okanagan food bank receives an annual financial gift.

The Buoyant Buddies dragon boat team (a cancer survivors' race team) received Kevlar carbon fibre telescopic paddles.

Other beneficiaries include Pleasant Valley Senior Secondary School's automotive class (electric car development race team), Forever Home Sanctuary (animal rescue services), forest firefighting efforts through the Red Cross and Salvation Army, North Okanagan Therapeutic Riding Association, Literacy Alliance of the Shuswap Society and Kalmlaka Starfish Society (children and student food program).

The first Jaws of Life in the Okanagan was purchased and gifted to the Vernon Fire Department in the 1970s.

Vernon Search and Rescue received a training mannequin that provides complex recovery techniques training before the real situation exists.

The Cam Jammers award two student bursaries annually: one student in School Districts 22 and 83 receives $1,000 toward their post secondary pursuit of a career in any trades program.

The Cam Jammers Car Club is front and centre at the annual Rods n' Rails car show in Armstrong Aug. 16 (see story). Drop in and say hello - and thanks - to members.

Cam Jammers show off their wheels at an early car show. [Photo submitted]

Prepare seniors for evacuation

With fire season upon us, seniors who do not or cannot drive are encouraged to make plans for possible evacuation.

Seniors should talk to family, friends and neighbours to prearrange a ride should the need to evacuate arise.

Remember to take into account room for pets, walkers and other medical equipment.

It is important to have an evacuation plan in place for elderly or disabled loved ones, particularly if they live in rural areas with mobility challenges.

It is a good idea to make a list of important items to take along if evacuated including documents, money, medications, identification and irreplaceable items. Food, water, toiletries, clothing and first aid kits are also key items.

Printable emergency evacuation checklists are available online.

It is a good idea to have a 72-hour go-bag ready for emergencies during fire season in BC.

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Time to dance
Sadok Ukrainian Dance Ensemble members (l-r) Laisha Roseau, Andrea Malysh and Kendra Johnson enjoy other performers after their own performance at the Salmon Arm Roots & Blues Festival held at the Salmon Arm Fairgrounds July 24-26. [Photo by Tracy]

Thunder camp
Athlete Skyler Haines gets instruction from coach Marni Abbott during the Okanagan Junior Thunder Camp held at A.L. Fortune Secondary July 21-23. Abbott, a Paralympic gold medalist from Enderby, and Melissa Grassmick, Thunder program manager, hosted the camp sponsored by the BC Wheelchair Basketball Society. Participants, which included disabled and able-bodied athletes, received some great coaching plus a barbecue dinner from the Enderby & District Lions Club, a sandwich lunch, ice cream outing and pizza dinner from Sutherland's Bakery and a night at the movies courtesy of the Starlight Drive-in and PADS. Call or text Melissa at 250-863-9975 if you have someone that would like to join. [Photo by Jette]

Enderby community garden fundraising underway

The Enderby Community Garden Society (ECGS) is making progress on plans for its Community Garden Project at M.V. Beattie Elementary.

In mid-June the group reached an agreement with Kwsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw School District No.83 to build and operate a community garden on the school grounds.

The Enderby Community Garden will have 15 raised beds and one accessible bed, plus other garden amenities, in a fenced area on the grassy section between the parking lot of M. V. Beattie and Knight Avenue.

Plots will be available for rent to residents of Enderby for a yearly fee of $20, with the plan to have them available for spring 2027.

"We have secured a company to build the fence and have some materials donated for the garden bed structures," said ECGS Chair Jasmin Evans.

A fundraising committee is now working to secure the donations and support needed to make the project successful and timely.

"We are welcoming financial donations of any size as well as offers of labour, materials and supplies."

The group made a presentation to city council July 20 to outline the project and future vision, which includes a larger garden, teaching garden and fruit forest to demonstrate the importance of growing food to our youth.

Items and services required to complete the garden include soil delivered, levelling the property, screws and miscellaneous hardware, shed, garden boxes, compost bins and tools.

Email enderbycommunitygarden@gmail.com with questions and offers of help or talk to EGGS board members at the Aug 14 Enderby Farmers Market or the information tent at the Grindrod Garlic Festival on Aug 16.

