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Daycare cost slashed by 80 per cent

By Andrea Arnold

The Valemount Children's Activity Society is excited to announce they have been picked as a prototype site for the universal child care initiative being tested across BC as a \$10 a day ChildcareBC Centre.

"This means, childcare for one child is a maximum of \$200 a month," said manager Krista Voth. "Prior to this, the cost was \$7/ hour, or close to \$1000 per month." The BC Government will be covering all of the operating costs

for the daycare, wages, rent, and utilities.

"If we want to add something like a sandbox, we have to cover the costs for that," said Voth.

The daycare is licensed for 40 children and at this time, they are at capacity. If you would like to have a spot on the waitlist, you can contact their office at 250-566-4826.

The society was recently awarded a Legacy Award from the BC Government for 40 years of successful service to the community.

McBride's new grocery store to open in June

By Andrea Arnold

The former IGA location in McBride is under new ownership and management. Bobby and Lori Hurry are working around the clock to be ready to open the site as a new grocery store, TGP, by the beginning of June.

The pair have had their sights set on a move to McBride for the past five years, but until recently, it was not possible.

The Hurry's began operating a corner store in Fraser Lake in 2016 after the community grocery store, SuperValu, abruptly closed leaving a big hole in the town.

"A close friend of ours told us that he was going to get food, but he didn't have a vehicle, and the nearest store was 45 minutes away," said Lori. "We decided we needed to do something."

After a year as a corner store, the Hurry's were able to expand by purchasing the former grocery store location and joining up with TGP.

"We received a Community Futures Grant," she said. "That made the expansion possible."

Although they wanted to move to McBride, they were not able to operate two store locations at

Following the sale of the Everyday Grocery Store and More in Fraser Lake in December 2021 the Hurrys began the process of relocating to McBride.

The couple loves McBride and the Robson Valley, and are very excited to be here serving the community. Bobby treeplanted in the area many years ago and fell in love with it. Lori has fallen in love too.

"I feel like I'm in my favorite movie (The Sound of Music) every time I walk outside," she said. They have thought for some time that the community needs a second grocery store.

When the store didn't open last fall, we saw an opportunity,"

The Hurry's have started advertising for staff. They



Josh's Place recently. See more photos P2. /ANDREA ARNOLD

are specifically looking for a meat cutter and a baker with experience. All other positions do not require experience. Interested parties can leave their resume at the store between 9-5 starting May 15th.

"We hope to open the first week of June," said Lori. "This goal is dependent on our final inspection and staffing."

In addition to regular grocery store items, the McBride TGP will also carry Dollar Store items. Lori says that at their previous store, they had a wish list at the checkout where residents could request items, and they will order them in if possible. This is a practice they intend to continue in McBride.



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Josh's Place



McBride's after-school drop-in

On Friday May 6, 2022 the volunteers who run the weekly after school program Josh's Place at the McBride Evangelical Free Church hosted a family dinner and games night. Attendees were treated to a meal then participated in several rounds of "minute to win it" style games.

Josh's Place is a free after school program serving elementary school children grades 1-7 every Thursday. Drop in from 2:45-4:15 provides engaging activities and interaction for the kids, followed by Bible Time from 4:15-4:45. The mission statement for the program states that as a ministry of the McBride Evangelical Free Church, Josh's Place exists to show and tell the love of Jesus in relationship with the kids of McBride.



Tristan and Teo root through chocolaty dirt in an effort to be the first to recover gummy treats. /ANDREA ARNOLD



Following a minute of competition, Nikodim had the most cheese puffs stuck to his head. /ANDREA ARNOLD



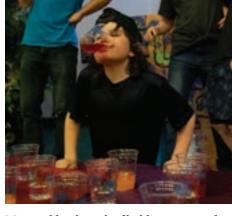


After Freya, Morgan and Sula showed them how it was done, the adults got to see how fast they could empty the tissue boxes.

Richard, Jesse and Rosie made short work of the task. /ANDREA ARNOLD



Isaac, Keaton & Emily race to eat fruit by the foot. /ANDREA ARNOLD



Marc tackles the task of holding a cup and drinking with no hands as his teammates cheer him on. /ANDREA ARNOLD

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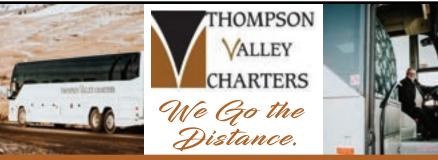
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Bird feeders a concern in spread of avian flu

By Andrea Arnold

The BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has issued a notice requesting that bird lovers temporarily remove bird feeders and empty bird baths to help slow the spread of an avian flu.

