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**Donkey swipe** Ron and Sarah Simonton enjoyed sunshine and laughs as Daphne the donkey swiped a donut off the table during Robson Valley Community Support's 'Goats & Grandparents, Donkeys and Donuts' event Monday August 23 in the RVCS yard in McBride. "It was a very fun event, well-attended and received," said Operations & Support Service Manager Jana Master. "The idea came from RVCS staff member Sara Olofsson who collaborated with our newest program staff member Angel Rainville, Seniors Activity Worker. We all know that many individuals have been experiencing feelings of isolation and disconnection from their friends and family members, especially at this time. 'Goats & Grandparents, Donkeys and Donuts' was aimed at connecting seniors with their friends and family with the company of farm animals." RVCS hosts a weekly Seniors drop-in program Tuesdays from 1-3 in both Valemount and McBride, and is planning more events and workshops, such as a painting event in late September. /ANDREA ARNOLD



RIGHT: The goats played themselves out quickly and napped most of the event. They woke up near the end of their time together and Rambo got some scratches from Al Birnie and Flo Mynio, as Lotte Rauter held him. /ANDREA ARNOLD

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# AEDs donated to public areas in memory of Bill Bond



Shirley Bond with late husband Bill at the Heart and Stroke Big Bike ride. The quest to provide accessible AEDs is an emotional passion project funded by Bill's Legacy Fund. /SUBMITTED



Monday afternoon, MLA Bond stopped at the Dunster store to leave the second AED donation./ SUBMITTED



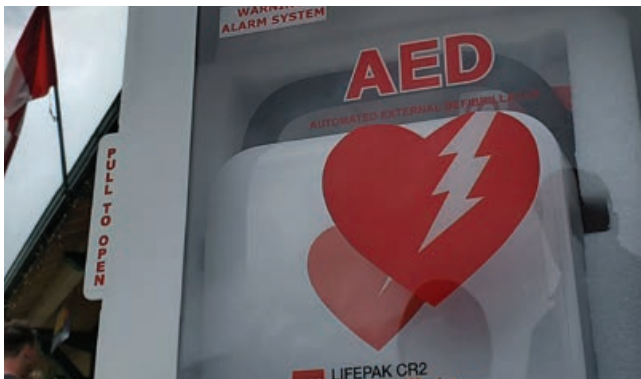
MLA Shirley Bond is joined by McBride CAO Chris Tupy, Councillor Rosemary Hruby and flanked by Whistlestop Gallery/Visitor Centre staff, Pierce Longuski and Ashlinn Karr on Monday, August 23, 2021 on her first of four stops in the Robson Valley to donate AEDs in memory of her husband Bill Bond. /ANDREA ARNOLD



Loraina Stephen of Quartz Contracting received the AED unit at the Mt. Robson Visitor Centre from MLA Bond. /SUBMITTED



Valemount IGA was one of MLA Bond's stops on Tuesday where she met with Temporary Store Manager, Alex Debruyn and handed over the enclosed case containing the AED. /SUBMITTED



MLA Shirley Bond, along with her family have started a Legacy fund in memory of her late husband Bill Bond. This fund is allowing the family to donate four AED's in public spaces across the Robson Valley. /ANDREA ARNOLD

BY ANDREA ARNOLD

Shirley Bond, MLA for Prince George - Valemount spent a few days travelling through the Robson Valley last week on a labour of love. She and her family have started a legacy fund for Bill Bond her late husband of 41 years who was also a father and grandfather, and is sharing part of that legacy with the people of the Valley.

"Bill loved the area," Bond said. "We spent a lot of time here and I know he would be incredibly pleased that something so important to him will benefit the Robson Valley."

Bill had a long journey with heart issues and was in St. Paul's hospital awaiting a second heart surgery when he had a massive left brain stroke. He passed away in June 2020.

Due to Bill's medical experiences, the Bond family has had a close relationship with the Heart and Stroke Foundation, and decided to donate automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to public spaces, allowing more accessibility in case of emergency.

"The use of an AED along with CPR significantly increased the chance of survival when a cardiac event occurs," said Bond. "But we hope it never has to be used."

There have been four Lifepak CR units

donated to four public spaces across the Robson Valley: the train station in McBride, the Dunster Store, Valemount IGA and the Mount Robson Visitor Centre. In July, a temperature controlled unit was also placed outside, at Masich Stadium in Prince George. Each battery-operated, mobile unit includes easy-to-follow audio instructions and safety features. The machines will not emit a shock if it detects a heartbeat.

These units can be registered to a mobile device app allowing visitors to the area more accurate information if the need arises.

As with most medical supplies, the upkeep and quality of the product is important. The cost of replacing any of the expendable parts on these units will be covered by Bill's Legacy Fund.

Bond believes that better access to AEDs is very important. She has tabled a Private Members Bill in the Legislature mandating AEDs in more public areas.

As the legacy fund continues to grow through donations, it is Bond's hope to provide more AEDs to areas currently lacking.

"Being able to do this for the Robson Valley means a lot to our family," said Bond. "We love the job, the people and the riding. It is the region we call home, not just the city of Prince George."

## Notice of Intent Blue River Road Closure

Notice is given, pursuant to Section 60(2) of the Transportation Act, that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has received an application to permanently close an unconstructed road right-of-way, and that such closed road be vested pursuant to Section 60(2) of the Transportation Act. The unconstructed right-of-way is adjacent to the following legal addresses:

- Lot 8, Block 2, District Lot 3275, Kamloops Division Yale District, Plan 1976, PID: 001-470-345 (850 Main Street, Blue River),
- Lot 6, Block 2, District Lot 3275, Kamloops Division Yale District, Plan 1976, PID: 011-302-119 (5929 Fourth Avenue, Blue River), and
- Lot 7, Block 2, District Lot 3275, Kamloops Division Yale District, Plan 1976, PID: 011-302-143 (5945 Fourth Avenue, Blue River).

The proposed portion of road to be closed is approximately 301 metres squared.

A copy of the plan showing the proposed road closure can be emailed if requested.

Anyone wanting to provide comments of support or objection to this road closure should do so in writing to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's Prince George office at 1011 4th Avenue, Suite 360, Prince George, B.C., V2L 3H9 or by email to [DA.FortGeorge@gov.bc.ca](mailto:DA.FortGeorge@gov.bc.ca) no later than October 31, 2021.

