

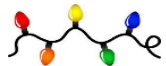
A QUICK LOOK BACK AT 2025



Barb and Bernice with Santa!

The SCA Santa Breakfast was on December 14th (Sun.). It had Santa Claus in attendance to visit with children – young and old – who came to enjoy breakfast with their families and friends. The SCA volunteers served approximately 150 pancake breakfasts which included a slice

of ham, sausages and scrambled eggs. Thank you to all who came out for this annual festive fundraiser!



Savona Community Association Holiday Lights: It sure looked festive with all the Christmas lights around the community! Did you get a chance to drive around and see the lights? The SCA had their annual holiday lights event – voting on your favorite light display in town via ballot box at Miller's Crossing or online. For the 2025 Christmas season, the Top 3 most voted for (there was a tie for second this year!):

- (1) Barb & Bill Gale (Watson East)
- (2) Nicole & Clark Edmondson (Access Road)
- (2) Dallas & Darren Embury (Watson East)

INTEREST RATE ON 2025 TAXES IN ARREARS OR DELINQUENT

The Province of BC has let Improvement Districts know that the interest rate established under Section 11(3) of the *Taxation (Rural Area) Act* shall be 7.45%.

7.45% will be added to the accounts of property owners who have not paid their 2025 taxes and statements will be mailed out in March.

EDUCATION BURSARY



The 2026 Savona Fire Rescue Bursary is available for local high school students.

If you know of a Savona student in Grade 12 who attends South Kamloops Secondary School – let them know that there is a **Savona Fire Rescue Bursary** and contact the counselling department at the school for the application process.

BURNING PERMITS

Just a reminder that if you are spring cleaning and would like to burn yard waste in your yard – **you need a burning permit**. The burning permits are FREE and are good for two weeks.

Bylaw No. 184 – open burning in Spring burning is restricted to the month of March and April. The permit allows for a Category 2 open backyard burning.

Contact the office to get your Spring burning permit



COMMUNITY EVENTS

SCA PUB NIGHT in March will be on March 20 (Fri.) from 6pm to 10pm.

TRE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE – April 3 – 5, 2026

THE ANNUAL LAKESHORE PARK CLEAN UP will be on April 12th (Sun.) from 10am to 1pm. Put on your volunteer hat, grab your rake and see you there!

HERITAGE MUSEUM ANNUAL SPRING TEA & LUNCHEON will be held on April 26th (Sun.) from 11am to 2pm at the Museum. Strawberry shortcake, tea and light lunch served by donation.

Savona Improvement District AGM **April 21, 2026**

There will be **1 vacancy** on the Board of Trustees.

The time commitment for a trustee is 1-2 hours, once a month for meetings and the occasional email from the administrative officer and the term is for 3 years.

The SID Board consists of 5 trustees who are elected by the Savona landowners present at the AGM.

Save the date!! See you there!!

SAVONA EARLY LEARNING CENTER **EASTER FUNDRAISER**

The daycare is having chocolate fundraiser – ***Easter Purdy's 2026 Fundraiser***. Orders must be placed and paid for by March 11, 2026 (Wed.).



Orders can be made online at:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000024497>

Orders will be ready for pick up on March 31 (Tues.) at the daycare. The daycare will deliver their orders to Savona locals.

Any questions? Contact Kirsten at 250-819-6008



Dominic Lake near Savona is popular among residents as a fishing and camping destination. This lake is named after Italian immigrant Dominic Avosti. Dominic Avosti came to the area

in the 1880s and settled to ranching up Durand Creek. The area of Dominic Lake was his summer range. He claimed water from a dam he built there for irrigation in 1893. Dominic is laid to rest in the Steelhead Provincial Park Cemetery.

LOCAL FOOTBALL PROSPECT

16-year-old, Ryder Bird, is an upcoming football prospect for Team BC. Ryder is a Grade 10 student at South Kamloops Secondary School playing on both the junior and senior teams for the Titans football team as their running back and linebacker.

He currently ranks in the top 100 in Canada and top 3 in BC as defensive player in Junior Varsity. He has a scholarship with the University of Calgary pending his graduation in a couple of years but is also waiting to see if he will get other offers.

In June, Ryder will be going to Calgary to represent BC in the All-Canadian Classic – a four-day football event for high school athletes ages 14-17. This four-day event from June 4th to 7th, includes 3 days of practice building skills, learning new plays and bonding with teammates and then ends with an East vs. West game at McMahon stadium.

Currently Ryder is trying to make it on to Team BC. Round one of tryouts in January was in Vernon which earned him the invitation to round two tryouts in Langley in mid-February. He now waits for the roster list to be published in mid-March to see if he makes the provincial team. If he makes the Team BC football team, he will then have the opportunity go to the U17 Western Challenge at the end of June at St. Vital Mustangs Venue in Winnipeg hosted by Football Canada. WTG Ryder!!

