July 1 to 3

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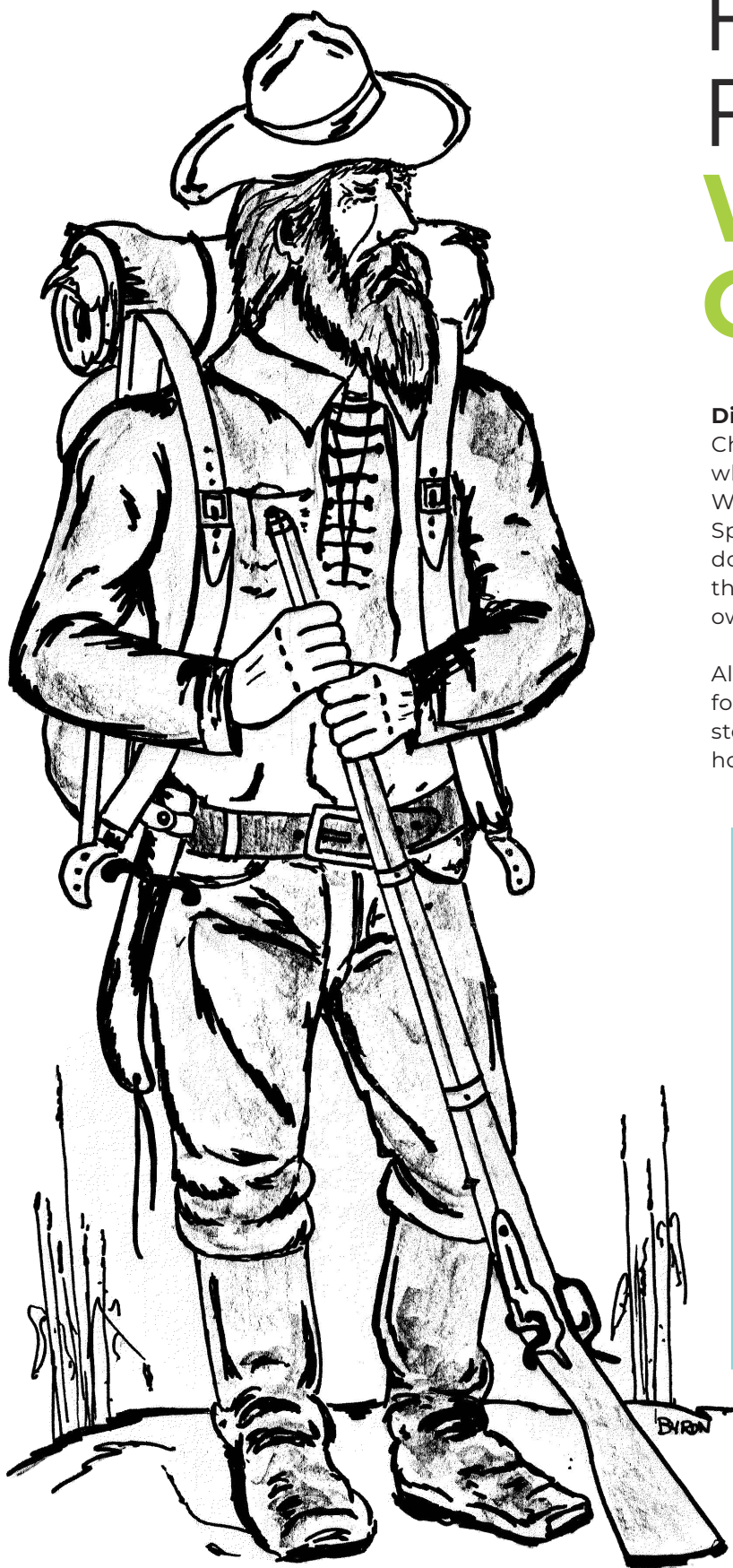

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Belated
50th
ANNIVERSARY
& Wildcat Days

Fun Facts: Wildcat Charlie

Did you know? Wildcat Days is named after Charlie Wiegert, also known as Wildcat Charlie, who was a German rancher in the Elkford area. Wildcat Charlie owned a ranch at Sulphur Springs in 1905. He kept a padlock on his cabin door, although everyone knew where he kept the key. He did this because he was the proud owner of the only padlock in the Elk Valley.

Although he was cranky, he was well known for being a welcoming host. Many trappers stopped in to enjoy the warm fire and warm hospitality he offered.