The notice explains that waterfowl and raptors are at the highest risk of contracting this strain but that H5N1 is causing deaths in many different species, including chickens and turkeys as well as pet and wild birds.

Infected birds spread the virus through their feces and respiratory secretions. It is a resilient strain that can survive outside a bird and continue to infect others for several months.

"Bird feeders can be sites for disease spread because they encourage unnatural congregations of birds and attract other wildlife," says Dr. Andrea Wallace, manager of wild animal welfare for the BC SPCA. "Fallen seed is also an especially dangerous source of disease - when birds feed from the ground, they are also exposed to droppings that accumulate below a feeder."

Feeders create unnatural congregations of wild birds, and potentially attract domestic birds, increasing the possibility

of transmission

In the notice, Wallace also cautions that transmission to humans is possible in instances where close contact with infected birds, or a heavily contaminated area has occurred.

Wallace says that confirmed reports of the virus have occurred in small flocks in Richmond, the Okanagan and the Kootenays. Also reported in BC, three snow geese, and one Canadian goose in the Vanderhoof area along with bald eagles near 100 Mile House, Bowen Island and Vancouver.

The SPCA is also asking that the public pay attention to their local birds. Signs that a bird may be sick include lethargy, unusually fluffed up, nasal discharge, excessively watery eyes or swelling of the head and eyelids. Sightings of sick or dead wild birds should be reported to the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at 1-800-567-2033. Wildlife rehabilitation centres and veterinary clinics are not equipped to test for the disease.

Hummingbird feeders are a low risk because they are species specific and each feeder only has a select group eating from it. However, it is important to regularly clean and refill the feeders to prevent deadly fungal outbreaks, and remove it immediately if you see sick birds using it.





Visitors to the Valemount Bike Park will be able to pedal up the mountain to a higher point after the climbing trail Munday Grind is extended. /PHOTO COURTESY BEN HAGGAR

By Laura Keil

It's been a slow start to the mountain bike season, and the snow can't melt fast enough for Valemount Bike Park fans, says Curtis Pawliuk, GM of the Valemount Area Recreation Development Association (VARDA).

Pawliuk says he's been inundated with emails and calls from people looking to ride in Valemount—but Mother Nature has not cooperated just yet.

"It's definitely a few weeks behind last year due to cold weather and wetness," he said. "We have our maintenance crew out working on the trails; we're working the best we can. Any volunteers who want to help open contact us here at the office."

The snowline and wet surfaces has kept many trails closed thus far. Only a handful of trails are open for riding—areas like the Tech Zone, Ale Trail and some trails on the north side of Swift Creek. Pawliuk hopes to announce the opening of The Green Mile and the Lower Blue South trail soon.

No downhill trails are open yet in the park, as of presstime May 9th, 2022.

Pawliuk said the best way to keep updated on trail openings is through your bike park membership or Trailforks.com, though the membership updates are usually faster.

One thing he definitely cautions against is "poaching" trails, ie) riding trails that are not dry enough to ride.

"It's horrible," he said, of the damage from riding wet trails. "Early season riding causes significant damage to the trails, significant resources invested into the repair and also slows the opening of the trail."

He said the trail crew re-shapes trails so

they can properly drain, but when bikes zip down trails too early in the season when the ground is still moist, it can create ruts that attract water to flow down the centre of the trail.

"It basically creates its own river down the rail"

VARDA is bringing back Bike Fest in June, which will occur the weekend of June 18th. Pawliuk said the focus will be fun, not competition.

"We're hoping to bring back the original Bike Fest, so simply a trail celebration, a fun day on bikes—no competitive aspect whatsoever. Hopefully as many shuttle units as we can shuttling people up the mountain for very low cost, a barbecue lunch on site, and we hope to hold an evening social."

He said more information will come as the date approaches.

Also this summer, VARDA plans to begin the 3.5km extension of Munday Grind from Tin Foil Hat to the top of Turducken, a project funded by the Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association which kicked in \$105,000 and Columbia Basin Trust which kicked in \$15,000.

