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Collision with train averted: pipeliners aid motorists stuck on tracks



Two pipeliners sprung into action after a truck and trailer went off the road and onto the train tracks near Moose Lake Aug. 9th. /SUBMITTED

By Laura Keil

Kyle Larder from Simpcw Resources Group was en route to his work site where he does pipeline integrity around 5:25am Aug. 9th when he noticed a semi-truck stopped in the middle of the highway about halfway along Moose Lake.

"I slowed down and saw a guy just standing there in the middle of the highway. So I pulled up and I said, 'Hey, everything, okay, here?' And he said, 'Well, I rolled my truck.' And I said, 'Well, where's your truck?' He said, 'On the train tracks."

The man had flagged down a semi-truck driver, but his wife was stuck at the bottom of a steep 30-foot embankment below the highway

Larder pulled over and spotted the pick-up truck and trailer on the tracks. He radioed a semi driver who was in service who could call 911 and contacted his medic colleague Janette who was also en route to work. Then he and the semi-truck driver helped the man's wife—who looked to be in her 70s—up the hill.

About 10 minutes later, Larder's medic colleague arrived and the semi-truck driver left the scene. Meanwhile, unbeknownst to Larder, the man who'd gone off the road climbed back down the slope to check on three valuable show horses trapped in the trailer.

Larder and the medic were talking with the man's wife in the parked truck on the highway when things took a turn.

"I'm sitting there talking to her and all of a sudden I look towards Jasper and I see a train coming under the overpass," he said. The man's wife told them then that her husband was down in the trailer with three horses.

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Road to halfway look-out on McBride Peak set to re-open



Site manager Chris White from Civil North Consulting is repairing and widening the road, and ditching as he makes his way up to the sluff at 6.5km, just below the McBride Peak halfway look out. He is also laying the many culverts that have been placed along the road. This work will help prevent erosion from the spring runoff. /ANDREA ARNOLD

By Andrea Arnold

Locals and tourists alike will soon be able to access the half-way point lookout (and beyond) on McBride Peak without the need for specialized transportation.

The road has been closed to vehicles at the 6.5km mark where part of the road has been undercut and sluffed away, since early summer 2020.

"Overall we want to make the bottom portion of the road up to the 6.5km slump a more solid road," said Engineering Technologist Kim Reurink, TFT with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development. "Able to deal better with precipitation (winter melt and spring runoff) and local traffic and produce a better travel surface."

The crew from Civil North Consulting out of Prince George began transporting supplies to the work site on Saturday August 14, 2021.

Although the slump at 6.5km is the main issue, the scope of the project includes all of the first 7km of road beyond the small parking area at the

Reurink provided the list of repairs set to take place within those 7kms.

- lifting and reinforcing road prism in

sections

- widening of the road in sections
- resurfacing sections
- grading, ditching
- cleaning or installing culverts
- fixing the slump at approximately 6.5km

The first step to the project was to check out the road and decide where culverts were needed. 20 were trucked up and set along the side of the road near each installation site. An excavator was unloaded at the base of the road and the operator has been smoothing, widening, ditching and installing culverts as the operator works his way up to 7km

Each culvert is 9 metres long. This allows for the water to drain further away from the side of the road. The one earmarked for the sluff repair is 12 metres long.

The contract end date is September 30, but everyone involved is hoping to have it done by the long weekend. This is weather and breakdown dependent as well as other uncontrollable challenges.

"Which is why we are encouraging the public to avoid going up there," said Reurink. "For safety reasons, and so the contract can get completed in the most timely manner possible."





Collision averted ... cont'd from al

Larder immediately tried to radio his track protection colleague, but he was on a different channel.

"I was like pulling my hair out on the side of the highway. My stomach was by my ankles."

He then leapt down the embankment and yelled at the man to get out of the trailer.

"I said, 'Leave your horses and get out of the trailer or I'm gonna take you out myself. I'm not going to have you hurt."

The man obliged and the pair walked up the tracks, waving at the train. The engineer threw on the brakes, and the train stopped just 30-40 feet from the horse trailer.

"The only reason that train stopped was

because it was bone-dry empty," Larder

The train engineer and another railway operator got out and helped get the horses up the embankment. The horses had cuts on their legs, but were able to make it up the bank.

Shortly after, the ambulance, fire truck and RCMP all showed up and a horse trailer was brought in to safely transport the horses.

Larder said he understood the couple that went down the embankment had driven through the night from Edmonton, and that fatigue played a role in the accident.

"They are very fortunate that everyone walked away from that."



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"Return-It Express & Go" recycling station opens in McBride

By Andrea Arnold

Residents of McBride will soon have a local way to personally return recyclables for cash once again. A "Return-It Express & GO" recycling station has been set up on the side of the Public Works building at 600 NW Frontage road. The station is the first of its kind to be operational in Northern BC, along with six others located in more southern communities.

In a press release sent out by Return-In on Monday, August 23, 2021, Chris Tupy, Chief Administrative Officer of the Village of McBride said, "The installation of the new Express & GO recycling station directly supports the Village of McBride's first Strategic Priority, which is to strive towards long term economic resiliency and sustainability; as well as bolstering community vibrancy and wellbeing. We are pleased to partner with Return-It, who understands these priorities. Another benefit is that through the Express system, residents also have the option and ability to support our local community by donating their deposit refunds to a local charity."

Prior to the installation of the facility, residents were having to transport empty beverage containers to out-of-town depots an hour or more away, the closest being in Valemount or Prince George.

"Bringing convenient solutions that encourage recycling is what we do at Return-It, and we are committed to working with communities to address their specific needs," said Allen Langdon, President and CEO of Return-It in the press release. "We are pleased to be bringing McBride residents a new recycling option, and we want to thank the Village of McBride for all their support."

In order to use the system, individuals will need to set up an account on www.return-it.ca. Once the account is set up, clients will have the ability to visit any Express kiosk in BC to print off individualized labels for their returns. In McBride, the kiosk is available in the Farm Store during their regular business hours Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday 10-5, Wednesday 11-5 and Saturday 10-2. At any one time, the machine will print off up to six labels per

The Return-It website recommends that large (36"x30") clear or transparent bags are used for deposits. The pre-printed label needs to be securely attached to the bag as this is the way the deposit is linked back to you.

In preparing the bag, they ask that you limit the number of heavy items per bag to 12. More than that can cause breakage and bag destruction. If items fall out of the bags, there is no way to track them back to the right account. Also, only beverage containers purchased in British Columbia are eligible for refund.

At the kiosk, customers must input their access code to gain access to the drop window.

The kiosk will be emptied approximately once a week. They have set up cameras not only on the outside of the structure, but also inside, and if they notice a trend of it getting full faster, the schedule may be adjusted. The bags are taken to a counting facility in Prince George. Details of deposits and refunds will be entered into each person's "Return-It"

The website explains the methods of payment: "You can choose to save up multiple refunds and/or redeem your account balance at any time by Interac e-transfer or a mailed cheque." At no time will customers be asked to provide any banking information.

They also offer the option of direct donation to either another individual or charity.

During the registration process, "group" is one of the options given. If there is a local situation in need of financial support, or a specific fundraising effort, a group can be created and the access number made public. Anyone wanting to donate can print off labels directing the returns be deposited into the correct

The label printer is located in the Farm Store on the corner of Main Street and the South East Frontage road. /ANDREA ARNOLD



The Return-It Express & Go drop off kiosk is located in the parking lot of McBride Village Works at 600 N W Frontage Road. Online account registration for customers to sign up opened on Monday August 23, 2021. / ANDREA ARNOLD

account. In order to gain access to the drop-off kiosk, each donating individual still needs to have their own PIN to open the drop door.