For more information, please contact  
the ministry's Prince George office  
at 250 565-4410,  
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# Employee housing could be a shared solution

By Laura Keil, Publisher/Editor

At the Aug. 24th Valemount Council meeting, the Village’s housing committee made a startling presentation about the impact of the pipeline on local housing. Korie Marshall and Eugene Jamin told Council that in addition to the impact on renters themselves, many businesses are so short-staffed they are reducing their hours and service because of the housing crunch. Valemount’s only full-scale grocery store, the IGA, has not been able to hire a manager due to a lack of housing, they said. The Petro/Can and A&W has hired people but can’t find a place for them to live—the business owners are already housing four staff in their own home and, as shared by the owner later in the meeting, some team members are working 80-hour weeks. “Valemount renters cannot compete with pipeliners, who get a Living Out Allowance upwards of \$4000 a month,” Jamin said in the presentation. Back when their worker accommodation camp was originally approved (Jan. 2020), Trans Mountain planned to have 600 workers in camp and 150 in town. But according to recent stats provided to Valemount Council, the pipeline now has 1100 total, with 476 workers living outside of camp. Only 64 of those 1100 are locals already living in the area. The town’s population has doubled in a year and a half. Stats Canada (2016 data) says Valemount only has 586 dwellings to begin with. Imagine absorbing 476 more people into 586 houses. Hotel rooms, RVs and holiday cabins bump up the number, but most people don’t want to live permanently in a hotel, and the cost may prohibit those options even for pipeliners. As a result, the community is experiencing an acute housing shortage, with people being forced to leave town due to the extremely limited (and cost-inflated) supply, largely due to pipeliners renting and buying places in town and using LOAs to cover the rent/mortgage, which ordinary people cannot afford. None of this comes as a surprise. When asked for comment on the camp’s temporary use permit in November 2019

Council relayed its concerns and included the following: “Affordable and available housing is a significant concern for the community. Already people are raising rental rates in anticipation of the applicant’s employees and contractors who can afford higher rents and choose not to live in camp,” read council’s letter. “We are concerned people may be forced to relocate. This will hurt local businesses that will not be able to attract employees and disrupt the community when they are required to leave. It is our hope that the applicant can adequately address our concerns for the mutual benefit of the workers in the camp and our community.” Well so much that did. In a presentation in July, TM spokesperson Jasmine Devick said the camp can’t be expanded beyond its current occupancy of 560 (with 40 quarantine beds). While the temporary use permit issued by the regional district shows an occupancy limit of 900, the Canadian Energy Regulator only approved 600 beds. Why did CER only approve 600 people for the camp when the local government approved up to 900? Perhaps because only 750 workers were supposed to be here, and aside from locals, most would have fit into a 600-bed camp. But then came covid (cutting out 40 beds), and a phantom workforce of 475 extra people that Trans Mountain didn’t tell the public about until they were clamoring for housing. Now it’s true the Village of Valemount invited Trans Mountain workers to “move into town” in the early days of COVID-19 (spring 2020), largely to help out the struggling accommodation sector. But at that point, few of the workers had LOAs, making them more budget conscious, and we still believed that Trans Mountain was bringing in the same 700 or so out-of-town workers. By not informing the public of this phantom workforce, everybody is now in a bind. Creating housing takes time.

Council did well with liberalizing rules around where RVs can park (ie. town lots with an existing home), but most locals can’t afford to buy an RV. So the hope is that this will absorb more pipeliners who may then leave space for locals in actual buildings. Council should immediately ask Trans Mountain to encourage workers to relocate to the Blue River worker accommodation camp once it is built, and to make a contribution to affordable housing in the community. They should also make a plea to the Canadian Energy Regulator for an emergency permit to bump up the Valemount camp capacity to 900 people. Local businesses can and should be part of the solution too. This could be something coordinated by the Valemount Affordable Rentals Society, the Chamber or—if one was created—a municipal housing authority. Despite all the righteous anger towards the pipeline, the reality is Valemount has had a rental shortage for years, especially when it comes to family dwellings. An employee housing co-op shared by half a dozen businesses could at least help locals stay in town—as well as ease pressure on the businesses and business owners who run them. If we’re asking Trans Mountain to do more employee housing, perhaps we should be thinking along the same lines.

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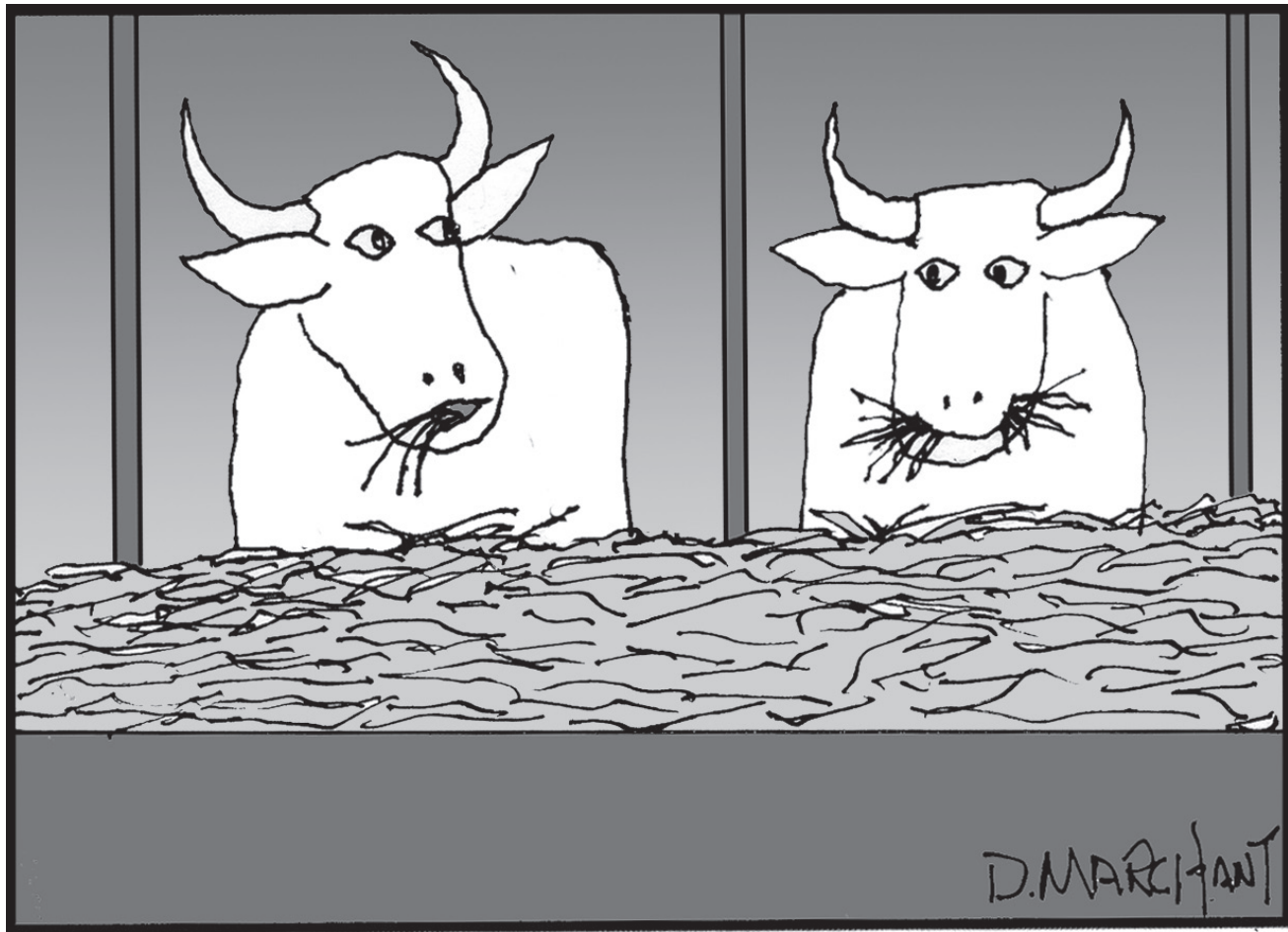