Where's Wildcat Charlie? Contest

All weekend long, be on the lookout for the life-sized wooden painting of Wildcat Charlie around town! Have a friend snap a photo of you with him, or take a selfie with him, and show the staff at the Community Conference Centre (750 Fording Drive) to receive a prize! Call 250.865.4010 for more info.

The fine print: please note that only *one prize per person* will be awarded over the weekend.

A Belated 50th Anniversary Message from
Elkford's Mayor, Dean McKerracher

"My family first moved to Elkford from Trail in 1971—the year that Elkford became a municipality. The original plan for my family was to come to Elkford, make the big dollars and go back to Trail. Fifty years later, we're still here!

I was among the first equipment operators working for the mine, helping to build the town as we know it today. In addition to a long career in mining, I am proud to have served Elkford on municipal council for the last 20 years: the first three as a councillor and the last 17 as Elkford's mayor. And what an honour it has been!

When we first moved to Elkford, it was nothing more than some single and double-wide trailers and a very large work-camp, as well as a mobile home park down by the river (which is now the location of the Teck parking lot). They had just started to build homes and there was only a first-aid station for healthcare.

Today, we're a flourishing mountain town that has grown to accommodate more than 2,700 full-time residents. Our community is among the friendliest and most welcoming you'll find anywhere. It's amazing how many modern amenities and services we have that you'd usually only find in large cities!

On July 16, 2021 Elkford marked its 50th Anniversary. We were planning an extra special event for last year but had to postpone it due to the COVID-19 provincial health orders and restrictions in place at the time. Now that those have been lifted and it's safe to gather once more, it's my great pleasure to invite you to come celebrate the Belated 50th Anniversary and Wildcat Days with us and experience everything Elkford has to offer!"
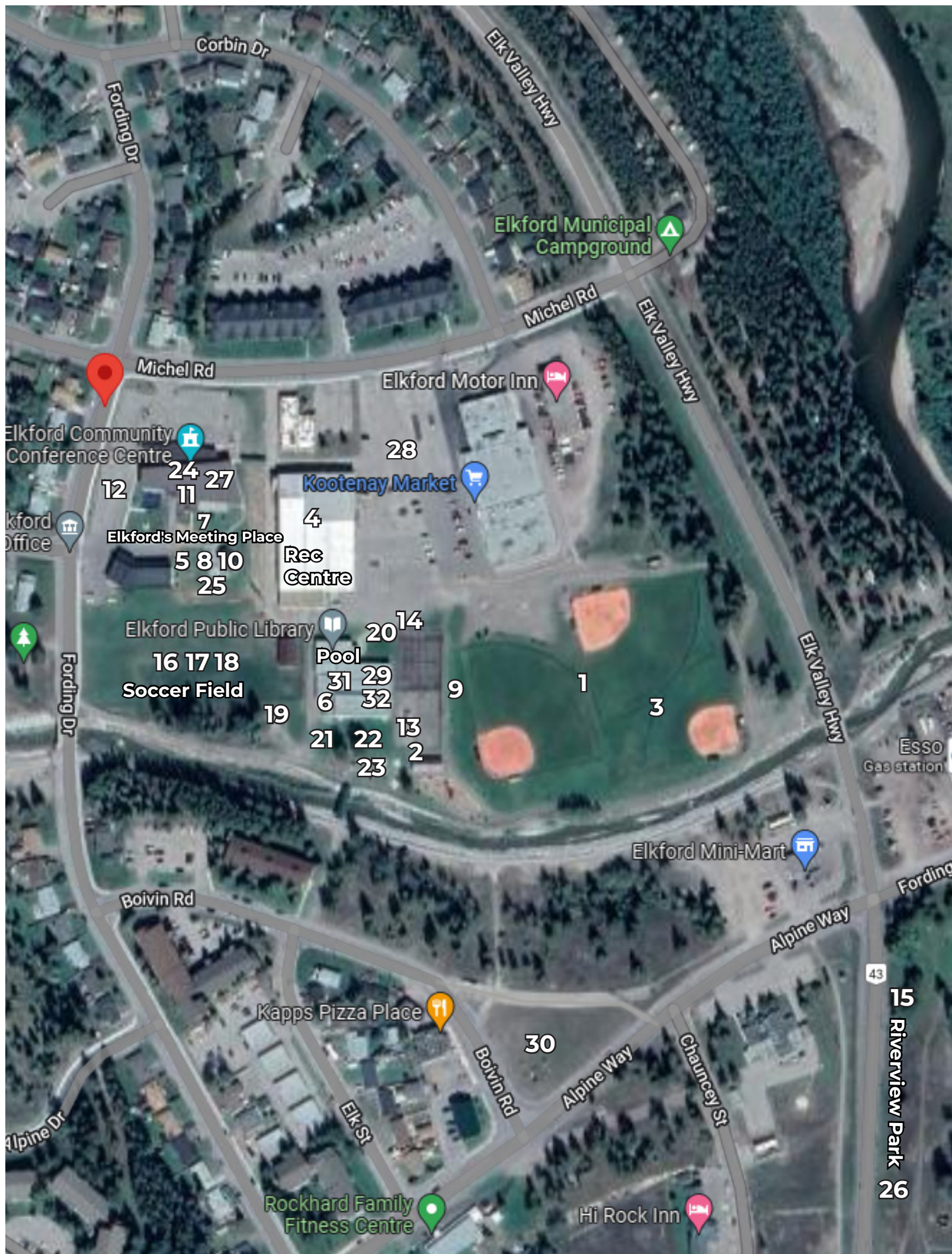
Dean McKerracher