"We want to thank Return-It for working with us to increase our community's access to recycling solutions," said Gene Runtz, Mayor of McBride, as a part of the press release. "This new recycling station has a positive environmental impact as it encourages residents of our village to keep recyclable materials out of landfills – without having to travel to a neighbouring town to responsibly recycle their beverage container for a deposit refund."

The McBride drop location can be accessed between 8am - 8pm.

Return-It Ambassador Team will be onsite 12pm-4pm Thursday August 26 to Sunday August 29 to help residents learn about and understand the process.





The Village of Valemount is accepting letters of interest from people wishing to serve on the Valemount Community Forest and Valemount Industrial Park, Board of Directors.

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Learning for Life

All School District No. 57 (Prince George) schools resume classes

Tuesday Sept 7th, 2021

Students should report to school at the usual time unless informed otherwise in June.

Kindergarten Students will attend for approximately 60 minutes. Grade 1 - 12 Students will attend for approximately 90 minutes. Dismissal times will vary from school to school. School busses will return students home shortly after dismissal.

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ELEMENTARY

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- roof of address (driver's license, utility bill)
- Copy of the child's birth certificate as proof of age and name. • Most recent report card from previous school.

SECONDARY

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- Proof of address (driver's license, utility bill)
- Child's birth certificate as proof of age and name.
- Most recent report card from previous school.
- Students having successfully completed Summer School should inform their school to ensure enrolment in the correct courses.

Students transferring from elementary school to secondary school in the same attendance area need not register

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Thursday August 26th 2021

Editorial



Vacations

By Laura Keil, Publisher/Editor

I got to spend a week in Montreal during my holidays this month. We exited the cab from the airport onto a tree-lined street, a mature canopy reaching up and over the road. The first delightful taste of the forested suburbs of Montreal. A website dedicated to the public trees of Montreal shows a count of 161 public trees in the approx. 5 blocks surrounding where we stayed. Silver Maple, Littleleaf European Linden, Skyline Honey-locust, Colorado Spruce, Siberian Elm... Zooming out to all of Montreal, that number grows to 310,000 and those are just the public trees.

Down the street, a coffee shop with a covid-approved pop-up patio served us heavenly lattes and the best croissants in the world. Across the road, the stately greystone catholic church suddenly came alive, its bell ringing out the time and putting a look of delight on our child's face. After settling up,

we ambled down the sidewalk, checking out the interactive art installations that celebrated the road's 100+ year history, then weaved in and out of unique little shops that could be found in any smaller city or town. The massive park nearby was a little kid's dream with a spray park, wading pool and modern play structure designed for all abilities. Each day we got in our 10,000 or 15,000 steps chasing subway cars, fording downtown intersections to sights and attractions. We were pulled into one coffee shop solely because there was a live band. One evening we visited a brand-new brewery on a pedestrian-only street near Sherbrooke University where young people pooled on the sidewalks at dinner time and prices were reasonable and we nipped on craft brews in a middle-of-the-road patio. On our way there, I slipped into a microcoffee-shop tucked into some kind of octagonal historic building in the centre of a park to pick a book from its give-and-take

collection. While I did so, the shopkeeper saw my child's face in front of the gelato cooler and silently scooped up a little spoonful for her with a wink.

We drove back to Valemount via the Icefields Parkway, admiring all the moraines, and glaciers and peaks, but felt that familiar surge of home when we got to Mica Mountain. The sun was dimming on the horizon, lighting up the peaks. We woke up the next morning pumped to visit one of Valemount's fabulous coffee shops. It rained continuously for several days but it gave us a cozy feeling in our home and when the rain broke we ventured downtown and it felt good to greet familiar faces, see friends and colleagues. And on a walk along the frontage road Monday night, I watched dozens of tourists snapping photos of the fantastic pink and orange sunset cresting the Premier Range and dappling the western clouds. And it felt good to be a local again.



WHEN RALPH WALKED ACROSS HIS DARKENED YARD, HE TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT THE HOLES THE DOG HAD BEEN DIGGING IN THE LAWN.

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Letters/Op-Ed



A Different Picture

In response to a recent letter to the Editor saying modern spirituality based on what modern theologians claim the Bible teaches about God and hell fire is flawed. I would have to agree. This teaching has turned more people against God than anything else. By the way, there are a number of other modern teachings that are not supported by Scriptures as well.

I don't profess to be a theologian, so who am I to question them. But in my study of God's Word I have found a totally different picture. In describing hell fire and the fate of the wicked, I find words such as "the wages of sin is death, burned up like chaff, perish, devoured, burned up, turned to ashes, consumed into smoke. Hell fire is not burning now and won't be until after the millennium when Christ cleanses the earth of sin and sinners and recreates it. We are told that Christ brings the rewards when He comes. Also, does forever always mean without end? Jonah said a three day deep sea excursion in the belly of the great fish was forever. Hannah gave her child Samuel to the sanctuary service forever. Of course that was as long as he lived. The mess we are in started way back in time

jealous of the worship God was receiving. He rebelled and said he had a better plan of government than God's Ten Commandment Law, which in reality forms the basis for all civil governments on earth. It's for our protection and good. He still wants worship and will soon arrange to have it legislated worldwide, farfetched? wait and see. Needless to say, he and a third of the angels who sympathized with him were expelled from heaven. Out of all the worlds, Lucifer, now called Satan, managed to find on planet earth someone who believed him and so this terrible experiment with sin began here.

God loves humanity with an everlasting love and is not willing that any should perish. God, the Father and the Son, being "all knowing," had foreseen this rebellion, and had formed a plan in which Jesus the Son would come down to this rebel planet, unite His Divinity with humanity and take on Satan on his own turf. For 33 ½ years He weathered the storm of Satan's abuse and through a life of unselfish service and love revealed the truth about God's character to humanity and the universe. With the most painful and shameful death

on Calvary's cross, He paid the penalty for everyone's sin who will come to Him asking for forgiveness. He arose from Joseph's tomb on the third day, went back to heaven a few days later to begin the final judgement of everyone who has ever professed to be His follower. When that is finished He will immediately prepare to return, we believe soon, to rescue His followers and end this reign of sin with all its horrors.

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As well as pardon for our sins, God promises to write His law in our hearts and through the promised gift of God, the Holy Spirit, He will enable us to live "the abundant life in Him". As well as pardon, He promises to write His law in our heart and through the promised gift of God, The Holy Spirit enables us to live "the abundant life" in Him. What more could He do to show His love for us.

Personally, I have found Him to be a dependable Friend. His providence and protection over the years have been amazing. He has brought peace and joy, meaning and fulfillment to my life.

Don Gordon, McBride, BC



Heartfelt thanks to the community

We were reminded of the beauty of Valemount when we were home this weekend for our Mom's celebration of life and our

when God's highest angel, Lucifer became

parents inurnment. We loved being back there. So many wonderful memories. We want to thank the community for their

hospitality and kindness. It was definitely heart felt.

The Udell family

Global Thoughts

BY GWYNNE DYER

Afghanistan: Recycled Wars

In the year 2000, nobody elsewhere cared what happened in Afghanistan. Its Taliban rulers were angry rural fanatics who tormented the local people with their demented rules for proper 'Islamic' behaviour, but it was not a military or diplomatic priority for anybody.