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“DOES THIS SUMMER’S HAY TASTE SMOKY TO YOU?”

# Paving of 17th Ave underway

By TRISH DUNN

Work started August 30, 2021 on the paving of 17th Avenue in Valemount. Crews have to first reconstruct the road bed to prepare it for paving. The Village is asking traffic to be limited to local traffic only. There is a detour around the work that flows from Hwy 5 to Cranberry Place to Canoe View Place to Dogwood Street to 18th Avenue to Ash street (or

the reverse from Ash Street to 18th avenue and so on). The Village is also asking heavy trucks to use alternate routes to access the Sewage Treatment plant, instead using Hwy 5 to Cedarside Road to Whiskey Fill Road to McKirdy Road to Aspen Road to 13th or 17th Ave to Ash Street. The paving project is expected to last until mid-October.



17th ave will be off-limits to traffic until mid-October, / TRISH DUNN

# Global Thoughts

BY GWYNNE DYER

## Rockets in the Stratosphere

If you’re worried about your ‘carbon footprint’, then you definitely should not sign up for a sub-orbital space flight, but both Jeff Bezos and Richard Branson clearly intend to ramp up to more frequent flights. (Branson predicts 400 flights a year.) The era of mass space tourism is just around the corner.

The travel and tourism industry accounted for 10.7% of world GDP in the last normal year (2019), so nowhere is safe, including the stratosphere. And like every other tourist destination, the stratosphere suffers some environmental damage from all the tourists passing through. The key question is: how much?

Hardly any at the moment. The typical rocket launch dumps the same amount of CO2 into the atmosphere as one airliner does in a trans-Atlantic crossing. Since there are only three or four passengers aboard each of those sub-orbital flights, their individual carbon footprints are huge – but more than 1,700 commercial jets cross the Atlantic on the average day.

Most rockets, including Elon Musk’s ‘Falcon Heavies’ and most of the big Chinese and Russian vehicles, burn a mixture of kerosene and liquid oxygen and produce an exhaust plume little different from that of jet aircraft: mostly carbon dioxide and water. But the total fuel used annually by all the world’s rockets is less than one percent of that burned by commercial aircraft.

Moreover, some of the newer rockets, like Bezos’s ‘New Shepard’, most European launch vehicles, and the last stage of the new Long March rockets, use Liquid Hydrogen and Liquid Oxygen, which leaves only water. So far, so relatively harmless – but all the other rockets leave black carbon (‘soot’) in the upper stratosphere, where airliners don’t fly.

The annual orbital rocket traffic is surprisingly low: a record 1,283 satellites were put into orbit last year, but only 104 rocket launches were used to put them there.

This means the prospective ‘tourist’ launches represent a four- or five-fold jump in the stratospheric traffic.

Bezos’s launches get a pass because he’s not burning kerosene and leaving soot behind. Branson’s rocket, however, is powered by a ‘hybrid engine’ that burns hydroxyl-terminated polybutadiene (synthetic rubber), with nitrous oxide as an oxidiser. You can think of it as a soot generator with stratospheric capability. And 400 flights a year.

So the Branson rocket should be closely monitored for its impact on the stratosphere, and how that might affect the climate. The impact could be insignificant, but it will be a much bigger contributor to stratospheric pollution than its size suggests. And what of space flight in general?

Orbital flights will certainly increase, but many miniaturised satellites can now be packed together on a single launch. Moreover, there is a clear move towards using liquid hydrogen rather than kerosene as a fuel, despite hydrogen’s current high price, and a longer-term aspiration to use high-energy biofuels that are carbon-neutral.

Aviation as a whole remains a significant part of the warming problem, causing more than 3% of global CO2 emissions, and the solutions are expensive or technically difficult. Biofuels can eventually address the carbon dioxide emissions, but at least half the aviation-linked warming is heat reflected back to the ground by contrails.

The remedy is to fly in the lower atmosphere, where contrails rarely form – but that puts planes back down in the turbulence, which passengers don’t like. Planes could be designed to counter that turbulence (ducted flow and computer-driven instant response), but there’s no sign of it yet.

Gwynne Dyer’s new book is ‘The Shortest History of War’.

Gwynne Dyer is a Canadian-born independent journalist whose column is published in more than 175 papers in 45 countries.





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# Housing concerns, tax exemptions, bylaw fines

By ANDREA ARNOLD

Mayor Owen Torgerson called the August 24, 2021 Valemount Council meeting to order.

Valemount Housing Committee Delegation: Impacts on local housing due to Trans Mountain Expansion

Korie Marshall and Eugene Jamin from the Village of Valemount Housing Committee gave an update on the activities of the committee since the last presentation in April 2019, before current housing concerns due to pipeline workers living outside camp facilities. According to the Regional District of Fraser Fort George, the temporary permit issued allowed for 900 employees within

the camp, and they are currently stating that they are full at 600. Locals are struggling to find affordable housing, as they are often beat out by workers with living out allowances of \$4,000/month. Businesses are working to meet the increase in demand due to the additional people in town, but cannot bring in more staff, due to lack of housing available.

The pair, on behalf of the committee, presented several possible ways council could work with them to ease the strain on the community and economy.

