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Looking for goats, man finds WWII bomb

By Andru McCracken

Up on a steep hillside above the Raush River, more than a day's trek by any means other than a riverboat or helicopter, lie strange remnants of the world's first intercontinental attack: the corroded remains of a Second World War Japanese balloon bomb, known as a 'Fu-Go' or fire balloon.

Bowdrie Widdell wasn't looking for a bomb. He was hunting for mountain goats with a small crew and they accessed the Raush River via riverboat, as it's no

small feat to get back there. It's an hour's ride up from the mouth of the Raush, and includes navigating through steep sections.

After about an hour and a half of steep hiking, Bowdrie happened upon the strangest thing. A spring valve. Later he'd learn that this sat at the bottom of the balloon to release hydrogen when the balloon went too high in the atmosphere.

At this point he hollered to his companions to come and look and before long they CONT'D ON P2 found the chassis and 'brain'



New equipment is a hit



By Andru McCracken

The Valemount Elementary School has a brand new playground and it's a hit with kids of all ages.

Funding for the project was announced in March by the Ministry of Education, and at the time local School District Representative Bob Thompson said it was

long overdue.

The day after the playground was opened a parent reported that every child in the school appeared to be on the equipment or waiting to get on.

Kirby Scheller had high hopes for the playground. When the funding was announced he had hoped for a rockwall and a zipline.

There isn't a zipline, but Scheller gives his approval anyway.

share it with primary kids, Scheller said.

"The primaries get it for first recess for half an hour and the intermediates only get it for 15 minutes," said Scheller.

Scheller said that the playground's rockwall component is pretty sketchy for younger kids

"If a kid falls off [the rockwall] they are going to get really badly injured," he said. But other than wanting more time on

the new structure, Scheller said it's a great piece of gear for the school. The new play area replaces an old play helicopter and a pink arched climbing structure of some age.

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Whatever the new configuration will be, it will be much better and safer, and I'm sure the students will love it," said Thompson..

His words were prophetic.

It's different from all the other playgrounds I have been on so far," he said.

The only trouble with the new play area is that the intermediate kids are forced to



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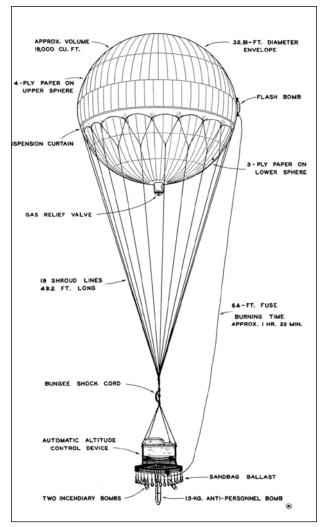
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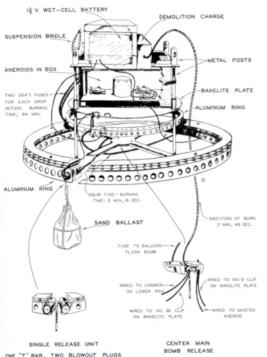
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Fire bomb from across the sea





When Bowdrie Widdell first saw the device he took it for a burner used by some backwoods distiller, but his father researched it, and determined it was in fact part of a WWII Japanese Fu-Go, or Fire Balloon. /BOWDRIE WIDDELL



It was a complex device, dropping ballast and releasing hydrogen during it's three day flight to stay within the get stream. centre of what they would later learn was

an intercontinental bomb dropper. Widdell said he had no idea what it was. His first thought that it may have been a burner for a still.

"But this was a really horrible place for a still," he said, laughing.

The wreck of the Fu-Go sits in an old burn. Widdell said it's tough to know

supposed to do: start forest fires that would divert American forces from the war effort. Widdell had hoped to recover the relic and have it brought to the Dunster Museum.

There is ample documentation of the balloon bombs now, but during the war the attacks were kept under wraps. The Allies didn't want the Japanese Imperial Army to know whether or not their incendiary balloons were working. Except for a few unlucky incidents, they did not work and the media blackout as well as aerial attacks on hydrogen creation facilities eventually shut down the program.

According to Robert C. Mikesh, who wrote a 1973 book on the subject, the Fu-Go was designed as a cheap weapon that would use the jet stream to drop bombs on American cities, forests and farmland.

The jet stream, a band of fast moving air at about 31,000ft or 9100 metres above sea level would take an unpowered balloon from Japan to North America in three days.

Exactly where those balloons would end up was a mystery. To everyone. The balloon bombs weren't capable of navigation as they would go where the jet stream pushed them. They made do with an ingenious system that kept the balloons in the jet stream, venting hydrogen if they flew above 38,000 ft or alternatively dropping sandbags via an explosive charge if they flew below 30,000 ft. The payload of the balloon was remarkable: about 1000 pounds or 454 kg. The balloons were four metres in diameter. After three days in the air a final flash discharged the bomb and lit a long fuse that hung from the balloon's equator, destroying it. Widdell would like to see this piece of history saved, but it has been reported to the authorities and will likely be disposed. Some of the incendiary devices are still attached to the frame though partially buried. Attempting to recover the device would be risky. It's estimated that the Japanese Imperial Army unleashed more than 9000 of these balloons into the jet stream above Japan, and they expected about a 10% success rate. Only about 300 have been accounted for.



The Raush is as beautiful as it is inaccessible, seen here from a mountain a top Dunster. /LAURA KEIL

In all, the balloons are thought to have only killed six people in North American. On May 5, 1945 a Sunday school teacher and five teens found what must have been the same device in Southern Oregon that Widdell found up the Raush. They called someone over to see what they found when an attached bomb exploded killing all six.

Of interest though is that one balloon actually cut power to 'Hanford Site' a nuclear production complex in Washington State on March 10, 1945. The balloon caused a short circuit in the power lines to the nuclear reactor's cooling pumps which could have triggered a meltdown. plague) and had produced enough cowpox virus to infect the entire United States. Japanese author and historian Kazutoshi Hando writes that the Japanese Emperor Hirohito didn't allow it.

Widdell had no idea about Fu-Go bombs before he came across the wreckage. "It's pretty wild," he said.

Another Fu-Go bomb was recovered by a forestry crew near Lumby BC in 2014. It was blown up on site.

whether the device had caused the fire or not, but he leaves open the possibility. That's one of the things the device was



Another view of the intercontinental bomb dropping device. /BOWDRIE WIDDELL This is the same site that provided the material used in the

nuclear bombs that would end World War II. Lucky for the Americans, the power was quickly restored. Six months later the Americans bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Some in the Japanese Imperial Army had hoped to send biological weapons on board these balloons. They had used biological weapons in China. In fact, the Japanese Imperial Army's Noborito Institute cultivated anthrax and Yersinia pestis (aka the



Valemount Council: gas tax money, invasives and parking woes

By Andru McCracken

The Village of Valemount held their regularly scheduled meeting on October 8. Present were Mayor Owen Torgerson, Councillors Sheri Gee, Hollie Blanchette, Donnie MacLean and Pete Pearson, CAO Wayne Robinson, Deputy Corporate Officer Carleena Shepherd and Planner Megan Vicente.