It is about to return to that isolated and isolationist existence, for the Taliban neither have nor even want a foreign policy. They are more like a franchise operation whose various elements share certain basic principles - e.g. foreigners, women and democracy are bad - but whose members are primarily focused on local issues and personal ambitions.

The Russians and the Americans share the blame for this catastrophe, for their twin invasions eliminated the possibility that Afghanistan might peacefully evolve into a prosperous democratic society with equal rights for all. Maybe that prospect was always pretty unlikely, but just such a locally-led modernisation process began with the overthrow of the king and the proclamation of

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an Afghan republic in 1973. Unfortunately, the Afghan attempt did not prosper.

Violent resistance by traditional social and religious groups started at once, and the new republican regime was overthrown in 1978 by a bloody military coup. The young officers who seized power were Marxists who imposed a radical reform programme.

They gave women equal access to education, carried out land reforms, and even attacked the role of religion. By 1979, the Marxist regime was facing a massive revolt in conservative rural areas, and one faction asked for Soviet military help.

The moribund Communist leadership in Moscow agreed, and 100,000 Soviet troops entered the country. Former US National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski saw a chance to inflict a Vietnam-style war on the Russians, and immediately started sending money and weapons to the rural rebels who later became the

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It took ten years, \$40 billion of clandestine US military aid, and around a million Afghan dead, but by 1989 the Taliban and their various Islamist rivals forced the Russians to pull out. Shortly afterwards the Soviet Union collapsed, and Brzezinski arrogantly but implausibly claimed credit for it.

"What is most important to the history of the world?" he asked. "The Taliban or the collapse of the Soviet empire? Some stirred-up Moslems or the liberation of Central Europe and the end of the cold war?" But in reality the 'stirred-up Moslems' turned out to be a fairly large problem.

The Taliban took power in Kabul in 1996 after a long war between the various Islamist groups, and ruled most of the country badly and brutally for five years. Then an Arab Islamist called Osama bin Laden, granted shelter in Afghanistan by the Taliban, launched the 9/11 attacks against the United States in 2001.

An American invasion was inevitable after 9/11 because some spectacular retaliation was politically necessary. That led to another twenty years of Taliban war against foreigners who understood little about the country' recent history and why it made Afghans mistrust them.

Even now Americans don't realise how closely they have recapitulated the Soviet experience in the country. The ending that is now unfolding was foreordained from the start, although it has taken twice as long to arrive because the United States is much richer than Russia. Nevertheless, the aftermath will also be the same.

The various factions of the Taliban will split, and another civil war of uncertain length will follow. The winners will be as cruel and arbitrary as ever. And the rest of the world will rapidly lose interest, because Afghanistan won't pose a serious threat to anywhere else.

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B.C. to require proof of vaccination in many settings

By LAURA KEIL

A new order from B.C.'s provincial health officer will require individuals to show proof they are vaccinated to access many social and recreational activities, including visiting restaurants, starting Sept 13th.

Access to indoor ticketed sporting events, indoor and patio dining in restaurants, fitness centres, casinos, and indoor organized events like conferences and weddings will require people age 12 and older to show proof they are vaccinated.

"Vaccines are our ticket to putting this pandemic behind us," said Premier John Horgan. "I call on all eligible unvaccinated British Columbians to roll up their sleeves to stop the spread, and help protect themselves, their loved ones and the people in their community."

The Province is launching a new "BC Vaccine Card" to simplify the process. B.C. residents will be able to access their vaccination data online and show it to businesses via their phones, alongside government ID to prove their

One vaccine dose will be required for specified settings starting Sept 13th and two doses by Oct. 24. As of Aug. 19th, 76 per cent of eligible people in the Prince George local health area—which includes Mackenzie and the Robson Valley-had received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and 65 per cent were fully vaccinated.

The Province is also putting off a move to Step 4 of re-opening as it manages a resurgence of cases. British Columbia has one of the strongest vaccination rates in Canada with 75 per cent of eligible people now fully vaccinated and 82.5 per cent with at least one dose, but case counts have swung upward in the past month, driven by the Delta variant and unvaccinated people. The Province says the vaccine card will encourage people to get vaccinated and give confidence to fully vaccinated people that those around them are also protected.

"I am grateful to every single person who has taken the time to receive their COVID-19 vaccine," said Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer. "Not only are vaccines very, very safe, but they provide protection to you, to those who are closest to you—your loved ones and your community, and allow us to get back to our much needed social interactions and connections."

Henry says people who are not fully vaccinated make up 90 per cent of new cases and 93 per cent of hospitalizations over the past month.

In a press conference Monday, Premier Horgan said in their consultations with the business community, with

restauranteurs, the hospitality sector, sporting events and cultural events, business leaders wanted to ensure they can operate without customers being fearful of coming into contact with people who can spread COVID-19. He stressed the measures are being enforced in high-risk discretionary environments, and no such rule will be applied to employees in workplaces. However, workplaces will have the ability to work out their own rules regarding vaccines and masks.

Premier Horgan also mentioned that they are in close contact with other jurisdictions that are taking similar measures, like in Quebec.

"British Columbians need to know that this is the first time anything like this has ever been tried," Premier Horgan said. "There may be bumps along the way, but we're very confident.

He said Health Minister Adrian Dix has been working with Citizen's Services throughout the summer to make sure the vaccine apps can be ready to go in September.

"Dr. Henry and her team have been making sure that we're doing this in a way that keeps everyone fully apprised of the state of play as we go forward."

The Province says a secure weblink will be provided and publicized before Sept. 13, where people can confidentially access their BC Vaccine Card. Individuals will be able to save a copy to their phone to show it when entering or using designated businesses and events. The Province says people who can't access their card online will be provided an alternative option.

"Our B.C. vaccine card is an essential interim action until we transition to a federally-compliant proof of vaccine," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health.

The measures will be active through to Jan. 31, 2022, and can be extended.

School Setting

The measures set out above do not apply to K-12 schools (public and independent) and before-and-after school programs for students. Student-only events and activities within K-to-12 public and independent schools and before and after school programs are excluded from providing a proof of vaccine as they will be covered by specific guidelines for school and child care settings. In addition to the continuation of indoor mask requirements for all K-12 staff, visitors and students in grades 4 to 12, changes to the health and safety measures also include the ability for health authorities to introduce additional regional measures specific to individual schools or school districts in instances where community transmission rates are higher. The Province says there

will be greater opportunities for school sports and extracurricular activities, continued increased ventilation and improvements in schools, and daily cleaning and disinfecting protocols, along with a continued focus on hand hygiene. Students will continue to be required to complete daily health checks and stay home when feeling sick. Research by the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) last year noted a significant impact on students from remote learning, including interrupted learning, increased stress, decreased connection, increased loneliness among others. Studies by the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health Authorities showed that inclass schools were not a significant source of COVID-19 transmission. The vaccination measures do apply however to large indoor school events (theatre, concerts) attended by parents, family and/or the public.

Proof of vaccination will also be required for people visiting from outside of B.C. using a provincially/ territorially recognized official record alongside valid government ID from the jurisdiction. For individuals visiting from outside of Canada, they will be required to show their proof of vaccination used to enter the country and their passport.