Councillor Blanchette asked if TMX has been approached to increase the camp capacity to the original permitted amount. Marshall replied that she has been making attempts to have those conversations, but nothing has come of it at this time. Mayor Torgerson commented that although the TUP stated 900, the Canadian Energy Regulator only allowed for 600 within the permitted space.

Councillor Pearson commented that this is a difficult spot, and it is a major issue for 3-5 years. He agrees there isn't an easy answer. If houses are built to meet the current need, when the pipeline employees leave, there will be the issue of empty homes around town.

Ministry of Environment meeting  
Council confirmed September 13, 2021 as their date for a zoom meeting with the Ministry of Environment.

## Administrative Reports

Council received the following July 2021 reports for information: Accounts Payable, Building Inspections, Bylaw Enforcement Summary.

## 2022 Permissive Tax Exemptions

Council agreed to move the four requests as a block providing each group the same percentage tax exemption. The Valemount Curling Club, Valemount Legion, Valemount Affordable Rentals Society, and Valemount Lions Club will be granted a 25% tax exemption for the 2022 year. In regards to the percentage, the motion was passed with a 3-2 vote with Councillors Blanchette and MacLean opposed.

## Water Well

Council approved \$63,050.52 from the Northern Capital Planning Grant for the purpose of a well drilling program with Kala Geosciences Ltd, as part of the Water Supply Master Plan.

## Wood Stove Exchange

Council directed staff to apply to the Ministry of Environment Wood Stove Exchange Program, to continue the program through 2022.

## Bylaws and Policies

Council adopted the Village of Valemount Zoning Bylaw No. 847, 2021 as presented. The Village says the bylaw will help the community with affordable housing issues, by fixing inflexible and out of date regulations, improve pedestrian and transportation connectivity, job creation and economic diversification roadblocks, and address flat population growth, minimal development and commercial investments.

Council gave the Village of Valemount Bylaw Notice Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 849 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading. The amended bylaw outlines the financial penalties associated with bylaw violations varying between \$100-\$500 and in a few instances up to \$2000.

## Notice of Motion

Mayor Torgerson moved to have village staff research "Freedom of the City." He would like to determine if this would be a proclamation or delegation.

## Public Comment

Eugene Jamin spoke, saying that the housing issue is something they need to work together on. He wasn't pointing fingers. It isn't an easy situation and he thinks it needs to be all hands on deck to find solutions.

Local business owner Leaha Johnson and her husband moved here three years ago to run Petro-Canada and A&W. They are among the businesses struggling to keep up without having a full staff roster.

"We currently have 20 staff," she said. "We should have 42. We have employees working 157 hours within two weeks. We have been looking for new staff and have 7-10 who want to come work, but haven't been able to because of no housing." She spoke of being outbid on homes they tried to purchase for staff housing. And now, they have had to close the graveyard shift due to the staff shortage, resulting in a projected \$360,000 in lost revenue this year.

"When the pipeline is gone, and we have no villagers, how will we run our businesses?"

Rashmi Narayan spoke briefly stating she believes council needs to help clearly communicate to TMX the community's housing issues and concerns.

## In-Camera

Council proceeded to an In-Camera meeting for consideration of one item per section 90 (1)(k) of the Community Charter to discuss matters related to: (k) negotiations and relate discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

The regular public portion of the meeting was adjourned.

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### Zoning Bylaw is Adopted

The Village of Valemount is pleased to report that the new Zoning Bylaw has been adopted.

Zoning Bylaw No. 847 helps to address some significant challenges facing the Village of Valemount. It is tackling these issues by increasing the flexibility and permissions within the land-use zones.

There have been significant changes to many of the zones in the Village. It is important to know what your property is zoned. View the Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map at [www.valemount.ca](http://www.valemount.ca).

Any questions can be directed to the Land Use Planner, Krista ETTY.

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### Reporting an Emergency Bylaw Violation Outside of Regular Business Hours

If an immediate response is required, please call 911 where an Operator will dispatch the appropriate emergency personnel.

Examples of after-hours bylaw contraventions that may require calling 911 are:

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- Violations of fire bans and restrictions.
- Noise Complaints.

### Request for Quotes

The Village of Valemount is seeking quotes from qualified professionals to supply and install 1 diesel 3-phase, 120/208V stationary standby power generator.

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**Closing Time:** 12:00 pm (PST)

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### Construction Update: 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Paving

Preparation for paving 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue will commence on Monday August 30<sup>th</sup> with paving construction lasting into the month of October. Throughout the construction there will be detours in place and potentially lengthy delays. During this time, the public is asked to avoid 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Ash Street to Elm Street.



### Water Calculator

Find out how you use water in your home and learn simple tips that conserve water and energy with the Alliance for Water Efficiency's Water Calculator. <https://www.home-water-works.org/calculator>



735 Cranberry Lake Road  
250-566-4435 PO Box 168

# Bung Bung, fence approval, and sidewalk removal

By ANDREA ARNOLD

Mayor Gene Runtz called the August 24, 2021 McBride council meeting to order at 7:02pm. Councillors Frederick, Green, Hruby and Smith, four village employees and three members of the public were in attendance.

### Bung Bung sled event

Matt Elliott was present to answer any questions regarding the temporary street closure application for the Bung Bung event November 26-27, 2021. Elliott agreed that the group will remain fluid in their plans as the COVID regulations may change, which could require adaptations. The current plan is to proceed with the outdoor portion of the event, Show 'n Shine as well as a Turcotte Compound Freestyle show.

### Comment from public

Sandra Salt, CFO & DCO for the Village of McBride read out a letter of concern from resident Phyllis Sivecki stating her concerns regarding the fence and hopper installation application for 333, 345 and 355 Main Street. She listed concerns regarding the height of the fence, possible rodent issues, dust from the hoppers, smell and possible fire hazards. Also she wondered how this business fit into the beautification plans for the community.

### Northern Health meeting

Council asked administration to prepare a list of healthcare topics for discussion with Northern Health during the Northern Health Community Stakeholder meeting on September 13, 2021 at 2:05 pm. Councillors Smith, Green, Frederick and

Hruby all plan on attending. The topics they would like to discuss are physician retention, pharmacy relocation, and ambulance service. Development permit given go-ahead Council approved development permit 2021-04, to only install a 10-foot-high board and batten fence at the front of 333, 345 and 355 Main Street, a screening fence not less than 6.5-feet but no more than 10-feet in height at the rear of the three properties, and a shipping container for storage, for the properties legally described as Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 10 Plan PGP1373, District Lot 5316, Cariboo Land District.