Prior to the regular meeting, council held a public hearing on Zoning Amendment Bylaw 810, 2019. The amendment would change the zoning of 940 Main Street, also known as the Trading Post, from service commercial zone 'C3' to 'C2', general commercial.

The amendment would allow for two principal buildings and reduces the interior side setback from 6m to 1m.

No concerns were raised at the public hearing.

Planner Megan Vicente said there were no written concerns.

"If no further concerns arise, we recommend giving 3rd and 4th readings to zoning amendment bylaw 810 - 2019," she said.

Before council adopted the agenda for their meeting they recognized VCTV's Michael Peters for filming 150 consecutive meetings.

Public comments

Rahsmi Narayan, chair of the council's housing committee made the case for a multi-stakeholder project.

"I want to add something because our meeting was after the deadline. The housing committee has committed to bring in a facilitator to bring together all the housing stakeholders and see how they can be part of a joint housing project," said Narayan. "I think this is good news. If council approves the \$10,000 to match I think you'll be also supporting a project that will meet multiple housing needs that has the mandate of all the housing groups in Valemount."

She said coordination of housing is important because there are so many voices.

Narayan also spoke to a bylaw amendment.

"Parking is much needed infrastructure. On a different agenda item to eliminate parking fees in lieu, it makes sense to have a fund from such fees. Scrapping these fees goes against what other municipalities are doing to address this issue. By saying no to revenue you are actually putting the burden on other taxpayers. All businesses need to develop the infrastructure of Valemount," she said.

Christmas tidings

Council waived fees for the Valemount Food Bank's Christmas Dinner to be held on December 25.

Regional governance

Council appointed Mayor Torgerson as representative to the Regional District of Fraser Fort George and appointed Hollie Blanchette as alternate director. Torgerson said the arrangement would allow each councillor to get a 'taste' of the regional governance body.

Valemountain Days

The Valemount Sport Days Committee sought permission from council to apply for a grant to obtain a commercial fridge, commercial freezer and commercial ice maker for the (soon to be) upgraded concession on the Valemount Sport Grounds. Council agreed to support their grant writing efforts.

From the Reading file

MacLean made the case for learning more about invasive plants and council's involvement. She asked if anyone could attend the Northwest Invasive Plant Council's annual general meeting. "I really feel this is important. The weeds are getting out of hand," said MacLean. Robinson said staff has requested they present to council in the past. "We're interested in learning more information from them. I can ask them to come," said CAO Wayne Robinson.

Torgerson said he learned new information that should be taken into consideration next year regarding Permissive Tax Exemptions for the Valemount and Area Rentals Society, from letters in the reading file.

Staff reports

Council received the Accounts Receivable Report for August and September and the Building Inspector's report without comment or question.

Rural Dividend cancellation fallout

Council's work on affordable housing was put in jeopardy when the Province cancelled the Rural Dividend granting stream.

"[The] project sits in limbo and cannot proceed without further funding," read a staff report. "Staff is requesting that \$10,000 be provided from this budget [...] to make up for the lack of funding."

Council had set aside \$20,000 for grant opportunities that required matching funds.

Council granted the request.

"I think Ms. Narayan summed it up quite well," said Blanchette, who sits on the housing committee. "Now is the opportunity to move forward on this. I think Council's commitment is important."

Valemount Cafe

On October 29 Council will host a 'cafe' to discuss village issues with the public. Mayor Torgerson canvassed councillors about what they would like to discuss. Pearson said he couldn't make it. "I have to extend my regrets, I will be performing Legion duties in Mackenzie that night," said Pearson.

Blanchette said she wanted the public to feel free to hold forth about anything.

"If we don't have the answers we can get them. It's a good opportunity to make sure we're all on the same page," she said.

Torgerson said that because their income from the gas tax will double he wanted the public's help in determining what to do with at least half of it.

"I'm looking for Council's support to have staff research and present eligible projects under the gas tax project," he said. Council approved the motion.

Community Initiatives

A staff report said that the CBT Community Initiative granting program has \$523,500.

Torgerson introduced the idea of a firewood co-op where members would store wood in seacans until they were dry.

"Those involved would submit to the co-op and draw from the co-op," said Torgerson.

Blanchette said she couldn't make a decision on the proposal because she didn't know enough about it.

"I'm throwing the idea out that the more vulnerable part of the population live on smaller lots and therefore cannot store their wood in a manner that cures over time and are therefore burning a green wetter wood. This program would enable them within reason to get to a spot to store their wood," explained Torgerson.

Blanchette asked to add it to the agenda of an upcoming clean air task force meeting

Pearson said he wasn't sure how the cooperative aspect would work.

He pitched a competing proposal: a large shed providing an affordable source of seasoned firewood from the community forest.

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<u>CBT CIP/AAP Adjudication Committee</u> <u>Members Needed</u>

The Village of Valemount is seeking volunteers to fill vacancies on the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Program and Affected Areas Program Adjudication Committee (CBT CIP/AAP). There are four seats available – one for a one year term and three for a two year term. The Adjudication Committee is a "Committee of Council" and its role is to make recommendations to Council regarding which community organizations should receive funding from the CBT CIP/AAP.

Valemount Cafe: A Community Engagement Opportunity

October 29, 2019 6:00 pm—8:00 pm Valemount Community Hall (100 Gorse Street)

Come visit the "Valemount Cafe", a place where you can sit down and have conversations with Village Council and Staff.

The goal of this session is to engage with the public to:

• Provide information about specific Village initiatives, programs, and services;

Columbia Basin Trust Workshop

Grant Writing:

Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 6:00 pm—8:00 pm at the Valemount Community Hall

Cost: Free

In this workshop you will improve your grant writing skills, learn important tips for developing a project and connect with other non-profit groups in your community. The workshop will be led by Trust Manager of Community Relationships for Valemount, Lynda Lafleur. **Please note**: this is the same workshop as was provided in June this year in Valemount.

Applications are available on the Village website at <u>www.valemount.ca/grants</u> or at the Village Office, 735 Cranberry Lake Road. The deadline to apply for board membership is **November 4, 2019 at 4:00 pm**. For further information please contact Krista Etty at 250-566-4435 or email <u>grantclerk@valemount.ca</u>.

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We hope you take the opportunity to come and visit us at the "Valemount Cafe". Snacks, refreshments, and door prizes will be available.

Register by Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Registration details can be found on our website at www.valemount.ca.

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Editorial

Too much cash a grave concern



By Andru McCracken

The Columbia Basin Trust has so much money to disperse in Valemount that it's causing problems in Castlegar.

You don't know about this? It's true. Every year the Columbia Basin Trust has a bunch of money to disperse to local nonprofits through their Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program. But local groups haven't been using it fast enough, and the balance is growing to epic proportions.

Rumour has it that the money is in gold coins in an underground vault in Castlegar and every year the Trust has to hire a team of miners to increase the size of the cavern that holds it. The miners have a rare distinction to be the only people who have had a full time job as a result of the program for more than three years running.

The part about the miners isn't true, but it does illustrate a point. The money can be used in particular ways. Some of us would Mayor Owen Torgerson and councillor Pete Pearson brought up ideas to help clean up Valemount's air quality by increasing the availability of seasoned highquality firewood.

Both proposals could use refining, but it's a noble goal, and it might be one of the best ways to make quick inroads on Valemount's air quality problem.