Full list where proof of vaccination will be required:

- * indoor ticketed sporting events
- * indoor concerts
- * indoor theatre/dance/symphony events
- * restaurants (indoor and patio dining)
- * night clubs
- * casinos
- * movie theatres
- * fitness centres/gyms (excluding youth rec sport)
- * businesses offering indoor high-intensity group exercise activities
- * organized indoor events (eg. weddings, parties, conferences, meetings, workshops)
- * discretionary organized indoor group recreational classes and activities
- * Individual businesses or event organizers may implement these rules earlier.

Upcoming vaccination clinics

THURS. AUG 26 Drop-in COVID clinics Valemount Health Centre, 1445 5th Avenue, 2 pm to 4:15 pm. WED. AUG. 25, Drop-in COVID clinics McBride Health Centre, 1126-5th Avenue, 9 am to 11 am

THURS. SEPT 8 Drop-in COVID clinics McBride Health Centre, 1126-5th Avenue, 9am to 11am.

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- •Secondary Heat Source Replacement: \$1,000

For full program details, please visit our website at:

https://valemount.ca/services/grants-funding

or email grantclerk@valemount.ca



Resident Responsibilities

Garbage Collection

- 1. Use the collection containers provided by the Village. Other garbage containers will not be picked
- 2. Don't overfill your garbage can. The lid must be able to close completely.
- 3. Garbage Cans must be placed curbside on your designated day for collection, before 7:00 am.
- 4. Garbage Cans must be easily seen and placed 1 meter from the road on the driveway or boulevard of the property.
- 5. Garbage cans leased by the Village must be kept in good condition.
- 6. If your garbage can is damaged, lost or stolen, report it to the Village as soon as possible.
- 7. Store your waste in a safe manner that does not attract wild or domestic animals.
- 8. Be aware of what you are throwing out. Not all items are accepted!

Board of Directors Opportunity

The Village of Valemount is accepting letters of interest from people wishing to serve on the Valemount Community Forest and Valemount Industrial Park Board of Directors.

Please submit your letter containing your name, address, and information about yourself to show why you are the ideal candidate to serve on the Boards.

Letters are to be submitted in person at 735 Cranberry Place Road, Valemount, B.C. or via email to cao@valemount.ca Submissions must be received by 4:00 pm on September 3, 2021.

For more information, visit: www.valemount.ca/news

Visitor Information Centre New Hours starting September 5th

Open Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. (Closed for lunch 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm). Closed Statutory Holidays

Recently purchased a property in Valemount?

Please call our office to ensure we have your proper mailing address. Information provided to the Village office may only contain the street address of the property and not the PO Box (if applicable) which may lead to returned mail. 250-566-4435



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A Tete Jaune cache



A Tete Jaune squirrel "caching" rosehips in its belly. /SANDRA JAMES

CAREERS

Do you have a passion for Health and Wellness?



Infinity Office & Health is looking for 2 parttime, experienced energetic customer service/ sales associates.

Job requirements and expectations:

Provide excellent customer service

- Retail and supplements knowledge
- Computer & social media skills
- Routine store upkeep, cleaning, facing, stocking, receiving
- Ability to communicate well with people of all ages
- · Able to work weekends
- Opening and/or closing
- Willingness to learn
- Ability to work with others and on own
- Participate in staff training and store events as required

Please drop off your resume in person or send by email to infoff@telus.net

Thank you for your application and please note that we will only be contacting successful candidates.

Part-time hours: 10-25 per week Job Types: Part-time, Permanent Start Date: September 7, 2021



CAREERS



JOB OPENING: Mill Manager

JOB TITLE: EMPLOYER NAME: Job Type: Mill Manager

Valemount Industrial Park Limited Partnership

Full time

POSITION OVERVIEW:

The Mill Manager is responsible for maintaining an uncompromising focus on safety standards while setting and meeting targets in quality, productivity, cost control, marketing and employee engagement. This key position reports to VIP LP manager and works closely with staff to ensure safety, production and overall plant efficiency. The successful applicant will require superior leadership skills to deliver positive results and will possess a comprehensive knowledge of manufacturing and marketing of specialty products.

QUALIFICATIONS:

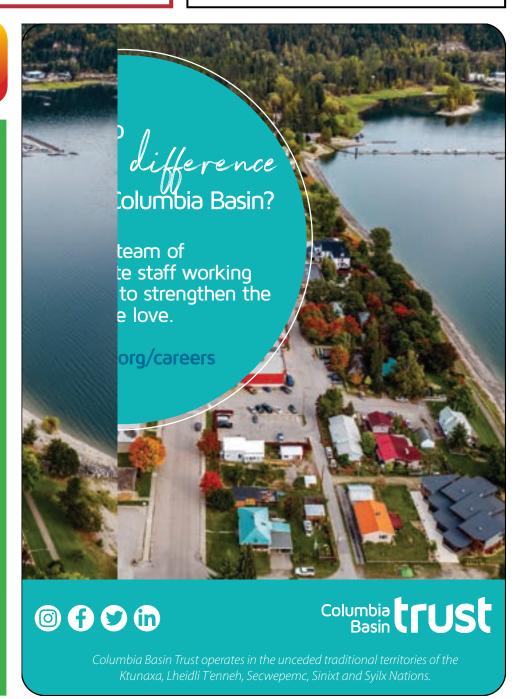
- Technical knowledge of sawmill equipment and log and lumber systems is a definite asset.
- Minimum of three years related supervisory experience, in a manufacturing environment:
- Self-motivated individual with well-developed organizational, time management and analytical skills;

 Developed organizational, time management
- Demonstrated ability to lead and contribute to a positive team environment;
 Demonstrated ability to manage projects;
- Superior computer application skills;
- Excellent communication skills
- Manage financial statements and budgets with accountant
- Marketing skills an asset

Applicants will send a resume, a cover letter with contact details and references, in confidence to:

Craig Pryor, Manager, Valemount Industrial Park LP c/o P.O. Box 1017, Valemount, BC. VOE 2ZO, cpryor@valemountcommunityforest.ca. *Open until filled.*

Thank you for your interest; however, only those applicants invited for an interview will be contacted.



Trans Mountain COVID-19 "cluster" doubles in size

By Laura Keil

Northern Health Medical Health Officers are continuing to work with Trans Mountain to manage a growing cluster of COVID-19 cases among employees and contractors in the Valemount area.

As of August 20th, 32 individuals had tested positive for COVID-19 in association with the cluster, and 24 of the cases were considered active. That number is double the number reported one week earlier, but Northern Health and Trans Mountain say the increase is not surprising.

"The increase in lab-confirmed cases is not unexpected, in light of increased screening and COVID-19 testing," a joint press release between Northern Health and Trans Mountain said. "Case and contact management efforts continue to suggest the majority of infections were not acquired at the site. Public health continues to investigate any potential onsite transmission of illness, and may recommend additional measures to prevent further spread, if necessary."

Northern Health and Trans Mountain have been monitoring the "cluster" since early August. Northern Health is not calling it an outbreak, saying the majority of cases were not acquired at the site.

Trans Mountain says the cases are both among workers living in-camp and in-community.

In a recent presentation to Valemount

Council, a Trans Mountain spokesperson said the 600-bed worker accommodation camp is currently at capacity (40 beds are quarantine beds, so capacity is 560). Of the 1100 people employed on the project in Valemount, approx. 476 are non-locals residing in the community.

