

WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Electoral Area 'C' Community Land Use Plan Workshop:

Are you concerned about the future of the Creston Valley? Do you want to be involved in how lands are managed for future generations? Are agricultural lands important to you? Do you want to be able to provide land options to your children one day? Are you concerned about development and its impacts on water supply?

The Regional District of Central Kootenay invites you to become involved in the future of Electoral Area 'C'. We will be hosting workshops throughout each community to go over how the community plan has changed and other new initiatives which sets out community aspirations and planned zoning characteristics for the next 10 years. **The West Creston meeting is Tuesday, June 18th from 7 - 9 pm at the Hall. There will also be another meeting at Renee's Diner, on June 20 at 7:00 pm** for the RDCK to present for discussion the proposed new Community Land Use Bylaw,

To learn more, please see the project website at:
http://www.rdck.bc.ca/development/planning/projects/creston_valley_land_use_planning.html

For more information please contact Meeri Durand, Planning Manager at mdurand@rdck.bc.ca or (250) 352-8162

Bursary Winner:

The WCCHS are pleased to announce Charlene Overholt is the winner of the 2013 combined West Creston and RDCK bursary. Charlene, who resides at 1496 West Creston Road has returned to college, pursuing an LPN nursing degree." Congratulations!

West Creston Fire Protection Society:

Garage Sale – thank you to everyone who supported this year's garage sale with donations and purchases. The "guy stuff" section seemed to be having a lot of fun and some great deals.

The Fire Society's fundraiser this summer is a pastel painting of the Skimmerhorns donated by the renown pastel artist, Carol Schloss. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each; available from our volunteers and the draw will be at Corn Crickers' Picnic.

The Creston Areas ABC Emergency Committee has informed the valley that with precipitation levels much lower than the past two years, wild fire hazards could be high this summer. Before lighting any type of fire, check the Fire Society's web site www.westcrestonfires.info - for current fire bands and restrictions.

Emergency Fire Call-out phone number is 250-402-9779.

Cougar in Area:

A large, adult cougar was spotted on Thursday morning (June 13) near the corner of Corn Creek & MacKay

Roads. Please be vigilant with small children and pets.

Erosion on Corn Creek:

Corn Creek has been eroding closer and closer to a huge ancient cedar tree about 100 m northwest of the north end of Corn Creek Bridge. A few years ago with DFO permission and a grant for materials from the RDCK, volunteers implemented a simple solution to protect the huge cedar tree it. Two large already fallen trees were cabled to the shore to take the brunt of the current and prevent further erosion. Sadly, this past winter the cable was cut and stolen and most of the buffer cut free. The cedar is now exposed to further bank undermining and is unlikely to survive a few more floods. Anybody inspired with energy, time, and new ideas about protecting this special tree while it still stands, please contact Brenda at [<BBruns@cotr.bc.ca>](mailto:BBruns@cotr.bc.ca)

****If you visit the tree, PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL, especially with children, as the bank is deeply undercut and the creek current very strong.**

New Store Operating in West Creston:

The former Mugwamps corner store has reopened as 'Campbell's Corner Store'. We wish the Campbells much success!