Some people would be willing to pay the going rate to get good firewood, and subsidizing firewood for seniors and community members in a fix would be a really great thing.

But back to the problem of blowing half a million dollars...

If you live in McBride and are reading about this issue for the first time, you might lower your estimation of Valemountonians, and think ill of us for not being able to spend 500 large, despite the fact we've got about 50 non-profit groups in this community and a strong tradition of superfluous grant

requests. But the reality is we might be going at it the wrong way.

Typically the grant money has been conceived of by the applicants on a need-by-need basis. Essentially a nonprofit group makes a wish list of some equipment and chooses the top

The community ends up with a new groomer, a deep fryer, a renovated bathroom, and those are really good things, but they are not transformative.

argue our approach to spending that money hasn't always netted us the best outcomes.

This year Valemount has \$523,000 to spend... in very particular ways.

Some ideas were cast about at council on October 8 that considered how this funding could be used to improve the lives of Valemountonians.

one or two items to apply for. Each group goes through this process independently. It's an exhausting and uncreative process. The community ends up with

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projects to a committee and the public. The public casts a vote, and ultimately the committee determines which projects go forward and which are terminated.

This is an odd thing. Why leave it to an external committee to decide one project instead of another, when these groups could get together in advance and build proposals that support each other?

I have high expectations for each group, but they aren't that much higher than the bare minimum required to apply for a grant.

You might think this group cooperation is near impossible. Well it's not.

I was very heartened to hear the Housing Committee decide to work together to develop a vision for housing throughout the community. It's an exciting new way for nonprofit groups to consider how they can help make the community a better place.

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Broadcaster recognized

By Andru McCracken

VCTV's Michael Peters was recognized by council for his faithful work bringing village politics to the masses.

At their October 8 council meeting, council took a moment to recognize his work.

"On behalf of council, we would like to congratulate you on 150 consecutive council meetings," said Mayor Owen Torgerson.

At every scheduled council meeting, Peters brings and sets up three cameras and makes a recording which appears on the local television channel and is rebroadcast on the Bell Satellite network on channel 653.

Council presented Peters with a gift bag. Peters thanked council in return.

"It's been wonderful. I thank you for your cooperation. I know it's not easy to have a camera

in your face everyday. Thank you," said Peters. "He's the iron man of the media," said

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Torgerson.

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McBride Council: conferences, lagoon access

By Andrea Arnold

McBride Council met for their regular meeting Oct. 8th, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Mayor Gene Runtz. Also present for the meeting were council members Lucille Green, Diane Smith, Allan Frederick, Rosemary Hruby and CAO Sheila McCutcheon

Council received a report regarding the Caribou Herd Planning Committee. The initial meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 24, 2019. Council expressed pleasure at the variety of experiences and ages represented within the committee.

Council passed a motion approving expenses for Councillor Frederick's attendance at the community meeting with the Ministry of Agriculture on Thursday October 3, 2019 in Prince George. Mayor Runtz also attended, but declined the expense reimbursement as he was in town on other business as well.

Council passed motions to approve expenses for Councillor Green to

attend the 2019 BC's Affordable Housing Conference in Vancouver November 16-19, as well as the expenses for all of council to attend the 2020 North Central Local Government Association AGM & Convention in May.

Council passed a motion to cover Mayor Runtz's expenses involved in his attending the Planning Wildfire Resilient communities in British Columbia Outreach and Engagement Workshop on Monday October 21, 2019 in Smithers, BC.

Council approved the motion to temporarily close Holdway Street from 1st to 2nd Ave on November 29, 2019 from 3:00pm to 2:00am on November 30, 2019 for the 2019 Bung Bung Show and Shine.

Council passed a motion to receive a report regarding the Village of McBride Permissive Tax Exemption. Currently only churches fall under this category. The report examines the possibility of including other non-profit groups who own land. This would mean a change to the current bylaw. the application for a nominal rent tenure application over Horseshoe (Dominion) Creek for the purpose of legal access to the Village's sewer lagoons. The Village must apply to the Crown under the Community Institutional Land Policy. This policy enables the use and disposition of Crown land for health, education, public safety, community infrastructure and public facilities that benefit the public at large.

In November of 2018, Council decided on delegates and alternates for council committees and Council appointed community liaison positions. It was not stated at the time what the length of each term would be. Administration is seeking clarification, and if any of the positions will not continue for the four-year term, then a new delegate/ alternate can be selected. At this time, the mayor asked Council to consider if any positions interested them. Administration was directed to resubmit the matter on the agenda for the October 22, 2019 meeting. Council adjourned at 7:40pm.

Council passed a motion endorsing

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it and market price for those who don't need a subsidy," said Pearson.

Council received the staff report.

Comfort Inn amendment

The Comfort Inn has asked for an amendment that would allow them to use gravel instead of grass in their landscaping.

Pearson supported the proposal because it uses less water and would be aesthetically pleasing.

Torgerson also asked that the Inn replace coniferous trees with deciduous.

"To me this is the exact opposite of fire safe," he said.

Bylaws

Zoning amendment bylaw 806-2019 received first and second reading. Its purpose is to support and create affordable housing opportunities within the Village of Valemount. The permissive tax exemption Bylaw 809 was adopted as presented. Council gave third and fourth reading to Zoning amendment Bylaw 810 which amends the zoning of the **Council Remuneration** Council increased their remuneration with Bylaw 811

- 2019 They tied their incomes to the consumer price index.

"Is there anybody who would like to give themselves a raise?" asked Torgerson.

"Because that's not awkward," said Blanchette. Blanchette asked if they would

also give staff a raise as well at the same time.

"We'll be coming to council afterward with that," said Robinson

"The large ask is on its way," said Torgerson.

Effective January 1, 2020 the mayor will make \$19,503.52 per year and councillors \$8,777.10.

Waiving parking cash in lieu Staff asked council to eliminate the cash in lieu option from Parking and Loading provisions of Bylaw 610, 2007. Staff explained that the cash in lieu had never been collected by the Village since the bylaw was set up in 2007, but a provision in the community charter forbids the village from forgoing "It's a tough one," said Pearson. "Is there a clarification needed?" asked Torgerson. "Should we test the floor." Blanchette moved the controversial item.

"Parking, as we know, is a huge issue, and I don't have the answer for it. We're locked in where the downtown core is, sometimes just trying to park your bike is hard enough. We discussed parking several months ago, we need to figure it out if another building is coming," said Blanchette.

"Can I offer that our OCP will be under review in the next year and it will be part of an overall umbrella review?" asked Torgerson.

"Can we put this on hold for a year?" said Blanchette.

"I agree with that completely," said Pearson. "Let's deal with it all at one time, then we get it right."

Council Reports

Councillors and the Mayor gave extensive reports as it had been 30 days since the last Council meeting, except for councillor Gee who had nothing

Letter: Let your kids decide your vote

I'm proposing a radical change in how to vote, i.e., how one decides which Party to support.

We teach our children how to walk, drive, cook, budget, play sports and so on. Why do we direct them how to vote? There is constant angst in the media about how to get out the youth vote. As a 65 year old, I have a suggestion for us older folks. We have the power to make the younger vote matter.