Immunization details among Trans Mountain workers were not available. Northern Health reported in mid-July that 75 percent of residents age 12 and up in the Robson Valley have now been vaccinated with at least one dose.

"At this time we do not have statistics on the percentage of our workforce that is vaccinated," a media spokesperson said. "Trans Mountain is encouraging vaccination for all our workforce and have cooperated with provincial authorities to provide on-site clinics at our camp communities and worksites."

As of Aug 21st, there were 254 active cases in the Northern Health region. Northern Health is encouraging Trans Mountain staff and residents in the Valemount area to be aware that COVID-19 continues to circulate, and to take preventive measures such as frequent hand-washing, mask-wearing, and getting vaccinated at their earliest opportunity.

According to a statement, Trans Mountain has taken steps to reduce the chances of spread including enhanced employee screening, mandatory mask-wearing, and increased sanitization across the site and offering immunizations against COVID-19 to workers.

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Ada Lynn Redekop



Ada was born on April 13th, 1961 in Vancouver BC, to Katrina (Goosen) Redekop and Alfred Redekop. She passed away on July 26th, 2021 in McBride BC, surrounded by love and

 $support\ after\ braving\ lymphatic\ cancer\ for\ many\ years.$

Through her life, she took on many roles and responsibilities: hospitality, customer service, gardener, bookkeeper, and family support work. But her most defining feature was being a mother. She wasn't just a mother to her children but unapologetically to those who needed one.

Her compassion and wisdom is known to be endless for those she guided during her family support work career and personal life. Anyone that needed guidance, help, or just someone to listen was accepted wholeheartedly by Ada without judgment.

Ada has been and forever will be loved by the father of her children: Tim, her sons: Reuben, who preceded Ada in death, and surviving son William, along with her two siblings: Arlen and Karen, and everyone who has been touched by her unconditional love.

Due to gathering restrictions, we are still working to find the best option for an in person memorial to celebrate the life of my mother, Ada Redekop. Please be patient as we navigate this difficult time to bring those she held dear a meaningful service.



KNOW?

Do you have a knack for writing? Are you looking for a stimulating and rewarding job that gives you a front seat to local news and events?

Rocky Mountain Goat Media Inc. is looking for an Editor/Reporter to join our team!

Hours - 35 hours/week **Location** - Valemount, BC. **Starting Pay** - \$27/hour

The full-time Editor/Reporter researches, writes and curates content for Rocky Mountain Goat Media platforms, both online and in a weekly print newspaper that serves roughly 5,000 people in East-Central B.C.

We are a small newsroom dedicated to high-quality journalism including hard news, investigative reporting, profiles and entertaining features. The Rocky Mountain Goat is independent and locally-owned and has won many awards for all-round newspaper excellence, as well as its writing, photography and ad design. We value quality as much as quantity.

We are looking for someone who is a great writer and good photographer. Someone who knows how to engage an audience quickly and efficiently and distill complicated information to the essentials. But also someone who understands the fundamentals of storytelling and how to use them.

The Editor will be responsible for approx. 5-7 stories/briefs/stand-alone photos as well as an editorial each week. Breaking news stories are posted immediately to our website with a more researched version printed in the next print paper. As a weekly newspaper, our niche is in exclusive features and in-depth reporting, which can't easily be replicated or scooped online. The Editor will be responsible for staying on top of news and features and managing the content pipeline each week, both for themselves and for the other contributors. The job entails proofreading everything in the paper and coming up with captions, teasers and fillers. Through this job, the Editor will become an authority on local issues and sought after as a source of up-to-date information by both locals and newcomers.

Required qualifications:

- Journalism degree/diploma or commensurate experience
- Must have own vehicle
- Must currently be in Canada and legally allowed to work
- Have a Facebook account and be willing to join facebook groups to source stories and to manage the RMG FB page
- Strong time management and prioritization skills and the ability to work as a team to not just meet deadlines, but exceed them.
- Have a desire to contribute to a positive newsroom environment and collaborate with colleagues
- Have a passion to provide readers with meaningful, original and indepth reporting on issues that matter to locals.

The Goat is currently for sale and there is an opportunity for an owner buy-out.

In your application, the cover letter is more important than the resume. Briefly tell us why this position is right for you and what you have to offer. Send clippings, including samples of: one news story, one opinion piece (doesn't have to be published), and one photograph containing people. If selected for an interview, we will also require 2 references.

Send applications to Laura at goatnewspaper@gmail.com. This position will remain open until filled.

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Agricultural plastic recycling option comes to Robson Valley

By Andrea Arnold

Plastic bale wrap, silage bags/bunker covers and baler twine used by farmers in the Robson Valley now have a place for disposal. Cleanfarms, has partnered with The Regional District of Fraser Fort George on a new recycling pilot project that includes a drop-off site within the McBride Transfer Station.

"It's a great way to start something like this in BC," said Rachael Ryder, Waste Diversion Program Leader with RDFFG.

"The Cleanfarms recycling project in the RDFFG is one of three recycling programs taking place in British Columbia," said a press release from Cleanfarms. "The others are in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and the Peace River District. Each pilot is slightly different depending on the most prominent types of local farming, Cleanfarms' overall goal is to expand pilots into permanent programs across the country to achieve zero ag plastic waste to landfill."

In the past, local farmers have used whatever means necessary to dispose of these items.

David Hruby has seen this problem from two different angles. As a farmer himself, he has struggled with what to do with the constant build up of twine that comes from the bales he feeds his

"I have piles of it," he said. "It gets strewn everywhere."

Farmers with a backlog of large plastic products have, in previous years, burned, buried, shoved the products into bins at the transfer station, or even dumped them in the river.

In his role as fire chief, Hruby has dealt with fire complaints from neighbours who are experiencing the smoke and smell from piles of melting plastic.

The problem has led to ongoing discussion among the farmers and Hruby continued to present the issue to the Regional District.

"I asked them if there is something that can be done," he said. "If they could put together a program."

Ryder has worked with Clearfarms on other issues involving agricultural supply disposal, so she approached them with the request.

"This pilot program is something that has been needed for a long time," said Regional District Area H Director Dannielle Alan. "Dave, Mac and the other farmer need ways to dispose of plastic. They started the initiative, and it was my pleasure to support it at the board level."

Collection bags are available at the transfer station in McBride for each of the types of material. Cleanfarms' contractors will pick up the materials and transport them to recycling facilities in Canada and the USA where they will be processed for reuse as new products such as car parts and plastic bags, the company says. At this time, a recycling solution for net wraps is not available.

A baler has been delivered to the village to allow trained personnel a method for compacting and containing the large plastic bags to allow for easier transport.

"I'm happy to see it get going," said Hruby. "Hopefully everyone uses it."

Carly Fraser, Cleanfarms Special Projects Coordinator, and John Peterson, Operations Manager McBride Public Works show off the baler that will help compact and contain large amounts of agriculturally used plastic before shipping. The machine will only be used by appointed and trained individuals. /ANDREA ARNOLD

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2021 WOOD STOVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Village of Valemount is accepting applications for the 2021 Wood **Stove Exchange Program**

REBATES:

- Non EPA/CSA Stove to Certified Wood Replacement: \$1,250
- Non EPA/CSA Certified Stove to Alternative **Heating Replacement: \$2,500**
- EPA/CSA Certified stove (more than 5 years old) to **Alternative Heating Replacement: \$2,500**
- Non EPA/CSA Stove to Certified Wood Replacement (secondary heat source): \$1,000

Please visit our website at: www.valemount.ca-grants/ for full program details or contact the Grant Clerk to determine eligibility



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New titles in store!