RCMP Musical Ride a must-see

A cherished symbol of Canadian heritage and pride, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride is ready to captivate audiences with three performances at the Armstrong Fairgrounds in support of Cops for Kids.

Catch the ride Saturday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 16 at 3 and 7 p.m.

The RCMP Musical Ride showcases the precision, discipline and pageantry of Canada's national police force through a choreographed display of horsemanship performed by a troop of riders and their horses.

Rooted in tradition and excellence, the Musical Ride offers a powerful and inspiring experience for audiences of all ages.

In addition to the performances, attendees will enjoy a variety of family-friendly entertainment and demonstrations at each show.

The Musical Ride horses will be stabled on site, and the public is invited to visit the stables daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to meet the horses and members of the Musical Ride.

Tickets are on sale now and are intentionally kept affordable to ensure the event is accessible to all. The cost is $40 for families, $15 for adults and $10 for children and seniors.

Get tickets at https://rcmpmusicalride.ticketspice.com/cops-for-kids-rcmp-musical-ride.

Proceeds from ticket sales directly support Cops for Kids in providing essential assistance to children facing medical, physical or traumatic challenges throughout the region.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Friday-Sunday, 9am-4pm, until Aug. 30: Lions Giant Garage Sale, Enderby Curling Club.
Tuesdays, 9am-12pm: Harvest Sharing Hut, Maud Street parking lot, free.
Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm: EDAC Summer Book Sale, Enderby Art Centre.
Wednesdays, 11am-12pm: Kingfisher Farmers Market, Kingfisher Hall.
Fridays, 9am-1pm: Enderby Farmers Market, downtown Enderby.
Sunday, Aug. 2, 9-11am: BC Day Long Weekend Hangover Breakfast, Kingfisher Hall, $20.
Sunday, Aug. 2, 7pm: Cara Luft in Concert at St. Andrew's Hall, Enderby Hub, 1110 Belvedere St., $30, Fundraiser for New Story Community.
Monday, Aug. 3, 10am: Guided by Plants with Mikaela Canon at Kingfisher Interpretive Centre, free.
Wednesday, Aug. 5, 6:45pm: Wednesday on the Wharf, Marine Peace Park, Salmon Arm: Blackberry Wood.
Saturday, Aug. 8, 10am-1pm: Rockin' with Zach at Kingfisher Interpretive Centre, free.
Saturday, Aug. 8, 7-11pm: Dance with Sleepless Nights at Enderby Legion, $15.
Tuesday, Aug. 11: Good Food Box order and payment due; $15 or $25 boxes. Call Vallerie to order, 250-859-4494.
Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2pm: Lifetime Civic Merit Award presentation to Neil Fidler at Enderby Arts Centre.
Wednesday, Aug. 12, 6:45pm: Wednesday on the Wharf, Marine Peace Park, Salmon Arm: Midnight Boogaloo.

The two Jakes
The Salmon Arm Roots and Blues Festival is known for interesting musical collaboration, like this one of (l-r) Jake Verberg from Grindrod and 18-year-old Kamloops blues guitarist Jake Soberlak on the Barn Stage on Sunday afternoon. Many years ago, Jake Verberg played with Jake's dad, Pete, who named his son after Verberg. [Photo by Jette]

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Folk music concert Sunday

Enjoy an evening of folk music this Sunday while aiding a new program being established in Enderby.

Juno Award winner Cara Luft performs at the Enderby Area Community Hub (EACH) Aug. 2 at 7 p.m.

She will belt out tunes from her newly released album, My Heart Will Always Be, alongside longtime favourites that have won her many fans for their evocative lyrics and beautiful melodies.

The concert is a fundraiser for New Story Community, a supportive recovery program for Indigenous women living with intergenerational trauma and the substance misuse caused by this trauma.

New Story offers a six-month residency program in a safe, supportive environment to be equipped with healthy life skills, explore vocational skills, and gain deeper understanding of identity and purpose.

New Story operated for three years on Keats Island, BC and for two years in central Alberta.