The excitement for mountain biking comes after a low turn-out year for sledders. Pawliuk said trail passes were down this year compared to last, especially in January when they dropped 70 per cent. He said it was largely due to the shortage of hotel accommodations available for visitors. But he has high hopes for summer visitors.

"We're getting a ton of emails, a ton of interest. We started getting emails about Bike Fest two months ago. Daily we're getting emails about trail openings. Everyone's very eager to get to Valemount."



Waterfowl and raptors are the most likely bird species to contract the H5N1 avian influenza, but all other birds are at risk as the virus continues to spread across Canada. / ANDREA ARNOLD

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Editorial



The angel vs. devil of climate change

By Laura Keil, Publisher/Editor

New research from the University of Victoria shows that coastline estuaries in B.C. are twice as good as forests at absorbing carbon dioxide.

The carbon stored there—in salt marshes, mud flats and eelgrass meadows—is dubbed "blue carbon" and is absorbed by marine plants and algae that amass in estuary sediments where it's trapped by a low-oxygen environment.

We are discovering new things all the time about greenhouse gases and climate change. Some good news and some bad. For instance, estuaries are frequently dyked, drained or filled to make way for agriculture or development.

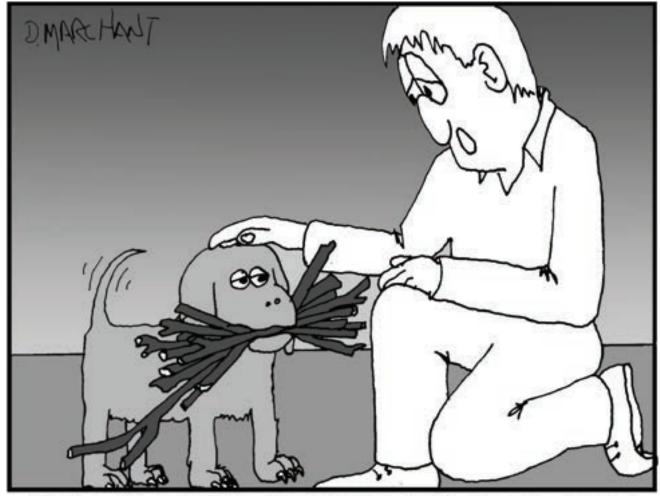
Not only can this remove their carbon capturing ability but it can also release carbon dioxide that's been trapped there, perhaps for millenia.

What's certain is that climate change has the potential to kick humanity in the gut for a 3-point field goal.

We live in a valley whose economy is currently a mix of pipeline, forestry, tourism and agriculture, and it might be difficult to conceive of an identity that allows us to be climate change leaders. I want to challenge that. It deflates me when people criticise others for being hypocrites if they encourage climate action but aren't perfect climate angels. Let's be clear: no one is a climate angel—a person can

always be better. And similarly, a person can always be worse. A much more responsible paradigm is to look at our lives through a lens of opportunity: in my field of X, where can I make a difference? It may be that you work in the oil industry. Great. Start there. What better place to start, when you think about it. Or perhaps you work in agriculture or forestry. What more can be done there? I ask myself those very same questions in my profession.

We can forget the angel and the devil. There are no "sides" to climate change. We're all in the same boat and we all have different views of the solutions. We can all be a leader in our sphere of influence. In fact, what better way is there?



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Dear editor,

Our class went to the marsh and saw the snakes mating. Garter snakes are awesome! Garter snakes have 10-40 babies, but after they're born, their mom leaves them. They eat insects and frogs. There are lots of predators so we have to help them by not touching them.

Citizens shouldn't harass the garter snakes. If you harass them, they may not come back next year. Also, if you harass the garter snakes while they are mating and they die, there will not be as many next year to see. Garter snakes are interesting creatures and if they die it would be sad.

Next time you think about touching them, think twice. I know I will.

Sincerely, Carter Rose Grade 4

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Global Thoughts

BY GWYNNE DYER

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



China and Covid: The Cost of Infallibility

Even the Pope claims to be infallible only on matters of faith and doctrine. On the chance of rain or the speed of a racehorse he will freely admit that he is just as fallible as you and I. Whereas secular dictators like China's President Xi Jinping are implicitly claiming to be infallible about everything.