In The Pull of the Stars, Emma Donoghue once again finds the light in the darkness in this new classic of hope and survival against all odds. In an Ireland doubly ravaged by war and disease, Nurse Julia Power works at an understaffed hospital in the city centre, where expectant mothers who have come down with the terrible new flu are quarantined together. Into Julia's regimented world step two outsiders—Doctor Kathleen Lynn, on the run from the police, and a young volunteer helper, Bridie Sweeney. Over three days, these women change each other's



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illustrated by her own delightful accounts of rugged camp and trail life in the Rocky Mountains of Canada in the early 1900s. In 1980, the Whyte Museum published a compilation of Mary Schäffer's works as A Hunter of Peace, edited by E. J. (Ted) Hart which was the catalyst for a resurgence of interest in Schäffer's work. Now, by revisiting Schäffer's original manuscripts contained in the Archives and Library of the Whyte Museum, the spectacular second edition of A Hunter of Peace even more fully reflects BY MARY T. S. SCHÄFFER Schäffer's work and intent.



THE FINDER

Will Ferguson takes readers on a heroic, imaginative journey across continents, from the seas of southern Japan, to the arid Australian Outback, to the city of Christchurch, New Zealand, after the earthquake. Prepare to meet Gaddy Rhodes, a brittle Interpol agent obsessed with tracking "The Finder"—a shadowy figure she believes is collecting lost objects; Thomas Rafferty, a burnt-out travel writer whose path crosses that of The Finder, to devastating effect; and Tamsin Greene, a swaggering war photographer who is hiding secrets of her own. BY WILL FERGUSON





NEW HOURS:

MON 9am - 4pm | TUES 11am-2pm | WED 9am - 3pm | THURS 10am-3pm | FRI 9 am - 4 pm | SUN 10am-1pm Located at 1170 5th Avenue, Valemount, B.C. **ACROSS FROM THE IGA DOWNTOWN**

Camouflage toad



I was walking along Holmes River while camping and this guy was hiding in plain sight soaking up some sun. /SANDRA JAMES



Rocky Mountain Goat Media Inc. is looking for someone to join our team!

Job Opening - Part-time Sales Manager and Production Assistant

Hours - Flexible 10-16hrs/ week available (applicant must commit to a similar number of hours per week and Mondays are a required work day).

Location - Valemount office, but after the training period, much of the work can be done remotely.

Pay - \$25/hour

For more information contact Laura at

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or email your resume with two references and a cover letter explaining why you'd make a good candidate to:

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The part-time Sales Manager and Production Assistant helps local and regional businesses reach more customers and improve their brands through RMG Media platforms, online and in print.

The part-time Sales Manager and Production Assistant works closely with the graphic designer to help our advertising clients meet their business and marketing goals. They keep tabs on ads coming into the newspaper, ensure proofs are approved on deadline and appear accurately in the newspaper and/or on the newspaper's website. The sales manager comes up with ad sale ideas, makes sales lists, contacts customers, issues quotes, provides advertising options and works with the graphic designer and billing team to ensure our design and customer service dazzle our customers. The Sales Manager increases revenue from existing clients as well as attracts new ones. As Production Assistant, the person will proofread stories and ensure captions, stories, and ads appear error-free in the paper. In addition, they will help brainstorm regular self-promotion ads for things like special features, contests, the bookstore and the Goat

Mandatory skills/aptitudes:

- Friendly, professional demeanour
 Experience working in sales and
- customer serviceGreat team player with excellent
- interpersonal skills
- Excellent computer skills & fast learner

Preferred skills/education (training will be provided for skills lacking):

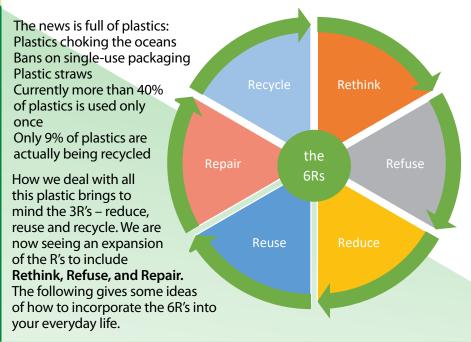
- An eye for graphic design
- Familiarity with: Microsoft Excel, Quickbooks, Wordpress
- Post-secondary education in marketing, sales or business

Due to the amount of training involved, we are hoping to find someone who can commit to a minimum of 2 years in this position.

This position is located at our Valemount office with the option of working from home some of the time.



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, tried and true... now add RETHINK, REFUSE AND REPAIR.



RETHINK

Stop and think about what you are buying and using. Taking the time to rethink our consumption or purchases gives us the opportunity to adjust our behavior and decrease the amount of waste we create. Consider what can be done differently to reduce our environmental impact.

REFUSE

As consumers we can refuse to accept wasteful products. Refusing to consume is the first place will have the biggest effect on our waste production. Just say no to single use items such as plastic bags, straws, and to go containers. Have your monthly bills and bank statements emailed or accessible electronically.

REDUCE

Traditionally, reduce was the first R. Now with Rethink and Refuse we have already made inroads to reducing our waste. When considering a new purchase, ask yourself - Do I really need this? Make decisions that decrease the amount of waste produced. Shop at farmers markets and secondhand stores, where you can purchase items with little or no packaging. Buy in bulk and avoid single-serving sizes.

REUSE

Can a product be used again? Can we find a different use for it? Reusable grocery bags and travel mugs are a great example of reuse in action. Reuse extends the life of these items and eliminates the need for single use bags and cups. For future purchases look to swap out single use items for reusable such as cloth napkins and reusable water bottles. Items such as clothing or furniture that we no longer have a use for can be donated to thrift stores, nonprofit organizations, local shelters and community programs.

REPAIR

When an item breaks down or no longer functions properly, fix it. When considering a new purchase: can a product be easily repaired? Are there components that can be replaced rather than having to recycle or dispose of the entire product? This speaks to the sustainability of a product and how often we may need to replace it.

RECYCLE

Over the years, recycle has been the default action to offset our environmental impact. There are many items that can be recycled through the transfer station multi-material recycling bin – cardboard, paper, and plastic containers. Extended producer responsibility in British Columbia provides recycling opportunities for a wide variety of materials including used oil, electronics, tires, batteries, small and large appliances, and beverage containers just to name a few.

The best way to recycle is to be informed on what goes where. Visit sortsmart.ca for more information on your local recycling options.

Rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse, repair and recycle. Not as catchy as "reduce, reuse and recycle" but it gives us more options to limit our waste production. Look to incorporate the 6Rs into your daily life today.