Founder and Executive Director Cheryl Buchanan recently relocated to Enderby and is in the process of establishing a New Story program in the North Okanagan.

Concert tickets are $30 (suggested price) at https://caraluftconcerts.tickit.ca/events/35572 and at the door.

EACH is located at 1110 Belvedere St.

Classic car show in Armstrong

This year's Rods n' Rails classic car show in Armstrong has some new features, a new venue and an anniversary celebration.

With downtown Armstrong under construction, the Saturday, Aug. 15 event is being held at the IPE Fairgrounds from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The Okanagan Cam Jammers Car Club, which celebrates its 70th anniversary this year, is hosting its first Gravity Car Race for kids of all ages.

Pick up a free gravity car kit at Lordco in Armstrong and Vernon, Gilbert Auto Parts in Armstrong, Sunbelt Rentals in Armstrong, the Armstrong Spallumcheen Museum or Enderby and District Museum.

Kids and families are encouraged to jazz up their entries and vie for great prizes at the races, with any profit going to charity.

The car club appreciates any donations toward the event on race day. The club is also accepting used car batteries; pick-up can be arranged at the registration table.

The car show promises to be filled with beautiful classic cars, trucks, bikes and boats.

There will also be five food trucks on site, live music, prizes and tributes to Cam Jammers members.

Super mural
Inspired by the spiritual energy of the Shuswap River, artist Peter Allen completed this fabulous mural on the side of the Red Apple building depicting the beauty of the river and its many creatures and plants. Funded by the Enderby District Arts Council, the new mural is a lovely addition to our downtown. For extra fun, look for hidden pictures within the mural. [Photo by Jette]

Police stats up from last year

Local policing statistics from April to June (Q2) indicate an increase in crime.

Vernon North Okanagan Detachment Q2 statistics show Enderby with 207 calls for service, a 9.5 per cent increase from last year (189 calls), and Splatsin had 123 calls, a 32.2 per cent increase from 2025 (93 calls).

There were 57 Criminal Code offences for that time period in Enderby, which is up 39 per cent from last year (41 offences). Splatsin had 33 such offences in Q2, an increase of 43.4 per cent from last year (23 offences).

For violent offences, Enderby had 15, one more than 2025 Q2; there were 12 in Splatsin, up from five in 2025.

Enderby had 27 property crime calls, up from 18 in 2025. Splatsin had 14 such calls, up from nine.

Art in the garden
Local artist (and teacher at Grindrod Elementary) Jennifer Dodds hosted the fifth annual Garden Art Show at her Deep Creek home July 19. The show included 10 other artists with original art, art cards, jewellery, upcycled home décor and free lemonade (the drinking kind, not Jennifer's painting). The fun show included pieces displayed in a Forest Art Walk and in raised garden beds. [Photo by Jette]

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WOODLOT LICENCE PLAN PUBLIC REVIEW

Notice is hereby given of the public review period for the 2026-2036 Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP) for Woodlot Licence (WL) 2024. WL 2024 is located between Johnson Creek and Blurton Creek, near Mara Lake.

The WLP outlines the resource values and management strategies for those values associated with the Woodlot. The WLP is consistent with the Okanagan-Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan and the Forest and Range Practices Act.

Prior to approval from the Ministry of Forests (MOF), the WLP is available for review and comment by First Nations, the public and resource users until Sept 30, 2026. The WLP may be viewed by contacting Kerry Rouck, RPF for an appointment at (250) 469-3054.

Written comments received by Oct 1, 2026 will be considered in the final WLP submission. Comments received after that date may be considered in future harvest plans.

Please address comments to Woodlot Licence 2024, PO Box 28070, Lavington, BC, V1B 3L9 (attn.: Kerry Rouck, RPF) or via email to NurtureNature@shaw.ca

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Armstrong IPE celebrates 125th exhibition

The Armstrong IPE and Stampede celebrates its 125th exhibition from Sept. 2-6, welcoming families, fairgoers, agriculture enthusiasts and rodeo fans to one of the North Okanagan's most enduring and beloved community traditions since 1899.