### CFO/DCO sworn in

Council appointed Sandra Salt as the Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Corporate Officer for the Corporation of the Village of McBride retroactive to May 2021, and authorized CAO/CO Chris Tupy to administer the oath of office to Sandra Salt for these positions.

### Village owned building to be inspected

Councillor Frederick requested a motion regarding the empty CREDA building at 964 2nd Ave currently owned by the Village. He made the motion to have the building inspected so they can move forward with the sale of it in the near future. Council approved the motion.

### Support for sledding community

Council passed a motion to submit a letter to the MBCSA confirming their support for the two UBCM resolutions that are being sponsored by the District of Sicamous citing the importance of recreational opportunities in the Robson Valley.

BC Assessment

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**HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF TV & RADIO FOR VALEMOUNT!**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wed. Sept. 22, 2021 5:00 pm**  
VCTV Studio 211 - 99 Gorse Street

The Valemount Entertainment Society provides TV & radio service to Valemount and operates VCTV, an award-winning local TV station. We're searching for dynamic directors for our Board to guide TV and radio for the community. Attend our AGM and be part of the excitement!

For more information, please contact  
Michael Peters 250-566-8288 or tv@vctv.ca

## 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 in-depth 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.

Send applications to Laura at:  
**goatnewspaper@gmail.com**

*This position will remain open until filled.*

## CAREERS



### JOB OPENING: Mill Manager

**JOB TITLE:** Mill Manager  
**EMPLOYER NAME:** Valemount Industrial Park Limited Partnership  
**Job Type:** 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;
  - 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. V0E 2Z0, cpryor@valemountcommunityforest.ca.  
*Open until filled.*

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



# Grizzly faring well



Grizzly bears that are fortunate enough to have Chinook salmon spawning rivers and streams in their territory spend most of their foraging hours along these waterways feasting on as many salmon as they can catch or on spawned-out salmon carcasses. Judging by the condition of this giant male grizzly I managed to film at 60 feet, it has fared very well. /LEON LORENZ

The Goat encourages you to contact us by phone or email:  
[goatnewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:goatnewspaper@gmail.com) / 250-566-4606

## 2022 BC Budget Consultation

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## McBride Council CONT'D FROM P7

### meeting topics

Council passed the motion to direct administration regarding the topic or topics they wish to discuss with BC Assessment on September 10, 2021 at 8:00am. The topics Council picked are: How are Air BnB's assessed? As well as a clarification regarding categories of assessment.

### Letter to Shirley Bond

Council directed administration to write a response letter to Shirley Bond regarding UBCM 2021 convention containing the following feedback: "that as always we really appreciate her support and be assured we will be sending her office our appointment list as soon as it is finalized."

### Uneven sidewalk removal

Council agreed to cover 2/3 of the cost to remove and replace the raised sidewalk of 211 Main Street, if the owner agrees to pay for 1/3 of the final cost. The motion was passed with a vote of 4-1 with Councillor Smith opposed.

Further, council directed administration to enter into an agreement with the owner if they agree to cover their portion of the total cost.

### Communicable Disease Prevention Policy

Council passed the motion to adopt the Village of McBride Communicable Disease Prevention Policy, OHS-02 as presented.

### Bung Bung street closure requests

Council passed the motion approving a temporary street closure for Holdway Street from 1st-2nd Avenues from November 26-27, 2021, 4:00pm-2:00am for the Bung Bung Show and Shine event. Also, they approved the request to also close 1st Ave from King St to Lonsdale on November 26 from 4:00pm-10:00pm for the Turcotte Compound Freestyle show. In a friendly amendment, main street from 1st-2nd Ave was added to the temporary closure request.

### In-Camera

Council moved to proceed to an In-camera Council meeting for consideration of matters per Section 0- (1) of the Community Charter related to: (c) labour relations or other employee relations, (d) the security of the property of the municipality, and; (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

## For Sale by Owner



5-acre subdividable land for sale by owner, just outside Valemont town boundaries south of the high school close to the marsh, fully treed with timber value,

**\$399,000. Please call Mark Johnston 604-446-9121.**

## Do you have a passion for LOCAL?

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 **250-566-5135**

or email your resume with two references and a cover letter explaining why you'd make a good candidate to: [lauraishere@gmail.com](mailto:lauraishere@gmail.com)

**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 brand.

### Mandatory skills/aptitudes:

- Friendly, professional demeanour
- Experience working in sales and customer service
- Great 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.



# Airvac



The McBride District Volunteer Fire Department and the RCMP helped secure the field next to the Gigglin’ Grizzly Neighbourhood Pub twice on Sunday August 30, 2021 for the air ambulance to land for patient transport. The location was used for its proximity to the hospital and accessibility, as the road to the airport is currently under construction. The pub was open for business at the time and customers watched curiously but were reassured by a firefighter who called over, “It wasn’t the food.” / ANDREA ARNOLD

## New rules for property owners with revamped Zoning Bylaw

By LAURA KEIL

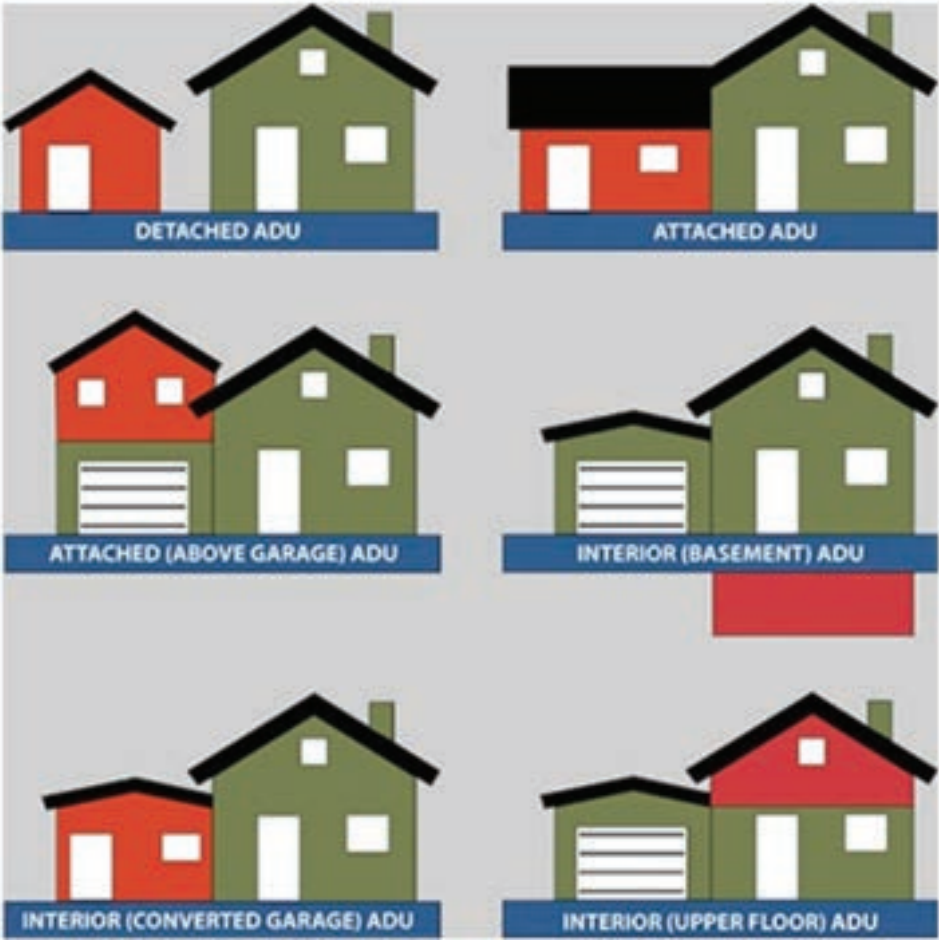
The Village of Valemount has adopted its revamped zoning bylaw that makes sweeping changes to what’s allowed in different zones around the village.