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Mercury Studies Beauty

Like the oil painter who goes to Tuscany to study from the master, Mercury takes a holiday in Libra for an immersive experience of beauty. Among nature's most effective communication techniques is the pleasing visual, which has evolved everything from the most delicate flower petals to the fateful butterfly wing or the silver fur on a gorilla's back.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Keep up the optimism this week and the world will reflect the emotional sunshine you're radiating. You'll pull off a few difficult tasks in a row. You'll prove invaluable to the team; not because of your magnificent successes, but because of the way you facilitate theirs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Simplicity is rarely as easy as it looks. It requires efficiency and discipline, and demands the mastery of tools. This elegant ideal is attainable to you this week because you're willing to work for it. You'll focus on what matters and you'll stay on track, making more lives easier than just your own.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People give love and attention in different ways. Some are too self-involved or focus-challenged to give attention at all. Let none of this validate or invalidate you. Ideally, your life centers around a purpose and not around the reactions of others or lack thereof. Seek supportive connections, but do not depend on them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your eye for details is honed, and you'll get granular in your analysis of what matters to you. This specificity will serve you well, though not everyone will have the patience and understanding you'd like them to have. That's just a



sign to find "your people": The ones who get you, challenge you and support

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The way things look and function is very important to you and your sophistication on the matter will rub off on others. You're sold

on elegance, swayed by beauty and willing to pay for superior design. Your affinity for lovely things will guide you to interesting places and people. Your conversations will be most enlightening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Anyone can complain, but some will take it further

and describe a problem to the people who can help. You're in that rare category of fixers. You'll think over the issues, brainstorm possible fixes and bounce your ideas off people until you have a solid proposition. Then you'll gain cooperation and solve the thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your mood is even; your action logical; your position stable. An agent of chaos will be drawn to you for exactly those reasons. This type prefers the difference they make to be noticeable. There is no "after" without a good "before." You'll be stronger and better for the disruption, and it might even be super fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To spend prolonged time with your favorite people is a version of heaven on earth. There are many barriers to such an event -- number one being that your favorite people happen to be busy

people -- so these things have to be planned. Luckily, you get almost as much joy from planning as you do from execution.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll get the satisfaction of contributing to important work. You'll love the developments to come from a noncompetitive arena. You learn from different approaches, especially of those you have guided. You'll get credit for being the teacher, though people do things very differently from the way they were shown.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A project begins with inspiration or, more likely, jealousy. Envy is so important to pay attention to. It is among the best indicators of which direction in life would most please you, and therefore it is invaluable in its ability to inform your decisions. Whatever you are jealous of, start creating it in your life this lucky week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Ingenious leadership is sometimes undetectable. You create systems that work and then you establish an atmosphere in which people can execute those systems with focus and ease. You encourage at strategic marks along the way. Ultimately, much is accomplished without your constant guidance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Rarely do fully formed ideas land on you, causing you to know exactly what to do next. If such a thing did happen, it would rob you of the most pleasurable parts of the problem-solving process. Prepare to exercise your imagination. Delight in the bad ideas, which come first; press on to the good ones.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Your generosity of spirit is far

beyond that of an average human to the extent that you sometimes forget to check in with your own needs and wants. All will be taken care of, though attention on the matter is necessary to start it all rolling in the right direction. This is the fun part! Get in touch with your hopes and dreams. Dare to see yourself in fantastical light enjoying outrageous good fortune, pleasure beyond measure and participating in your favorite act, which is sharing it all.

Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.

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HOW TO PLAY

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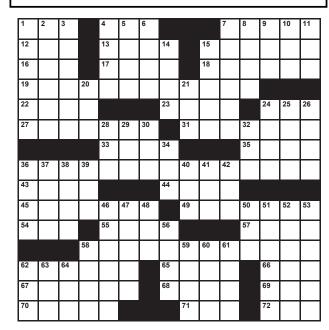
by Myles Mellor

Answers on P13

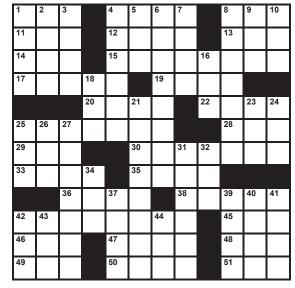
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Answers on P13



CROSSWORD





Answers on P13

Across

- Tree of the olive family
- It may be measured by a meter
- Pea or bean follower
- 11 'Wow!
- Suave, and then some
- Hose woe
- Word with "mark" or "splitting"
- Abundance
- Lean down 17
- Gab a bit 19
- Broke down, in a way
- Screen makeup 22
- 25 Kitchen gadget
- Catch, so to speak 29 Manta
- _ (large fish) Lama's language
- Brought to mellowness, as cheese or wine
- Computer picture 35 Abject failure
- Be extremely fond of 42 Sales
- '50s sitcom staple
- Time gone by
- Pick up, as an expense
- Verbal thrust 49 Green, in a way
- 50 Finishes up
- Fox description

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- Plucky person 3
- 4 Burst
- Crude stuff
- Gas partner
- Greek god story, e.g.
- Speak strongly against "Flags of ____ Fathers"
- Modern ID verifier 10
- Hawaiian-pizza topping
- Have in hand 18
- 21 Implore
- Wide body 23
- Farm cackler 24
- 25
- Support garment (traveler's woe)
- Plucked hair 27
- Brags and exaggerates
- Type of table or zone
- 34 Shoveled
- Prudent 37
- Track postings
- Transportation mode
- 41 Wired
- 42 Permit no more
- 43 65, say, for retirement
- 44 Show boredom

6. Sheepish discussions

10. It could be part of a

11. Member of Cong.

7. Exercise restraint

8. Corrida cries

9. Toyota SUV

deal

14. Newborn

20. Lamb sire

15. Simmons rival

Across

- 1. Start to function?
- 4. Steal from 7. Bar mitzvah highlights
- 12. Hosp. area
- 13. Kuwaiti, e.g.
- 15. Comfort 16. Calendar abbr.
- 17. Final Four org.
- 18. Patriots, e.g.
- 19. Food assortments
- 22. Table, geographically 23. Legendary humanoid
- tai (drink)
- 27. Beasts
- 31. Top NFL QB name

- 33. "La Scala di (Rossini opera)
- 35. Gung-ho about
- 36. Check for the right pairings
- Star State
- 44. Fruit weight in EU
- 45. "Bravo!" 49. Jason Bourne's
- problem

or buts

- 54. Hard-working bug 55. Soup pod
- 57. No ifs, _
- 58. Delis 62. Corn dish
- 65. Oscar nominee for a song in "The Lord of the Rings'
 - ___ gow poker 67. Some are vital
 - 68. Knights
 - 69. Overhead trains
 - 70. Spock 71. Big wine holder
 - Down
 - 1. Foreboding atmosphere 2. Shrewdness

72. Alphabet trio

- 4. Telephoned
- 5. Shamu, for one
- 3. Dracula portrayer
- 25. Feed the pot 26. Famed lab assistant

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- equipment, for short 24. Little BMW
- 29. Jeans brand 30. Holy ones: Abbr.
- 32. Nada
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 - 42. Ages and ages 46. Cash, for one 47. Green-lights
- 62. Sweetie pie 63. Dwarf in "The Hobbit"

60. Top model, Banks

61. Cardinal point

48. 'It's cold in here!'

50. Diamonds stud

51. SWAT specialist

52. Worthy principles

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53. Stump for

58. "Ta-ta!"

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59. Yale or Harvard: Abbr.

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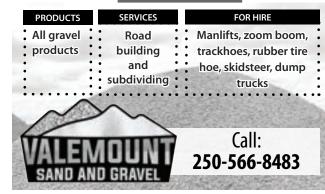
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WEDs. Attn: Women! "Reframe for Confidence" Workshop Series start July 7th (Wednesdays 11.30am – 1pm, Jul 7th – Aug 25th). Learn how to transform fear, build confidence, set & meet goals, communicate with impact and let go of excessive expectations. Register now! https://cfdc.bc.ca/events/reframe-for-confidence-10/

VALEMOUNT

THURS. AUG 26 **Drop-in COVID clinic** Valemount Health Centre, 1445 5th Avenue 2 pm to 4:15 pm

WED Sept. 1st **Legion In-Car Bingo** Gates @ 5pm, Bingo @ 6pm Valemount Legion parking lot

SAT Aug. 28th Valemount & Area Chamber of Commerce **Texas Scramble Golf Tournament.** For more info call Sam Travers 250-566-1029.