We need to ask them which Party they support (and why), and then we vote the way they want. That is how we can help make their vote matter and how we can support them in designing their planet. It's not ours anymore. They have to live with the consequences of voting for far longer than us older folks.

It's a huge leap, as it's a complete reversal of the power balance, but if that's what it takes to get youth to vote, so be it.

Tom Rankin Kamloops

Kokanee OK during bad year for salmon

By Andru McCracken

While it has been a devastating year for the Chinook salmon because of a massive rockfall that blocked the Fraser River near Big Bar, the Kokanee of Kinbasket Reservoir and particularly those that spawn in Camp Creek are doing alright although the final numbers are not yet in.

BC Hydro and the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources have been keeping track of the Kokanee since 1998.

For many years Curtis Culp of Dunster did the work, but in 2016 Gene Blackman of Tete Jaune Cache took over.

The work is part of the Columbia River Water Use Plan project, according to Jen Walker-Larsen, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor for BC Hydro. The counts help monitor reservoir productivity. Because the Kokanee turn bright red during spawning they are easy to see, and make for an efficient aerial survey.

A small number of fish are sampled for length, weight, sex, and age and two small bones called otoliths are extracted from the head and sent to the Provincial Aging Lab operated by the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC.

"This work provides an annual index that feeds into the overall population assessment and helps us understand what is happening with the Kokanee population," said Larsen.

Kokanee numbers and sizes can vary quite considerably and often change cyclically.

The number of Kokanee in Camp Creek varies from 5,000 to 25,000 depending on the year and the average size has ranged from about 22cm to 28cm, with a correlation between population and size.



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Trans Mountain Expansion Project – CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION

Fraser Fort George, Hargreaves, Rearguard, Valemount and Albreda | October 2019 – November 2021*

Trans Mountain is beginning the construction of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project in the North Thompson region between Hargreaves and Albreda this fall (Construction Spread 3). Construction will commence in a series of phased activities along the pipeline right-of-way through Valemount and Albreda no earlier than late October 2019 through November 2021.* The schedule of construction activities and map provide more information about the timing of construction activities in each community.

*Dates are subject to change and commencement of work is subject to necessary regulatory approvals and permits.

WHAT YOU MAY NOTICE

During the course of these activities, the public may notice:

- · Construction equipment and vehicles, and workers on-site
- Increased activity and intermittent construction-type noise in proximity to the worksite
- Odours related to approved clearing activities (local burning restrictions will be strictly followed)
- Noise and access restrictions to accommodate rock blasting
- Intermittent, temporary traffic delays in order to move equipment in and out of the worksites
- Signage in locations where construction activities will take place near recreation areas
- Additional directed lighting at the worksite
- · Traffic delays or increase in traffic volumes

Trans Mountain's goal is to maintain safe work environments and minimize any impacts of these activities to the public and the environment. When work commences, the following measures will be in place to manage these impacts:

- Hours of work:
 - Activities will mainly take place between 7 am and 7 pm, Monday to Saturday
 - No work will take place on statutory holidays
- Contractors will abide by applicable noise bylaws, variances may be required for unexpected activities
 - Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) will be conducted under applicable Noise Management Plans, as HDDs require continuous 24/7 construction. Noise bylaw variances may also be required for HDDs.
- Dust from construction traffic will be controlled using best industry practices, including water trucks and street sweepers
- · Lighting directed only on areas of work for worker safety
- Tree and vegetation removal work will comply with necessary approvals. Registered professional foresters and certified arborists will be on-site as needed.
- Construction-related traffic will follow site-specific traffic management plans to minimize impacts during peak hours
- · Construction vehicles will not occupy off-site public parking spaces
- Work will be monitored by Environmental Inspectors

Trans Mountain conducts all work under its Environmental Protection and Pipeline Protection Programs to ensure compliance with applicable regulations and requirements. The public's patience is appreciated as we work to minimize any disruptions or inconvenience associated with construction activities.

SCHEDULE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITIES	APPROX. DATE RANGE	ACTIVITIES
VALEMOUNT	Present – Dec 2020	Stockpile site & construction yard development and operation
VALEMOUNT Albreda	Oct 2019 – Nov 2021	Construction including: • Preparing the right-of-way • Clearing • Blasting • Utility relocation • Pipeline construction • Horizontal directional drilling • Watercourse crossings • Hydrostatic testing • Valve installation
McMURPHY	March 2020 – Nov 2020	Pump station construction
HARGREAVES	May 2020 – March 2021	Pump station construction

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY DETAILS

- Delivery and storage of construction materials and equipment, including stockpiling and staging of pipe
- Installation of temporary office buildings or trailers to support construction crews building the pipeline and associated facilities
- · Transportation of materials and equipment to and from the site

Preparing a Right-of-Way

There are a number of steps involved in preparing the right-of-way for the arrival of construction crews and equipment, including clearing, flagging and installing temporary infrastructure. They include:

- BC One Call, locating and marking of all buried facilities
- Surveying
- Flagging and staking the right-of-way and any temporary workspace required for construction
- Installation of signage
- Clearing trees and vegetation from pre-approved areas essential for construction
- Disposing or burning of unsalvageable timber, like branches, tree limbs or shrubs left behind from clearing; local burning restrictions will be strictly followed

Throughout these activities, we will implement environmental mitigation measures outlined in our Environmental Protection Plans at transmountain.com/environmental-protection-plans.

Blasting

Blasting will take place at a number of locations in close proximity to roadways, waterways, existing underground facilities and geohazard areas. Blasting close to roadways will usually take place at night in order to minimize impact to the travelling public. Temporary road closures may be required. Residents may notice noise relating to the blast and cleanup activities.

Utility Relocation

In some areas, where new right-of-way areas are required, Trans Mountain will work collaboratively with TELUS and/or BC Hydro to relocate utilities. This should not impact your services but you may see work crews in your area.

Pipeline Construction

Once clearing is complete and access to the right-of-way has been established, crews will perform a series of steps within the construction footprint to facilitate installation of pipe in the ground:

- Remove topsoil and grade the surface to prepare for the arrival of bigger equipment and delivery of pipe segments
- Remove pipe from delivery trucks and lay down along right-of-way
- Weld pipe segments together and apply a protective coating
- · Perform non-destructive examinations to ensure quality of welds
- Dig a trench and lower in pipe sections
- Backfill the trench to bed and protect the pipe
- Cleanup and restoration activities. These include returning the right-of-way to its original grade, replacing any topsoil and replanting vegetation.

Where the pipeline crosses a body of water, one of three methods of construction will be used. The techniques for each are site-specific:

- Isolated method
 - The stream is temporarily dammed and rerouted through temporary pumps or using piping often referred to as a flume. The pipe is then installed using conventional construction techniques before the dam is removed and the stream returned to its normal flow path. Great care is taken to preserve the environmental features around the stream, such as the wildlife and aquatic habitat provided within the riparian zone.
- Trenchless method
 - This method leaves the bed and banks relatively undisturbed. A trenchless method is used to cross under the watercourse, creating a path to pull the pipe back through. Horizontal directional drilling is only possible in the right geotechnical conditions and requires special environmental measures to be put in place.
- Open-cut method
 - If the other techniques cannot be used for environmental or geotechnical reasons, we will use an open-cut crossing of the watercourse. Open-cut watercourse crossings trench directly through the watercourse following the conventional construction methodology.