For more than two years now, Xi has loudly proclaimed that China's zero-Covid policy has been a brilliant success that demonstrates the superiority of the Chinese system and of his own leadership. And for a while there, the evidence was on his side.

The Covid death toll in China is still under 6,000, while Covid fatalities in the United States are nearing the million mark. However, China achieved this miracle only by almost completely shutting its borders and imposing draconian shut-downs on entire cities at the first sign of an infection.

That succeeded for a while, just as it did in Australia and New Zealand, two geographically isolated countries that followed essentially the same policy. But as soon as the great majority of their populations were fully vaccinated those governments began to release the restrictions.

Happily, by then the Omicron variant was taking over,

making Covid more infectious but far less lethal. Alas, Xi Jinping missed that memo and pressed on with the zero-Covid policy, at great cost to the Chinese economy and in the face of growing resentment among ordinary people.

At the moment, 340 million people, around one-quarter of China's population, are under full or partial lockdown in 46 different cities. The 25 million residents of Shanghai are in their fifth week of lockdown.

Given the huge infection rate of Omicron – in both the United States and the United Kingdom around 70% of the population have had Covid at least once – this policy cannot logically have a long-term future.

The ceaseless lockdowns are hitting China so hard that second-quarter growth is forecast to be only 1.8%. This means not only unemployment and potential unrest, but Chinese customers elsewhere shifting away from dependence on supply chains originating in China. The shift could be permanent.

And yet Xi Jinping perseveres with the policy. His regime has not even speeded up vaccinations in China: nothing must be allowed to suggest that the zero-Covid policy is failing. Why?

Because an absolute dictator must appear infallible. Xi has boasted so much about his victory over Covid that no doubt can be admitted – especially at a time when he is planning to make his dictator-for-life status official.

This autumn marks the end of the two five-year terms that Xi would have been permitted under the Communist Party's post-Mao rules, which were designed precisely to thwart other would-be absolute dictators.

His plan was to be elected to a rule-breaking third term at the 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party next October or November, and even a year ago he looked like a shoo-in.

Xi has purged or jailed a great many senior officials on corruption charges, and those who were still in office seemed thoroughly cowed. Nevertheless, there are still a lot of senior Party people who think that one-man rule is always a mistake.

You'd still be unwise to bet against Xi's chances of a third term (and as many more as his lifespan allows), but he himself is now running scared. Which probably means that there will be no change in the current, crazy Covid policy at least until the end of the year.



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20,000 Chinook fry to be released Sunday

By Andrea Arnold

The Salmon Support Team from Spruce City Wildlife Association in Prince George will return to Valemount on Sun. May 15th to release close to 20,000 juvenile Chinook Salmon, according to association president Dustin Snyder. These fry were harvested from Swift Creek in the middle of August 2021, and will be released back into the same stream, as part of a rebuilding program for the endangered run.

Spruce City Wildlife says it's common for 95 per cent of fish to survive to the fry stage in a hatchery compared to only 4-6 per cent in nature.

Salmon populations have been on the decline over the last several years. Following the landslide in 2019 at Big Bar, only one salmon was reported to have made the trip back to the Swift Creek area. As the fish have a cycle of five years, it will be a half a decade before the fry that are released on Sunday hopefully return to Swift Creek to complete their cycle and provide eggs for a new cycle to begin.

Snyder says they plan to be by the viewing platform, just down from the Valemount Visitor Info Centre, rain or shine.

"We would love community members to come out and enjoy setting these little fish free," he said.



Approximately 20,000 chinook salmon fry are scheduled to return to Swift Creek at noon on Sunday May 15, 2022. The fry were harvested as eggs in August and have spent the start of their life in the care of Spruce City Wildlife Association Salmon Support Team in Prince George. The team invites the community to come be a part of the release. /ANDREA ARNOLD

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The Valemount Regional Transfer Station provides for the disposal of yard/ garden waste, multimaterial recycling, scrap metal, and appliances containing refrigerants.

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Peek - a - boo

This male Rufous Hummingbird flashed his colours in the sun as he swooped up to the feeder for a snack and played peek-a boo around it. /ANDREA ARNOLD

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The McBride Community Forest Corporation (MCFC) is establishing and maintaining a Select List of prequalified Contractors and Suppliers specializing in all Forestry Related service areas such as:

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- Sheep Grazing
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This list will establish a Select List of eligible contractors who are most suitable and available to compete and participate in subsequent direct invitation or select invitation solicitations on upcoming contracts and/or projects. Only prequalified contractors will be invited to participate on these contract solicitations.