WEDs. **Family Place Drop In Program** from 9:00-12:00-If you have questions, are looking for parenting resources, or just need to chat, you can join us virtually or in person. Call Hannah 250-566-9107 (Valemount) to pre-register for any of the events.

WEDs. Wednesday nights yoga, movement, dance class 6:30-7:30 pm @the Best Western upstairs Eagle View room \$10 cash. A flow of easy yoga & qi gong & if the music moves you just free form dance whatever moves your soul! No yoga, qi gong experience necessary. It's about connecting, moving, breathing & having fun!

WEDs. **The Valemount Old Timers musicians** are back playing in the upper lounge at the Golden Years Lodge (1300 Main Street) on Wednesdays from 7-9pm. No charge. Coffee and goodies provided.

THURS: Drop by the **Valemount Community Garden** Thursdays between 4-6pm to volunteer. Work outside with your hands and learn about growing your own food, or share your passion and wisdom with beginner gardeners. We have a range of tasks for all abilities. Children are welcome and encouraged to come. If you are interested in helping out but this time doesn't work for you, contact Rebecca at foodsecurity@rvcsbc.org or call 778 763 1319 and she can facilitate a time that does.

MCBRIDE

THURS. SEPT 8 **Drop-in COVID clinics** McBride Health Centre, 1126-5th Avenue, 9 am to 11 am

SAT Sept 11: Pioneer Days Parade McBride at 10am

WEDs. **Family Place** Drop In Program from 9:00am -12:00pm-If you have questions, are looking for parenting resources, or just need to chat, you can join us virtually or in person. Call Charlene 250-569-2266 (McBride) to pre-register.

FARMER'S MARKETS

SATs. **Dunster Farmers Market** Every Saturday until Sept 25th at Dunster Community Hall from 11am to 1pm. No seller's fee – All welcome! Fresh produce, home baking, new and used articles, home-made goodies, crafts, etc. Coffee and juice available by donation. Call Pete for more information 250-968-4334.

THURS. Every Thursday **Valemount Farmer's Market** 4-7pm in the field next to the Valemount Visitor Information Centre.

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Pete Amyoony has lived, worked & gardened in the Dunster area for 35 years. He tries to deal with the "down to earth nuts and bolts of organic gardening" in his columns.



The Sweetening power of Stevia

The Guardini Indians of Peru knew about and used stevia for centuries before the invaders from the old world even showed up in the Americas. In 1903 botanist-Dr. Moises Bertoni, after years of searching, finally found a live plant that he could study. He was amazed at the sweetening power of this herb and recommended that it be grown as a commercial crop. However, the large and powerful sugar producers did not like the idea of competition and for decades, Stevia slipped into the background. In 1931, two French chemists isolated the strongest chemical compound that gave stevia its sweet taste and named it "stevioside" a substance up to 300 times sweeter than sugar. Once again stevia slipped into the background

In the 1960's Japan was trying to limit the amount of artificial sweeteners and chemicals in their food supply. In 1970, Japan introduced stevia and its products into food products. By 1988, it represented almost half of the market share of "sweet substances" consumed in the country. Stevia's safety was proven through extensive scientific testing over the years.

In the mid 1980's the U.S. Food and Drug Administration labeled stevia as "an unsafe food additive" even though all studies have proven it to be safe. Intriguing connections are being made between powerful politicians and the artificial sweetener (e.g. aspartame) industry that holds a large share of the sweetener industry such as in diet soft drinks. I have tried growing stevia and am really amazed how sweet the leaves really are. Homegrown stevia is not nearly as powerful as the "extract" found on the commercial market, but when you place a leaf in your mouth, you know it is sweet!

I found the seeds to be very difficult to germinate and they took a long time to grow to any size. Stevia also varies from plant to plant as to the sweetness of the leaves. When young, they really do not like cool nights and should be treated like pepper plants or tomatoes. They love rich, loamy soil with good drainage and lots of compost and organic matter.

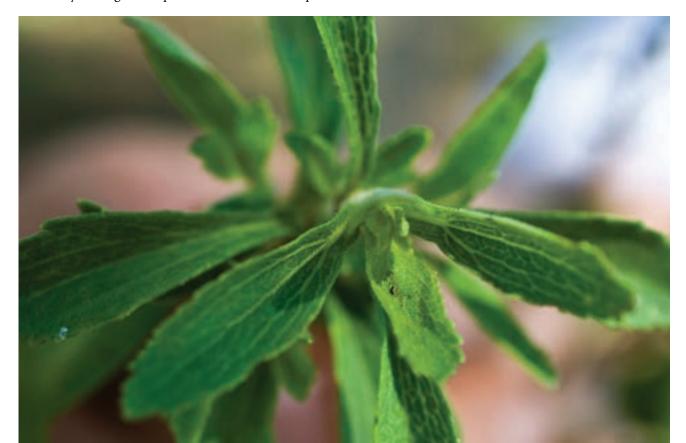
Harvesting should be done as late in the fall as possible, but before any frosts hit. The cool weather intensifies the sweetness in the leaves. Cuttings of the best plants should be started for the following year, as they will be much further ahead than plants started from seed.

The harvested leaves need to be dried (screen or food dryer). The leaves can be ground in a coffee grinder or you can make your own liquid stevia extract by adding one cup of warm water to ¼ cup of

freshly ground stevia leaves. After 24 hours, it should be kept in the refrigerator.

Stevia can be grown also as a houseplant in a 12" (30cm) pot on a warm sunny windowsill. Because they have such a shallow root system, covering the soil with a little mulch will help retain the moisture between waterings. Be careful, however not to let them sit in water as stevia does not like wet feet. Richter's Herbs of Goodwood, Ontario will ship notted plant anywhere in Canada. Local growers may

Richter's Herbs of Goodwood, Ontario will ship potted plant anywhere in Canada. Local growers may also offer them if there is enough demand.



Repair on Airport Road underway



Crews work to clear old materials from the existing road to make room for the larger culvert. Airport access is restricted to emergency only and the road will remain closed until work is completed. Estimated completion date, September 4, 2021. /ANDREA ARNOLD

By Andrea Arnold

Road access to the airport in McBride is closed for repairs due to a culvert replacement at the Shelby Creek crossing. The work began Monday August 16,

"The previously existing culvert did not have the capacity for spring runoff," said Public Works Operations Manager John Peterson. "It is past its effective life, and is rusted out along the bottom." In the 2019 McBride Charlie Leake Airport Development Plan, the replacement of the culvert was identified as a necessary step during the proposed improvements to the airport.

The report said, "the Village has identified replacement of a culvert under the airport access road as a critical infrastructure priority to mitigate potential flood and road washout risk that would threaten the only road access to the airport."

The new culvert would bring the creek crossing into compliance with provincial and federal regulations. The project is being supported by a BC Air Access grant.

The closure is expected to remain in effect until September 4, 2021. Throughout the project, there is no vehicle or pedestrian access, no fuel available, and no flights in and out. There is a plan in place should the need for emergency services arise.



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