Mayor for the District of Elkford

Friday, July 1

*	**Where's Wildcat Charlie? Contest** (See page 2 for more info)	All weekend
1	**Family Ball Tournament** (Hosted by Elkford Minor Ball)	11 a.m. start
2	**Devonian Concession** (Hosted by Elkford Minor Ball)	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
3	**Grass Smash Volleyball Tournament** (Organized by Carmen & Dustin Murray)	Throughout day
4	**Art Show** (Hosted by the Elkford Arts Council)	11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
5	**Free Canada Day BBQ and Cupcakes** (cupcakes made by Mandy McGregor & SYS.tem Youth Group)	Noon to 3 p.m.
6	**Free Canada Day Public Swim**	3 to 5 p.m.
7	**Beer Gardens** (Hosted by the Elkford Biking Club, charges apply)	6 p.m. to Midnight
8	**Band in the Park–The Chevelles**	8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
9	**Fireworks** (The best place to view the fireworks is from the Ball Fields)	At dark
*	**Wandering Light-Up Stilt Walker** (Look for the stilt walker amongst all the action)	Dark to 10 p.m.
10	**Evening Fire Pit**	Throughout evening

Saturday, July 2

*	**Where's Wildcat Charlie? Contest** (See page 2 for more info)	All weekend
11	**Pancake Breakfast** (Hosted by the Lions Club, 12 and under $7, 13 and over $10)	8 to 11 a.m.
4	**Art Show** (Hosted by the Elkford Arts Council)	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
12	**Parade** (Starts at Community Centre, to Michel Rd., Corbin Dr., Galbraith Dr., Natal Rd., Fording Dr., Michel Rd., ends back at Community Centre)	11 a.m. start
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3	**Grass Smash Volleyball Tournament** (Organized by Carmen & Dustin Murray)	Throughout day
13	**Cotton Candy ($4) and Snow Cones ($2.50)**	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
14	**Wrangler Elisa's Reptile Adventure**	11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with shows at 1:30 and 3 p.m.
15	**Jurassic Attack Monster Truck** ($10/person/ride, truck sits up to 10 people)	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
16	**PT the Clown** (Face Painting & Balloon Twisting)	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
*	**Roving Stilt Walkers & Magician** (Look for them amongst all the action)	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
17	**Inflatables and Games:** Fire Truck Inflatable, Bounce & Balls, Dump Truck Slide Inflatable, Ultimate Challenge Obstacle Course, Juniors' Obstacle Course, Tri-sided Game, Twister	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
18	**Elkford Trails Alliance Information Table**	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
19	**The Steer Whisperer – Joel and Jasper**	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
20	**Gold Panning & Story Telling with James Murray**	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
21	**Triple Bungee Run**	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
22	**Goofy Golf**	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
23	**Mini Putt**	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
24	**Caricature Artist**	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
25	**Dunk Tank** (Everyone welcome to be dunked on a volunteer basis)	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
26	**Show and Shine & Food Wagon** (hosted by the Elkford Lion's Club)	Noon to 4 p.m.
27	**Craft Fair** (Organized by Milan Belisle)	Noon to 4 p.m.
28	**Food Trucks**	Noon to 6 p.m.
29	**Wildcat Book Sale** (Hosted by the Elkford Public Library, charges apply)	12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
30	**Fire Department Trucks – Demos and Photos with Kids**	1 to 4 p.m.
6	**Public Swim** (Regular rates apply)	1 to 3 p.m.
8	**Band in the Park – Steve and the Gang**	1 to 6 p.m.
7	**Beer Gardens** (Hosted by the Elkford Biking Club, charges apply)	1 to 7 p.m.
31	**Parent and Tot/Lane Swim** (Regular admission rates apply)	3 to 4:30 p.m.
6	**Public Swim** (Regular admission rates apply)	4:30 to 6 p.m.
32	**Hawaiian Pool Party – Prizes, Games, Treats** (Regular admission rates apply)	6 to 8 p.m.
8	**Band in the Park – Rock River Rebels**	8 p.m. to Midnight
10	**Evening Fire Pit**	Throughout evening