The new zoning bylaw is the second piece in a revamp of Valemount’s planning bylaws, the first being the new Official Community Plan (OCP) approved this spring. Together, the zoning bylaw and official community plan spell big changes for property owners in the village, allowing secondary suites and laneway homes in more zones, removing the Mobile Home Zone on 4th ave in favour of a standard residential zone, and liberalizing where residential units can be built as secondary uses in commercial zones, among other changes.

The Zoning Bylaw and OCP also specify in which zones vacation rentals are allowed, where and how home-based businesses can operate, and cover areas such as parking, setbacks, density limits and parks.

In a press release, the Village says the new zoning bylaw will help address Valemount’s current issues such as the lack of industrial and employment lands for job creation

### 2.5 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADU)



and economic diversification, flat population growth, and minimal development and commercial investments.

In many zones, the zoning bylaw has liberalized what you can build in your backyard. In most residential neighbourhoods, you’ll soon be able to add a secondary suite, laneway house or garage suite (max. 1 per lot). You can rent it out long-term as long as you’re the primary occupant of the house, though short-term rentals are not allowed in those extra living units (called “Accessory Dwelling Units” or ADUs). Previously you were limited to a secondary suite inside your home only.

The Village says mixed-use zones (ie. both commercial and residential uses allowed) will promote infill and vibrancy in our commercial centers; the addition of light industrial zones will improve economic diversity, sustainability and increase property tax revenue and local job creation opportunities; reducing minimum lot and home sizes will allow for a wider range of residential options and permitting a wider range of accessory dwelling units to act as mortgage helpers and increase housing supply.

Visit [Valemount.ca](http://Valemount.ca) to view the entire Zoning Bylaw and OCP documents.

The new zoning bylaw shows this diagram of possible accessory dwellings units now permitted in many residential zones in the village.

*With gratitude and warmth  
we reflect upon the life of*  
**Ada Lynn Redekop**



Ada was born on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1961 in Vancouver BC, to Katrina (Goosen) Redekop and Alfred Redekop. She passed away on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

From 11 am to 1 pm on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2021, at the Valemount Community Hall, we will hold a memorial service for all those that wish to honour the life of this amazing woman. Please respect the recent provincial health order on masks for indoor public settings, as masks will be required for her service to be held.

**VALEMOUNT INDUSTRIAL PARK**



**VALEMOUNT  
COMMUNITY  
FOREST**

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

**Valemount Community Forest Co. Ltd.  
& Valemount Industril Park Co. Ltd.**  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 15th, 2021  
**Location:** Valemount Community Hall at 201 Gorse St.  
**Time :** AGM starts at 6:00 pm  
*Current Covid protocols will be followed*

**BEFOREHAND! Please come to enjoy a Tour of the Valemount Industrial Park (VIP)**  
**Meet at the Community Hall 4:15 pm. Personal Vehicle convoy to the VIP**  
**Location:** 3300 Highway 5 South



**FEDERAL ELECTION / MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**






  
**#ItsOurVote**

## Make sure you are registered to vote

Voting for the first time? Moved recently? Check or update your information.



### Watch for your voter information card in the mail

It tells you where and when you can vote.



#### Contact Elections Canada if your voter information card:

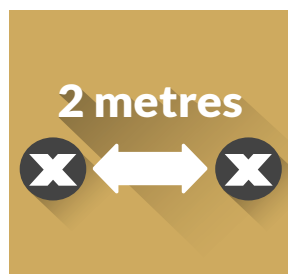
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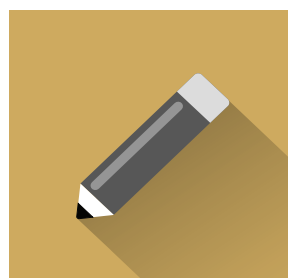


Only one poll worker per desk behind a plexiglass barrier

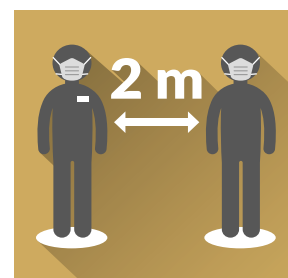
## When you go to vote, don't forget:



Wear a mask



We will provide you with a single-use pencil to mark your ballot, or you can bring your own pen or pencil



Practice physical distancing by staying at least two metres away from voters and poll workers

*If you have tested positive for or have symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have been in contact with someone who has the virus, **visit [elections.ca](http://elections.ca) to apply to vote by mail.** You have until Tuesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m., to apply.*



### Stay safe. Vote safe.

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## No-Drama Moon

It is said that comedy is pain plus distance, and most other amusements follow the same rule. For instance, the thriller that’s exhilarating on screen would be trauma-inducing in real life. The new moon in Virgo sets the tone for a no-nonsense week of progress and hard work. We only have time for entertainment that enriches and energizes. Drama is only as fun as it is distant from personal consequences.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). There are those who can’t settle into working humbly on the ground. They want to be raised high and admired. What tension you feel in their vicinity as they are poised to soar upward as soon as the chance arises. You’ll also soar upward this week, not to be admired; it will just happen to be where you’re needed.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20).