Engineering feasibility assessments have been made to determine the most suitable crossing techniques to be used at each water crossing. Regulatory guidelines and standards will apply to all crossing methods, as will appropriate erosion and sediment control measures to ensure the safety of the body of water.

Environmental Protection

As part of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, extensive work has been conducted to determine environmental impacts and mitigation measures to reduce those impacts. Our goal is to protect the environment, have as little impact as possible and, where we do have an impact, ensure we return the land to a similar function.

We completed field studies between 2012 and 2018 along the pipeline corridor studying a wide range of environmental features, including wildlife, fisheries, plants, species at risk or species of special status, soils, heritage resources, traditional land use and air and greenhouse gas emissions. Following the field studies, we conducted extensive analysis to predict the effects associated with the Project, including those that could be caused by construction, operations, decommissioning or abandonment, as well as potential incidents and malfunctions. The information and analysis was used to develop our unique Environmental Protection Plans.

Mitigation strategies for avoiding or reducing potential environmental effects will be employed at all stages of the Project. For more information about environmental mitigation methods and our Environmental Protection Plans, visit transmountain.com/environmental-protection-plans.

Stockpile Sites and Construction Yards

In 2019, Trans Mountain began preparing and activating one site in the Valemount area to support construction-related activity. This site is being used for:

Learn more about pipeline construction and watercourse crossings at transmountain.com/building-a-pipeline.

Horizontal Directional Drilling

There will be horizontal directional drills approximately 10 km north of Blue River.

This trenchless construction technique can be used where the pipeline crosses roads and railways, for select watercourse crossings and in places with restricted workspace such as in some urban or residential areas.

This technique involves set up of a drill rig on one side of the crossing and equipment along the drill path. The pipe is assembled and welded on the opposite side to the drill setup, with the pipe string connected to the drill assembly and pulled back through the drill path.

For more information on horizontal direction drilling, please visit transmountain.com/building-a-pipeline.

Performing a Hydrostatic Test

Before the pipeline is ready to transport oil, a hydrostatic test is performed. A hydrostatic test is a way pipelines can be tested for strength and leaks. The test involves filling the pipe system with water and increasing pressure of the pipe to the specified test pressure. Should there be any leaks or weaknesses, they can be identified through this test and rectified. Hydrostatic testing is the most common method employed for testing pipes.

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Valve Installations

Valves are installed at intermediate locations as required by the pipeline design and the Canadian Standards Association pipeline code. The valves are used once the line is operational to shut off or isolate part of the pipeline. Valve installation will take place along the pipeline route once hydrostatic tests are completed.

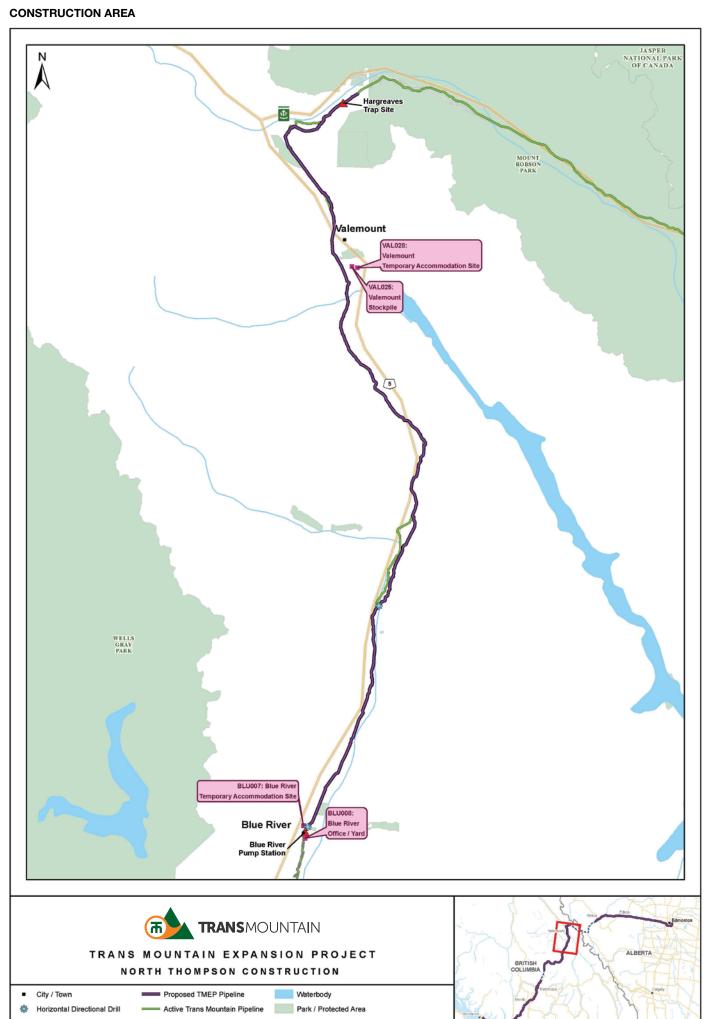
Pump Station Construction

Pump stations contain electric motors to drive the pumps that maintain the pressure and flow rate in the pipeline. Twelve new pump stations will be installed as part of the Project, ten of which will be at existing Pump Station locations.

Construction of the pump stations involves the following steps within the pump station footprint:

- Site preparation, including clearing of any vegetation and installing fencing
- Install piles and pour concrete
- Mechanical equipment installation
- Piping and tie-ins (welding)
- Construction of structural steel
 and buildings
- Electrical installation and instrumentation
- Insulation and pre-commissioning

• Cleanup and restoration activities Pump station construction activities will take place over an 8 – 10-month period (timing subject to change).



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GRATITUDE







"I am so thankful for my beautiful, healthy family and friends living in this gorgeous place we are so lucky to call home," says Sheri Malone. Here friends and family enjoy a day exploring around Kinbasket Lake. Left to right in the photo: Jayme Duerksen, Peyton, Ryan and Sheri Malone, Gwen Barker with daughter Hazel, Justin, and kids Kyleigh, Cedar and Rya.



"I'm thankful for all the friends and family I have in my life," says Jeannie Dennis. Pictured are her "two favorite Terrys and her grand-dogs".



"I am grateful to have three healthy children and to be able to raise them where my husband and I grew up. I appreciate the small town life more after moving back from the hustle and bustle of the city," says Jessie McKirdy. Pictured are her and John McKirdy's three girls Eva, Rachel and Ariana.



Above: "I am so thankful for my beautiful, healthy family and friends living in this gorgeous place we are so lucky to call home," says Sheri Malone. Here friends and family enjoy a day exploring around Kinbasket Lake. Left to right in the photo: Jayme Duerksen, Peyton, Ryan and Sheri Malone, Gwen Barker with daughter Hazel, Justin, and kids Kyleigh, Cedar and Rya.

Top Right "I am very thankful for the family and friends I have that surround my family. I am thankful for every day that I have on this earth with my kids!" says Amber Stroomer. Pictured is her with her partner Justin and kids Adam and Claire.



"I don't have much but I'm thankful for everything that I have" says Duska Olson. Left to right in the photo are her four children: Natalie, Angalie, Missy, and Bentley.