Sunday, July 3

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"The New Municipal Office" by Stephanie Wells
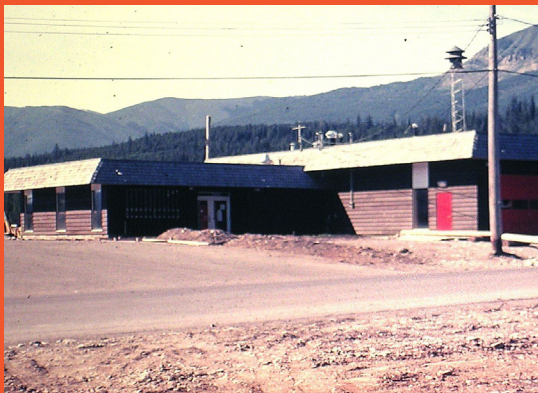
Happy Belated 50th, **Elkford!**

Elkford has grown into more than just a mining town: it's an extraordinary wilderness community, offering the best of modern amenities and mountain culture, in the Kootenay Rockies of British Columbia. It's located at a higher altitude than any other community in B.C., and it's one of those rare places where you can still step out your door and into the wilderness.

Wilderness has always been at the core of Elkford's identity. Built in 1971, as a homestead for mining industry workers and their families, Elkford has grown to boast the amenities, recreation facilities and luxuries of a much larger city centre. This idyllic mountain hamlet currently provides over 2,749 residents with postcard-perfect views, beautifully maintained community parks, a nine-hole golf course, hiking and mountain biking trails, a beautiful ski hill, world-class fishing, emerald lakes and endless backcountry to explore.

Whether you're looking for your next great adventure, or a picture-perfect place to raise a family, you'll find it in Elkford, the Wilderness Capital of B.C.

"Downtown Elkford" by Carl Miller

"The Old Municipal Office" by Carl Miller

>> Watch our Facebook account, **@district.elkford**, in the week leading up to the event for a special social media decades project featuring historical photos from the Facebook group, **Elkford BC**!

Let's Get **Wild!**

Originally incorporated as the Village of Elkford on July 16, 1971, the District of Elkford's 50th anniversary would have been in 2021. Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to hold celebrations in 2020 or 2021 due to the provincial health orders and restrictions for gatherings and events in place at that time.

With restrictions lifted, it's finally time to get together and celebrate in July 2022! We appreciate your patience and are so excited to celebrate with you!

"Aerial of Downtown" by District of Elkford

THANK YOU!

The District of Elkford thanks all of the amazing community clubs, volunteers and sponsors who made the Belated 50th Anniversary and Wildcat Days events possible:

- **Carmen and Dustin Murray**
- **Elkford Arts Council**
- **Elkford Biking Club**
- **Elkford Fire Department**
- **Elkford Lions Club**
- **Elkford Minor Ball**
- **Elkford Public Library**

- **Elkford Trails Alliance**
- **Elk Valley RCMP**
- **Mandy McGregor**
- **Milan Belisle**
- **Rocky Mountain Bus Lines**
- **SYS.tem Youth Action Network**
- **Teck Resources Ltd.**

We couldn't have done it without you!

Are You A 50-Year Resident?

This year, in celebration of Elkford's 50th year, and to honour the residents who have been community members since the very start, we are inviting all 50-year residents to take part in the annual parade.

We have arranged a bus that will be decorated with banners, and you are invited to ride the bus in the parade or walk alongside the bus to greet parade viewers. Additionally, we have designed honourary t-shirts for you to wear during the parade. The parade is taking place on Saturday, July 2, with staging/gathering time at 10 a.m. at the Community Conference Centre.

Please contact Michelle Krenbrink or Paula Nyuli as soon as possible at **250.865.4010** or **recreation@elkford.ca** to RSVP your attendance to the parade and arrange to pick up your parade t-shirt and commemorative 50th anniversary gift.

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