This year's celebration spotlights everything that has made the IPE a signature late-summer tradition for generations, from the excitement of the rodeo and the energy of the fairgrounds to live music, dancing, shopping, midway fun, food, exhibitions and family-friendly experiences across the grounds.

In 1899, the fair began as a local agricultural exhibition where settlers compared grains, vegetables, and fruit, and it expanded over time as livestock and agricultural competitions grew alongside the community.

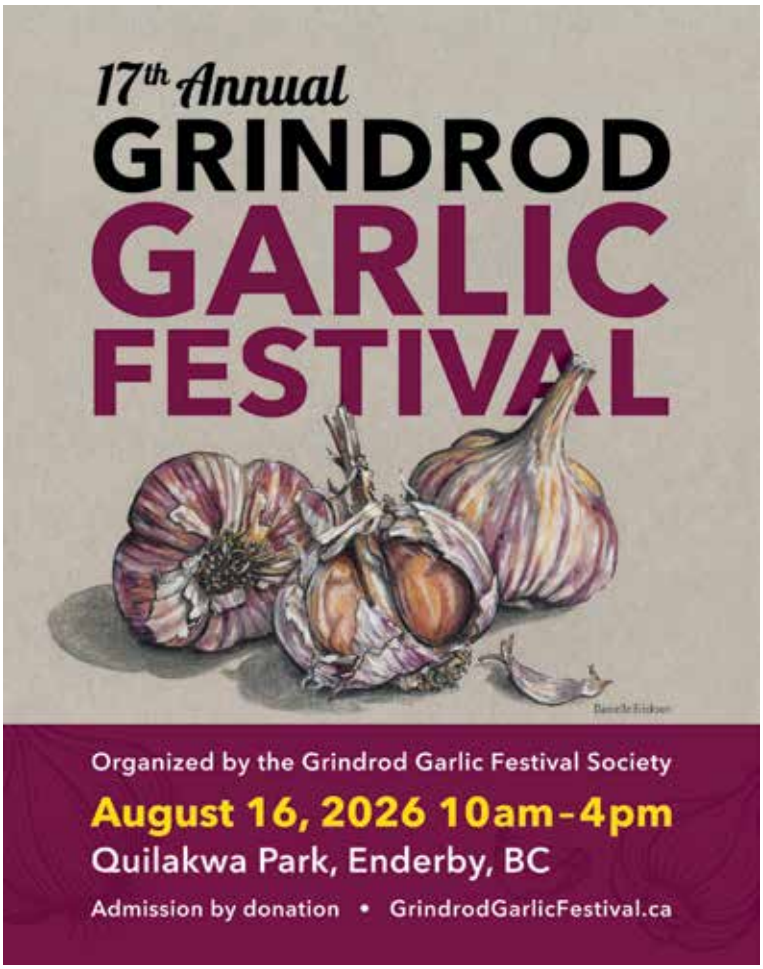
That legacy continues today through livestock exhibits, agricultural learning and the many ways the event helps connect people to the work, skill and tradition behind food production and rural life.

"Reaching our 125th exhibition is a proud moment for everyone connected to the Armstrong IPE and Stampede," said IPE President Kelly Kennedy. "This celebration is about honouring our roots in agriculture, recognizing the people and families who built this event over generations, and inviting everyone to come experience the fun, learning and community spirit that still define the IPE today."

Visitors can look forward to five days packed with reasons to celebrate and the chance to spend time together at a one-of-a-kind community event.

From longtime fair families to first-time visitors, the 125th IPE is being positioned as both a celebration of history and an invitation to help write the next chapter.

"The IPE has always been more than an event on the calendar," said Kennedy. "It is a place where agriculture comes to life, where people can learn, compete, reconnect and make memories together. That is what we will be celebrating in 2026."

More information about the 2026 Armstrong IPE & Stampede is available at ArmstrongIPE.com, where tickets are on sale.

Slip, sliding…
The grand opening of Enderby's new outdoor pool has yet to happen but swimmers like nine-year-old Vivienne Russell from Sicamous doesn't care because the pool is so much fun, especially with the slide now open for use. [Photo by Jette]