For Thanksgiving we asked local families what are you thankful for this year? This is what we got back.





"I am thankful for my beautiful daughter and the river that feeds us" says







Karen Shepard. Her daughter Blake fishes on the Fraser River with Mount Robson in the background.



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Fire chief for a day



Some lucky students at Valemount Elementary won a spot as Fire Chief for a day last week during Fire Prevention Week. Layla, Brooklyn, Alex, and Quark donned firefighting duds and toured the fire hall with Fire Chief Rick Lalonde and their moms. /SUBMITTED

High honours for student



The 2018-2019 Governor General's Academic Medal was presented to Jael Reimer by McBride Secondary School Principal Dan Kenkel and teacher Jennifer L'Arrivee on October 11, 2019. The medal is awarded for academic excellence to the student who achieves the highest average upon graduating from academic program. Reimer is attending the University of Northern British Columbia working towards a career in Health Sciences. /ANDREA ARNOLD







Pete has lived, worked & gardened in the Dunster area

Collecting And Using Fall Leaves

It always amazes me when fall comes along just how many leaves were on the trees around the property. I seem to be able to gather up a truckload in such a small patch of ground. Many years ago, a dear old friend of mine, Jean Nealon, of Dunster, taught me a time saving trick for handling leaves and every time I use it, I think of her. The useful tip was to use a large tarp. I use a 10 x 12ft (3 x 4 M) plastic tarp that cost only a few dollars on sale at the local hardware store and it has lasted for years. Just lay the tarp on the ground ahead of where you are going to rake, and rake the leaves directly on to it. Slide the tarp along a bit and rake more leaves and on and on. When the tarp is full of leaves, gather up the corners and drag it to the compost area. You will learn how many you can keep on the tarp and that starting at the far end of the yard means that you are never passing over an area

that you have already raked. I find it easiest to just gather up the two front corners of the tarp and drag the tarp and pile of leaves behind me.

This method means that you never have to pick up the leaves and try to stuff them in a wheelbarrow. You also don't seem to lose as many leaves on the trip to the pile. I would estimate that I am able to move about four or five wheelbarrow loads in each tarp load.

After the leaves are raked, and piled near the compost pile, I usually just leave them there for a few years to decompose. If you add too many leaves at once to the compost pile, they just become a soggy mess that will not let air into the pile. Each time I add my kitchen scraps to the pile, I dig a hole in the pile, add the scraps, add a few pitchforks full of leaves, a few of old rotting straw and top it off with a few forks full from the pile of grass for 35 years. He tries to deal with the "down to earth nuts and bolts of organic gardening" in his columns.

clippings. I find it useful to have piles of leaves, manure, old straw, grass clippings, etc around my compost bins so I can add a bit of each whenever I dump a load of kitchen scraps or a pail of green weeds to the pile. This way, it is easy to keep a balance of carbon and nitrogen materials to keep the pile working well.

I think it is such a shame to see so many bags of leaves going out to the garbage pick up and on to the landfills. Leaves are a real storehouse of nutrients and especially trace minerals from deep down in the soil. The roots of large trees like cottonwoods and poplars go deep into the subsoil and bring up trace minerals that are not available at the surface. Thus, the composted leaves become a great source of free nutrients for your garden.

This fall, enjoy your time raking leaves and realizing that you have a windfall of free plant food!

Seductive Trine of Imagination

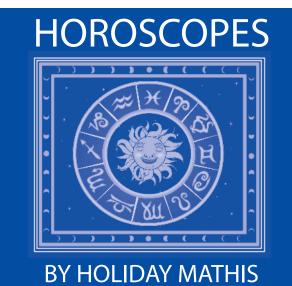
Humans have the unique ability to "flesh out" imaginary things. We attribute characteristics and storylines to unreal things, bringing them closer to reality than many real things ever get. This week's trine of Mercury and Neptune seduces us further into the realm of ideas than we've dared to go recently. In fact, these realms are so interesting that we have to remind and even force ourselves to participate in the active and actual world.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A wrapped gift is an experience in and of itself, regardless of what the gift happens to be. You care about the fun of the moment, building a ritual and mystery, setting up an expectation and enjoying a process. You'll be very successful this week as you apply this principle outside of gift-giving, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's impossible to plan your adventure. Oh, you can make travel arrangements, say, purchasing a train ticket. But who will you sit by? What will you see? The more foreign your plan is from your known world, the more unpredictable. That's the appeal! Get something exciting on the books so you can start looking forward to it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Subpar circumstances won't last, not on your watch. Your sensitivity to discomfort will be turned up this week, and you'll find the slightest problems highly motivating in terms of making the changes that will contribute to a smoother experience for all. Knowing that you can have and do better is key.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The case worth solving is within. It's as though you're a



private investigator hired to investigate your own heart. As it often goes in the P.I. trade, everything will not be revealed at once. You'll need patience. Think of it as a stakeout. Go where you're likely to learn, and then wait, on the ready to take notes and pictures.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're tougher than you look, more worldly than your experiences would suggest, with courage beyond what you'll need for this week. So you can go about your business knowing that this routine doesn't fully represent you, and

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1 Appraised

2 Get closer

3 Numerical information

Stag party attendees

22 Word with ear or horn

Acquired in-laws

4 On the plane, e.g.

Sweater, say

Went boom

Camera man

10 Too simple

21 Creed

16 Rowing device

23 Seam-y stuff?

26 Big conflict

34 Air ball, e.g.

25 Formal decision

27 Indefinite number

36 Dance fundamental

37 Wrenched apart

28 Complimentary

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say yes to the opportunity without worry about your qualifications or chances of success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Go easy on yourself this week. Your brain needs a rest. Distinguish between time spent on low-value activities and time that's flat-out wasted. If you're enjoying yourself, even in a way that seems wholly unproductive, it's not a waste. Wasted time is that which is neither enjoyed nor spent on a larger life goal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Bigger isn't always better. It won't do any good to expand for expansion's sake. Take stock of where you're at and whittle that down to the essentials. You can avoid being overwhelmed by your own life by keeping it within a scale you can manage. It will involve saying "no" more often than "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Abraham Lincoln said, "Discipline is choosing

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"Who You": 1978 album by The Who

18 Word with "bagatelle" or "technicality"

between what you want now and what you want most." The trouble is that "now" is a lot more viscerally engaging than the distant hopes of "most." To help you stay on track, surround yourself with symbols, reminders and rewards. Bring your vision to life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Life, like an episode of "Twin Peaks," isn't all going to make narrative sense. To try and tie up every loose end would only diminish the style present in the experiences of this week. The things you don't quite understand maintain a magnetic quality. You can use this to your advantage. You're a mystery, too.