It’s review time, and you’ll be taking inventory of your hits and misses, significant recent events and the day-to-day minutiae that is either working or not working for you. This week lends special magical insight to your discoveries and sticking power to your vows.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Theories are not enough. They can be easily erased or forgotten. The evidence of learning is a tangible, measurable result. Build and create. Take ideas out of mind, and put them where they can be used and enjoyed. The surge of vitality that comes with action will be well worth the effort, regardless of any outcome.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are alert and open to all of your surroundings, not just the parts being pointed out by the powers



that be. You are not easily swayed by shiny, pretty lures set by those with an agenda. You follow a logic based in unique experience and truth. You’ll recognize potentials and bank on opportunities others miss.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You say “yes” and it’s a glorious

beginning for you and many others, as this endeavor will cause a ripple of effects. Each person you work with will touch the lives of a dozen more. As for the spirit of inclusion you champion, it is not only the right way to be; it will make you richer and happier.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your uniqueness is unstoppable. There’s nothing you need to do to shine in a totally original way. Actually, you can’t help but create something entirely new just by virtue of being yourself. So go on and travel the road of tradition. It will be the fastest and easiest way to deliver something completely fresh.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your imagination is strong, and you’ll use it well. Fantasizing can be a used as a coping tool, a stress reliever and an escape. Fictional scenarios are a chance to mentally try on different tactics. Your daydreams will teach you about appetites, wishes and preferences you haven’t consciously registered.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Because you’re open to it, the darnedest things will happen. You’ll

get information your competitors don’t have. You’ll see the deals to be made that others miss. You’ll make unlikely friendships in unlikelier places and have adventures neither of you would have predicted.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You’ll be thinking about the big picture even as you perform small actions to align yourself with an ideal. You’ll grapple, both consciously and unconsciously, with common but ill-fitting rules. You’ll whittle away at philosophies to get them into a shape to work with your current life and stretch into the life you want.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To get where you want to be, you must first acknowledge you’re not quite there. You took a turn somewhere earlier that set you off course. This is the ideal time to pause and reevaluate the steps that led you here. Then you can backtrack to a particular intersection and try out a different turn.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You know what you value and what you believe. You also know it’s different from what you thought five years ago and it’s likely to change again. Your talent for staying grounded yet open-minded and flexible recalls the strength of trees that weather storms and thrive with a combination of sturdiness and flexibility.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because two things happen at the same time, it doesn’t mean one is causing the other. It doesn’t even mean they are related by anything but their timeline. Since correlations can only be helpful inasmuch that they are actually true, use critical thought processes, look for patterns and check the facts.

**THIS WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS:** You are a protector of the values, ideas and people you hold dear. Your cosmic birthday gift is a clear sense of direction. You know what you need to do to be successful in the way you wish. Fellow earth signs can help you execute the plan. As you serve the needs and wants of those around you, your own naturally get served. Hot investments drive your curiosity and inspire deep research and fascination.

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**HOW TO PLAY**

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.


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.



Answers on P13

# CROSSWORD

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Answers on P13

- Across**
- Wood stove residue
  - Schooner feature
  - Wee boy
  - “Wow, I didn’t know that!”
  - “This doesn’t look good!”
  - Really cold
  - Part of a corn plant
  - Umpire’s cry
  - Blossom visitor
  - Milker’s perch
  - Walnut, for example
  - Airline ticket word
  - Not included in the regular price
  - Undertake
  - Rewarded
  - Partridge’s preferred tree
  - What gofers run
  - Running score
  - Strong urge
  - “My \_\_\_ Adored You”
  - Encyclopedia holder, nowadays
  - What a victor has done
  - Advanced
  - \_\_\_ of a kind
  - Works at the Getty
  - MGM mascot
  - Got the fare down
  - \_\_\_-man (sycophant)
  - Casino cash-collector
  - Web address part

- Down**
- Quite a long time
  - Word on a plane ticket
  - Worshiped one, at times
  - Mecca visitor
  - “Yes, I see!”
  - Kind of touch
  - When doubled, a sympathetic phrase
  - Like Shih Tzus
  - Talented one
  - Colourant
  - Adjective with optimistic
  - Add new locations
  - Chimpanzee, for example
  - Get \_\_\_ of (throw away)
  - YouTube video lead-ins
  - Suitable for
  - Leaves held in the bag
  - Abilities
  - Endeavour
  - Modern
  - Shouts
  - Attack, with “into”
  - Trucker’s milieu
  - Lock \_\_\_ (track)
  - Face
  - Mode
  - Source of metal
  - Also

# THE TOUGHIE

by Myles Mellor

Answers on P13

**Across**

- Elton John and others
- Dance, in Dijon
- 60’s British teens
- Jeweler’s glass
- In good shape
- Hodgepodge
- Record
- Incensed
- Light gas
- Cackling
- Physicist Ohm
- Giraffe’s trademark
- Route
- UN aircraft group
- Book before Job
- Money dispenser

- Book locale
- Phone, slangily
- \_\_\_ culpa
- Case
- “\_\_\_ was saying ...”
- Give \_\_\_ for one’s money
- Keep talking....
- High points, abbr.
- Stare
- Cat of ‘Iron Chef America’
- Youth-soccer “chauffeur”
- Russian Federation city
- Silo contents
- Searching for
- Time management tool
- Luxury liner
- Wild cat
- “What \_\_\_?”
- Bright and breezy
- Night time racket
- Subjects of Mendelian experiments
- Two-stripe soldier: Abbr.
- Sprout

- Down**
- Waste
  - Early center of Celtic learning
  - Hierarchy level
  - Former Eagles tight end
  - Icy sea hazard
  - Beer
  - Legal scholar’s deg.
  - Finance magazine
  - Low cholesterol spread
  - Fashionable Christian
  - Very small amount
  - Model Macpherson
  - Flirty signals
  - Arctic sight
  - Gather up
  - “As you \_\_\_”
  - Muhammad’s religion
  - Lidded box
  - Auspices
  - Sandal
  - Ad \_\_\_
  - \_\_\_ acid
  - Voice level
  - \_\_\_ cum laude
  - Wine holder
  - Big kid event
  - Hairpiece
  - Young bird on the farm
  - Nuts

- Evocative music genre
- Catchers gloves
- Certain NCO’s
- Cafeteria food
- Bountiful
- Geisha girl’s continent
- St. Pauli \_\_\_ (beer brand)
- Dr. Frankenstein’s assistant
- Famous fiddler
- Got bigger
- Kangaroo’s pouch, e.g.
- With it

Answers on P13



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*Pete Amyoony has lived, worked and gardened in the Dunster area for 43 years. He tries to deal with the “down to earth nuts and bolts of organic gardening” in his columns.*



## Garden maintenance for the late summer

Around the end of August, many of us have been gardening for over six months and there is a tendency to slack off a bit with garden chores. However, there are some that need to be done before it is too late in the season.