The MCFC does not guarantee evaluation resulting in short-listing of contractors wishing to compete on issued tenders. The MCFC reserves the right to limit the number of prequalified contractors invited to compete on any subsequent contract, as well as, the right to select contractors to compete on a rotational basis. Contractors submitting responses will receive fair and uniform treatment and submissions will be given due consideration.

New contractors may be added to the Select List at any time throughout the year and will be evaluated in the same manner as contractors already on the list.

Contractors interested in being evaluated for inclusion on the Select List are invited to submit a response with the Desirable Criteria:

- 1. Resume containing education, relevant employment history, skills, designations and references, show that Locally based (within the MCFC footprint), Demonstrate Service Area Expertise
- 2. Hourly OR Daily fee rate(s)
- 3. Limited Liability Insurance (with Forest Fire Endorsement of \$5,000,000 and MCFC as additional insured), Worksafe BC, SAFE Certified. (or demonstrate that these can be obtained if needed).

Please note that this advertisement and the information provided is for viewing purposes only and is not an Official Invitation to Tender. Submissions for this process will be accepted up to May 31, 2022 at 4pm local time. Paper format, fax or email submissions are acceptable.

Email: admin-asst@mcfc.ca

Tot T-Ball Begins

McBride-area children ages 3-5 have started t-ball for the season. Tuesday evening from 4:30-5:30pm in the field at the McBride Elementary school kids will have the opportunity to work on baseball skills, activities and fitness. Emil Anderson is sponsoring the league and will be providing t-shirts and a wrap-up party for the group. Organizer Meagan Ryan asks that children are accompanied by an adult who stays on site for the duration of practice. Following the first gathering on May 3, Ryan was thrilled with the interest in the sport. "It was a great turn-out and so great to see so many young families out again, and kids involved in a sport," she said. "Our little community always shows up and the parents are super eager to jump in and help." Each week the drills and activities will be changed up to keep the kids engaged and building awareness and skills. Forrest, Fynn, Brayden and Henry work on their swing at the first practice Tuesday night. /ANDREA ARNOLD













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Bradley leads Chantilly Lace with Adala close by. /TRISH GAIR



Mason leads Nitro while his classmates follow behind with their horses./TRISH GAIR

Submitted by Tamara Cinnamon

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11 kids participated in this 6 week program. Learning life lessons of living in the present, finding connection, building trust, clear communication, overcoming obstacles and stepping into leadership.

Congratulations to this group for completing Leadership Through Horsemanship Level 1. They braved the elements, their fears and overcame obstacles each week to become trusted leaders.

If you are interested in hearing more about available programs please email Tamara at tamara@cimarronway.com



Estelle and Cedar groom Thunder out at the Cinnamon Ranch during Leadership Through Horsemanship Camp./ TRISH GAIR



MCBRIDE COMMUNITY FOREST CORPORATION



Call for additional DIRECTORS

The Village of McBride, Shareholder to the McBride Community Forest Corporation (MCFC), will be accepting applications for MCFC Director Positions.

These positions require dedicated community members who can provide guidance and decision making on the MCFC's operations. We are seeking people with forestry, financial, community volunteer experience and/or local knowledge. To be nominated you must live within the footprint of the MCFC area (bounded by Ptarmigan Creek and Holliday Creek).

Applications can be found at www.mcfc.ca, or email ppenner@mcfc.ca for an application. Applications will be received at the Village of McBride Office beginning, May 1st, 2022. The application deadline, final review and announcement of appointment(s) will be based on social allowances.





Land Act:

Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land

Take notice that Sylvatica Forestry Services Ltd. - DBA Dezaiko Alpine
Adventures from Prince George, BC, has applied to the Ministry of Forest (MoF),
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Recreation Guided Nature Viewing situated on Provincial Crown land located at
UNSURVEYED CROWN LAND IN THE VICINITY OFGLEASON CREEK, CARIBOO
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The Lands File for this application is **7410226**. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to **Tricia Klein**, Land Officer, Omineca Region, MoF, at **5th Floor 499 George Street, Prince George, BC V2L 1R5** or **Tricia.Klein@gov.bc.ca**. Comments will be received by MoF up to **June 18th 2022**. MoF may not be able to consider comments received after this date.