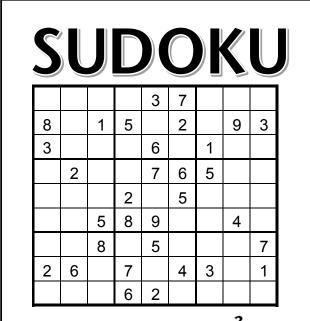
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your options are so many and varied that you can't possibly sample them all. If you stop and try to reason your way through this, you'll become mentally overloaded with cumbersome logic that, it turns out, is totally unnecessary. So instead, move quickly, get a sense of things and follow your instincts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are two ways to keep your behavior from betraying secrets of your soul. One takes a lot of work and the other takes courage. The workintensive way is to learn to act and become an excellent liar. The second way is simply not to have secrets. Instead, embrace and promote yourself wholly, flaws and all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your higher mind may decide what you should and shouldn't be doing, but there's a powerful baser instinct with the lumbering strength of an elephant that your higher mind rides atop, reinless. Without a strategy, the beast goes where it wants. To make it go where you want it to go, you have to move its food.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Perhaps climbing a mountain and sweeping a floor are equally important endeavors. The floor sweeping has a more practical result, the mountain climbing a more memorable one. So the question is, "What do you value more, experience or a clean house?" You'll answer in different ways throughout the year, alternating between taking care of business and daily life and having grand adventures that enrich you as a person. Your sense of balance is full of grace and attractive to others.

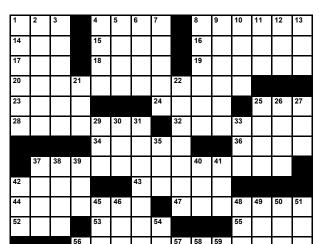
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Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column or 3x3 box



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- 1 Place to stop
- 7 Desktop item
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- 35 Leans (on)
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"No argument here!"

Word before and after "Forrest'

40 Scan

41 Handful of

42 Early afternoon hour

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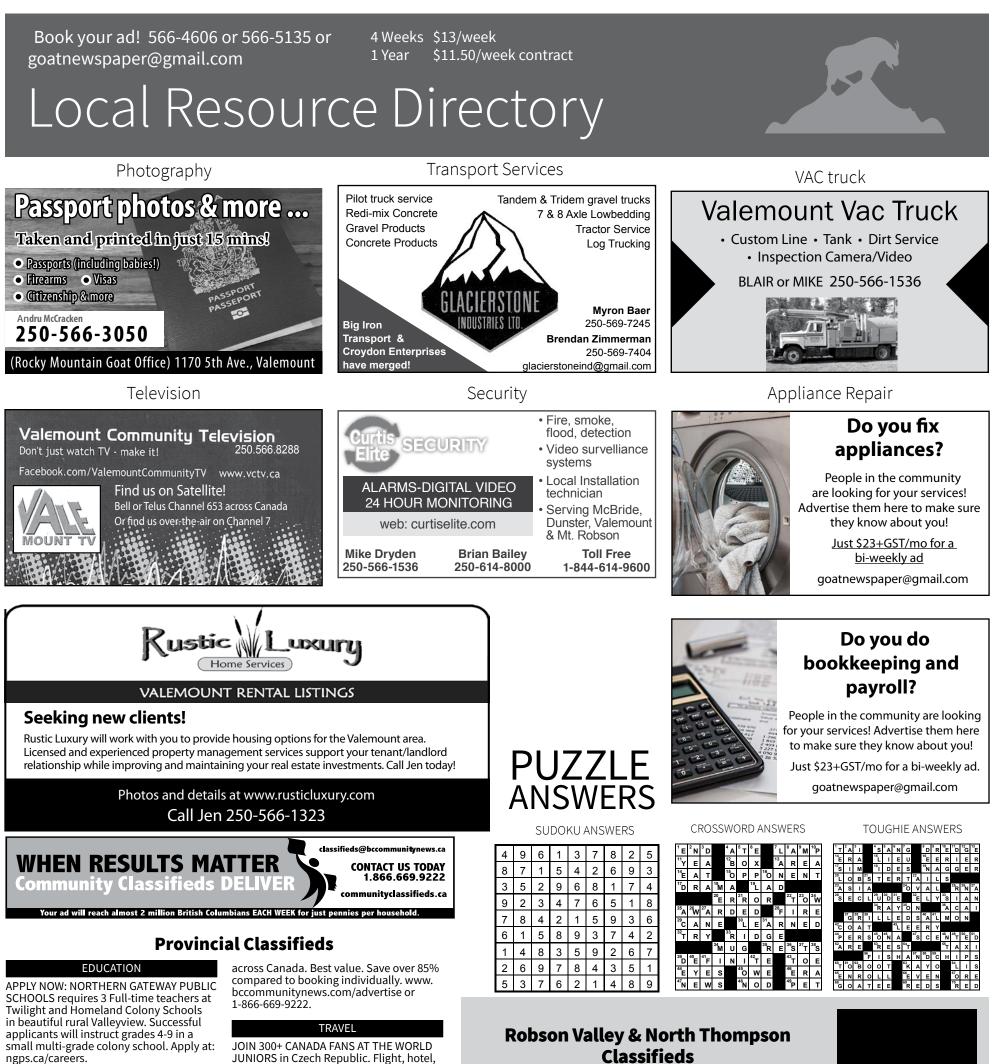


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Robson Community Events

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Valemount

Sat. Oct 19 - Annual Fall Auction and Soup & Sandwich at the Legion. Call Pete 250.566.1115 for pick up or drop off of good sale-able items

Tues. Oct 22 Learn Basic info about dementia and support services available. Valemount Clinic. 1-4pm.

Wed. Oct 23 Building Effective Boards non-profit workshop in Valemount hosted by CBT. Register at ourtrust.org/npa

Wed. Oct. 23rd Ribbon cutting ceremony for Valemount's EV Fast Charge Station, located at Centennial Park at 11 am.

Thurs. Oct 24 VEd Talks presents llse Erwig speaking on the historic Bayeux Tapestry. Valemount Library 7-9pm.

Sat Oct 26 at the at the Valemount Library. Course: H2S Alive. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Cost: \$265.00 +GST = \$278.25

Sat. October 26 - RCL #266 presents our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest featuring traditional Bavarian Cuisine and music by the Drunken Bavarian Howlers. Tickets \$25, available soon.

Sun, Oct 27, 2019 at the Valemount Library. Course: Ground Disturbance.. Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Cost: \$265.00 + GST = \$278.75

Oct 29. Valemount Cafe.; Community engagement opportunity with the Village of Valemount council and staff. 6 - 8 PM at the Valemount Community hall

Sat. Nov. 2nd Elvis Impersonators. Show at 7-10pm at the Valemount Community Theatre (high school). (Possible 2pm show). Tickets \$25, purchase at Infinity or by e-transfer to linda@quickway pilot.ca. Fundraiser for Valemountain Days 2020.

Fri. Nov. 8 Grant Writing non-profit workshop hosted by CBT. Register at ourtrust.org/npa

McBride

Wed. Oct 16 McBride Community Forest AGM 7pm at the RV Community Centre.

Sat. Oct. 19 Valley Piecemakers quilt guild invites you to a huge Fabric and Sewing Rummage Sale. Lots of new quilting fabrics. Elks Hall McBride10:00 am to 1:00pm and 2:00 pm to 4:00pm

Sun. Oct 20 Land Linking Workshop 1-6pm.- Prince George. Are you a landowner looking for farmers? Are you a farmer looking for land? Come network and learn about land matching, and more! Register at youngagrarians.org or call 250-877-1440.