Houseplants that have been “booted outside” for the summer should be gradually moved back inside before the nights become too cool and a sneak frost may hit. Any sudden change for many plants puts them directly into shock and they drop leaves or sulk for months. By making the changes so they don't even notice the difference, we can fool them into thinking they have not been moved!

This is also a great time to collect seed from your favourite annuals that looked so good this year. Just remember, if you try to collect seed from any hybrids, you may get something that doesn't even resemble this year's flowers. You are safe with the old varieties of open-pollinated plants. Check with your package or your bedding plant grower, or look up the names in one of the seed catalogues. They usually state that a plant is a hybrid. For most plants, it is best to wait until the seed pods are quite dry, but don't wait until they begin to open or the next wind may rob you of all your seeds. Pansy, poppy, calendula, strawflowers, etc. are really easy to gather seeds from. Keep the seedpods or dried flower heads in a warm dry place until they are totally dry. Extract the seeds and then store them in a cool, dark and dry place in a container until next spring.

It is still not too late to start a small fall “greens garden” if you have a small bed available. Just add some compost and manure, a bit of bone meal and a bit of dolomite lime and plant a few rows of lettuce, mizuna, spinach, radishes, etc. If it is really hot, you can shade the bed after watering well. I use some concrete blocks at each end and a few boards with bamboo shades on the top. Once we get into Sept and Oct and the weather cools off, uncover the bed and

give it full sun. You can also cover the frame with a row cover or tarp if the frosts threaten. With any luck and a mild fall, you can be harvesting greens and fresh radishes until Christmas. (Some years, I have had up to five plantings of radishes.) With the milder years we have been having lately, we Northern gardeners have to get out of the old mindset of planting on the 24th of May and that's it. We can get in two, three or more succession plantings of many vegetables, especially the ones that thrive in cooler weather.

Don't forget to keep after those pesky weeds as they are doing their best to produce thousands of seeds for next year. Remember the old saying of “One year of seeding gives seven years of weeding!”

Another good idea is to give those potatoes one last hilling just to make sure the tubers are not exposed

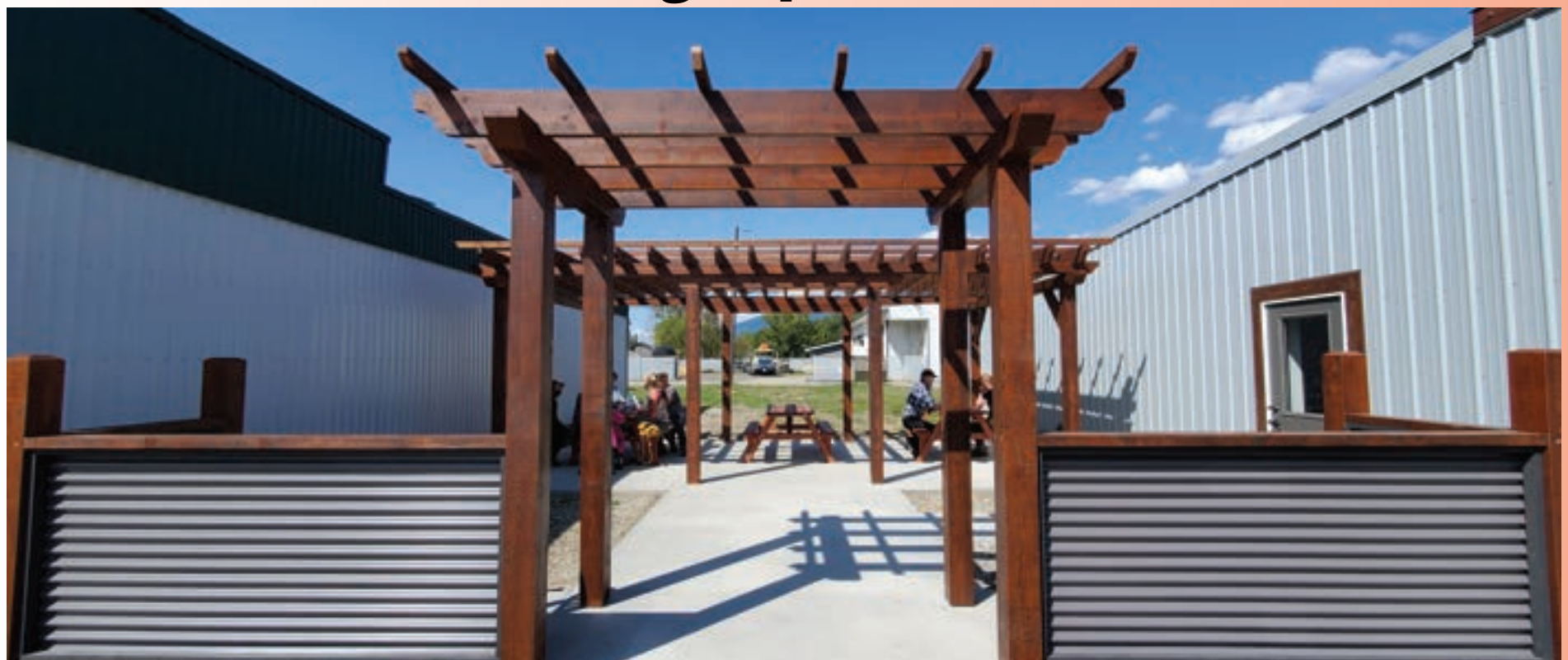
to the light or you will get useless green potatoes that can give you a nasty bellyache. The extra hilling will also protect the spuds from the frost if one sneaks up on you before you get a chance to dig them.

If you have any potted perennials or shrubs that you did not get planted out yet, you could still plant them out and water them in really well for the next month or or six weeks so they get well established before the hard frosts. You can also winter them over by setting them in a group with a bit of space between the pots and then filling in between and right up over the tops of the pots with shavings or sawdust to protect the roots from the frost. I have had good luck doing this with plants in pots as small as 4” (10cm). The alternative is to “heel” the plants into a trench in the soil and get them planted in their permanent place in the early spring.





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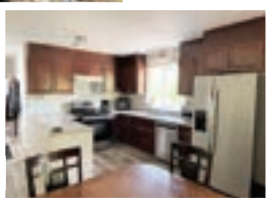
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