

WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Coming Events

**June 15th - YRB Hauling
Asphalt**

**June 30th - Town Hall Meeting
Sept. 13th - Corn Crickers'
Picnic**

Around the Hall...

...Construction has begun on the **Addition to the Hall**. This will be a 3 room addition to the back of the building which will be built to the same specs and general appearance as the existing Hall. Builder, D&J Waldner Construction will have the job done by September.

Funding for this project has been provided by Columbia Basin Trust and RDCK's Federal gas tax fund. Thank you!

...The kitchen **Range Hood & Fire Suppression System** are currently being replaced. We found that the old units were non-compliant and needed to be replaced for safety & insurance purposes. You may have noticed the new fan housing on the roof!

...And of course, the **Hot Water Tank** had to be replaced after 16 years of service!

Grad Appreciation

This year's West Creston grads, Dillion Oler, Andrew Ryckman, and Matthew Lohrer were recognized at our Grad Appreciation dinner in April. Congratulations!

Ethnic **Mexican** food was featured and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the volunteers who organized the event and prepared the food. Esther Haskell won the "favorite sombrero" contest, a second win in a row for Esther!

The West Creston / Area C bursary of \$1,750 was awarded to returning student Marielle Ryckman, who will attend BCIT in the fall in the Occupational Health & Safety program.

YRB Hauling Asphalt

YRB have advised that they will be removing the old asphalt stockpile from the Corn Creek Pit starting **Monday, June 15th**.

This means a lot of extra truck traffic from the pit along Nick's Island Road to Canyon - Lister areas. 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for about 8 days, Monday to Saturday. The Ministry and YRB sincerely thank all local residents for their understanding and patience during this work project.

Community is Cleaner

Volunteers walked the ditches on May 2nd to collect trash, and most volunteers were quite surprised with how little trash there was this year compared to previous years.

Thank you to everyone for doing your part to keep our community clean! Thank you Columbia Basin Trust for covering the cost of the clean-up and the BBQ.

West Creston Fire Service

As of May 22, 2015, a Fire Ban in effect for Southeast Fire Zone – no open fires, only campfires are permitted for the Kootenays.

Things are progressing with the new fire service. Every Wednesday, training sessions are being held at the West Creston Hall with the Creston Fire Department. This is a four- month Level One Basic training session for new fire fighters from West Creston, Creston and Wynndel.

West Creston's Satellite Fire Hall will be located on West Creston Road between the Community Hall and 1278 West Creston Rd. The Lower Kootenay Band is building it on their land and leasing the building to West Creston.

West Creston's new fire truck is awesome – (currently it is Creston Fire's Unit # 1). **AT PRESENT FOR A FIRE RESPONSE**, the fire engine and all fire fighters are coming from Creston. Once the West Creston Satellite Fire Hall is completed, the fire truck will be stationed here, with West Creston responders getting the fire engine to the fire, plus additional fire fighters coming from Creston Fire Dept, responding with more fire trucks and water tenders.

The Fire Service with Creston Fire continues to hold training sessions at the West Creston Community Hall **every Wednesday evening at 7 pm. If interested contact Asst.Chief Jared Riel at 250-428-2214 ext. 522.**