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Valemount Secondary School Pac

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 21st 2019, 6:00 PM at the Valemount Secondary School Library

Contact michele.dallaire@gmail.com



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The Basin Youth Network is seeking a qualified professional, passionate about youth employment, to develop and deliver job readiness workshops for Basin youth ages 14 to 17.

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ONGOING EVENTS

Fitness/Wellness

Valemount Walking Club meet Thurs, 1PM @ the Anglican/United Church parking lot.

Saturdays 9:00 - 10:30 AM Yin/Yang Yoga at the Valemount Community Hall. All experience levels welcome. Mats & props available for those without. \$12 drop-in or \$100 for 10 classes

Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 PM Hatha Yoga at the Valemount Community Hall. All experience levels welcome. Mats & props available for those without. \$12 drop-in or \$100 for 10 classes.

Clubs & Groups

Toastmasters 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Upstairs meeting room at the Canoe Vallev Recreation Centre, 100 Elm Street from 7-9pm. Guests welcome. Contact Trish Appleton 250-961-3251 tlapple@shaw.ca or Loretta Simpson at lttrsimpson@outlook.com. Monthly Book Discussion meets the 4th Thurs. of the month at 1:30PM @ McBride Library.

Brabant 778-258-0068.

Monthly Meeting of the Dunster Fine Arts School Society is held on the first Mon. of the month from 10AM-Noon @ Dunster Schoolhouse. All welcomed! Call Nancy @ 968-4358.

The Dunster Community Forest monthly meeting is on the 3rd Thurs. of the month @ Dunster Schoolhouse from 7-9PM. All welcomed! Contact Larry @ 968-4358.

Fibre Arts Group, Thurs 10AM-12PM @ McBride

Kids / Youth

Mother Goose in McBride. Wednesdays, beginning October 23rd from 10:30-11:30am at Robson Valley Community Services' Family Place.

Ready, Set, Learn. Thursdays, beginning October 24th from 10:30-11:30am at McBride Centennial Elementary School. Aimed at ages 3-5 with caregivers. Join us for songs, stories, crafts, and a snack. RSVP to 250-569-272.

Youth Quest Group meets Wednesdays 3-4:30PM. Explore and have fun with faith, life. food and friends. Meets at the McBride Anglican United Church Hall on Dominion Street (in the basement of the Thrift Store) Any questions call Kim 968-4467.

Seniors Bingo @ the Beaverview Lodge, McBride Thurs 6:30PM.

Bingo at the McBride Legion Hall every every 1st and 3rd and 5th Wednesday, at 6:30PM, until summer. Everyone welcomed!

Cribbage and other games Thurs 1-4PM @ the Valemount Golden Years Lodge lower level Everyone welcomed!

1st and 3rd Wed. of the month Free Coffee House at the Valemount Anglican/United Church hall 10AM-2PM. Come for coffee, a bowl of soup, or play a game of crib!

Music

Dinner and live music at Valemount Legion Fridays 5:30-9PM.

Seniors' Music Night 7PM Wednesday Valemount Golden Years' Lodge.

Themes change monthly. Call, 569-2411 or find us on Facebook. All welcome!

The Valley Piecemakers meet the 3rd Sat. of the month at 1PM @ Elks Hall. All Quilters and Wannabe quilters are welcomed. Contact Barb

Every Monday 7-9PM, Knitting 835 Bridge Road, McBride. Call 250-569-4101.

Council Meetings Every 2nd & 4th Tues. @ 7PM in Valemount and McBride.

Tete Jaune Community Club monthly meetings at 7PM on the 1st Tuesday of the month @ Tete Jaune Community Hall.

Adventist Community Services meets Tues, 1-3PM @ the Seventh Day Adventist Church. 1075 Lamming Pit Rd, McBride. Call 569-3370.

Anglican United Church Women's Group Thrift Shop open every Tuesday 12-3 & Friday 1-3 @ Church Hall - 459 Dominion St, McBride. Call, 569-3206

The Great Room thrift store at the Valemount New Life Sanctuary on 1st Ave Mondays 11am-2pm.

Valemount Saddle & Wagon Club meetings every 3rd Thurs. at 5PM. Call, 566-9985.

Library. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlework project and come hang out!

The OAPO Stitch and Knit meets @ the Beaverview Lodge, McBride; Thurs 2-4PM.

Crafty Stitchers, Sun. at 2-4PM @ the Valemount Library basement. Call 566-4367.

Book Club for adults, once per month, 7PM at the Valemount Library. For more info, call 566-4367.

McBride and District Chamber of Commerce meets at 6:30PM on the 3rd Wed. of each month @ Notary Public Office. Call, 569-0138.

RVSS Adult Literacy Craft Club. A new quick, easy and fun craft each week. Thursdays 1-3PM. 942 3rd Ave., McBride. Ages 18+.

Robson Valley Caregiver Support Group @ Community Health Building, McBride. 2-3PM on the 3rd Tues. of each month.

Join our free Information Session to learn about our programs at Valemount College. Drop-in every Tuesday from 11AM-1PM at 99 Gorse St., or call to arrange an appointment at 250-566-0067.

McBride Family drop-in. Wednesdays 9 AM - 12 PM at 942 3rd Ave. Contact: addy@rvcsbc.org

Valemount Family Place drop-in centre for parents and caregivers and their kids prenatal-6 years every Friday 9am-noon at 101 Gorse St.

Seniors

Weekly Mondays from 1-3PM; Art Class @ Beaverview Lodge. This even is sponsored by OAPO and is meant for Seniors and friends who want to have regular time for art each week. You are expected to bring your own supplies eventually. If you are a beginner with no supplies, please come and join us and we will get you started. For more info call, Sasha, 250-566-1378 or Pete, 250-968-4334.

Valemount Seniors' Music Night, 7PM Wednesday at the Valemount Golden Years Lodge.

Gentle Seniors' Exercise Tues 10-11AM, upstairs, Golden Years Lodge, Valemount. Call Diane @ 566-4297 for more info.

Tuesday Night Music Jam 7-9PM at the McBride Library. All welcome to bring an instrument or your singing voice and join the jamming. Call David Marchant @ 569-2569 for details.

Do you have an event? Tell us! goatevents21@gmail.com 250-566-4606

Kids' Leadership



Will is also part of the Basin Youth Network and made the trek from Radium.



Mercedes attended a youth leadership program hosted by the Basin Youth Network in Valemount. She said the program was helping her to develop her social skills. Mercedes came in a bus from Golden and hails from Brisco, an unincorporated community about 75 km from Golden.

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views and plenty of outdoor space to play in.



1336 3rd Avenue, Valemount

This ½ duplex is large, bright, and move-in ready. Open concept living leads to 3 bedrooms up, while downstairs features 2 bedrooms, laundry and a large recreation room. Solidly built, the home is heated with electric forced air what and a cozy little wood burner. The enclosed porch and landscaped yard extend your living space. Centrally located, you are steps away from shopping, parks and amenities. This home is priced to move.



1133 Juniper Street, Valemount

This compact, 3 bedroom home is ideal for the investor or down-sizer. The home is kept cozy with propane heat and updated windows. The large lot features a detached workshop, wood shed, fenced garden area and anchored 13x20 carport, with lots of room left over to hang out in. Mature trees and a paved drive add great curb appeal. This property is priced to sell and worth a look.