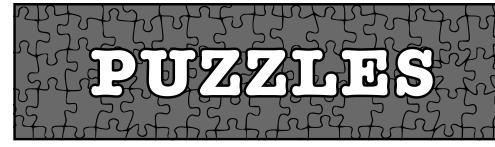
Please visit the website at: https://comment.nrs.gov.bc.ca/applications#splash for more information.

Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor at the Ministry of Forests Office in Omineca Region.

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Across

- Stage flop
- Loves You," Beatles hit
- List-ending letters
- Morally wrong
- 12 Best bud
- Ding, say 13
- 14 Military brass
- 16 Be snoopy
- Start of a California
- zip code
- Herculean act Morse code symbol
- Saws with the grain
- Attacks, with "at"
- Pair of people 28
- up the good work!"
- Tall tale
- Commuter's option
- Wipe dishes
- Scarcely enough
- Frustrate
- Considered
- Set piece
- Facts, informally
- 43 Make inquiries

- 48 Colour quality of a kind
- (unique) Material for some animators
- Crunches tighten them
- 52 Lady friend
- 53 Excessive publicity

Down

- Hold out one's paw, say
- Roaster's need
- '60s skirt
- Mixer function
- Restful retreat
- Thirty minutes
- If another choice is
- needed Cleaned out
- Driveway sealer
- Get misty-eyed
- Enjoy the library
- Old Testament craft One way to get a
- witness ___ capita
- 13 29
 - 24 Watch covertly
 - 25 'Let me see, ...'
 - Parliamentary
 - response Part of a baseball count
 - 31 Egg maker
 - Chesterfield
 - Sun deck or solarium
 - Creature that goes "ribbit"
- 41 In a purposeless manner
- Giant hop
- "So that's where I left
- 44 Basketball's "sixth
- man," e.g. 46 Hair styling stuff
- 47 Hue changer

Answers on P13

2 9 8 6 9 5 4 6 3 7 9 2 3 8 1 9 1 5 2 7 5 4 2 7 3 5 4

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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 samee line, column or 3x3 box.

The Toughie by Myles Mellor

Across

- 1. Sacred Egyptian bird
- 5. Car in a Beach Boys tune
- 8. Wordsworth
- creation
- 11. Classic art subject
- 12. Expert eye-rollers
- 14. Opposite of all
- 15. Perplexed 16. Hello and g
- 18. Prefix with chloride
- 19. Great painting
- 22. Hosp. procedure
- 23. One may pass the buck
- 24. Pointed ends 28. Produces
- 34. Hip 35. Jamaican fruit
- 36. Sight from St.
- Moritz 37. Great painting
- 42. Start to fall
- 43. Not ready 44. Arm bone
- 45. Hardy riding horse 48. Permission
- granted by a bishop 49. Days past
- 50. Loan figure, abbr.
- 52. Great painting
- 'The 60. Pumpkin dessert 61. Between-meal

nibbler

- 62. Urban carrier 63. Golf's Woosnam 64. Shrinking
- 65. Egyptian deity
- 66. Light bedstead 67. Big Apple inits. 68. Place to work

Down

- 1. Take _ _the waist (alter)
- Shrub ___ fixe
- 4. Limitless quantities 5. Baseball's "Iron
- Horse" 6. Remove a coupon
- the quick way 7. Unique
- Offered
- 9. Filth 10. New Haven
- collegiate 12. Bygone title
- 13. Simba, to Mufasa
- 17. Center chest protection bone 20. Trademarks, abbr.
- 21. "The Bourne Supremacy' opening locale 24. Terra
- (brownish red) 25. Square
- 26. Mom's newly married husband
- 27. Money that is battled for 29. French notes
- 30. Independent charitable gp. 31. Toymaker for Santa
- "The Vampire Diaries" girl
 33. Slapping sound
 38. Borrowed
- 39. Pursue a young
- lady 40. Vanity
- 41. "La Cage ₋ Folles"
- 46. Go through life 47. Relating to breathing
- problems
 - 52. "Later!' 53. Disney Park lover
- eye ..." 55. "Heavens!"
 - 48. Ŝpider is one 51. Old telephone part
- 54. "Beauty ____ the
- 56. Minimal amount
- 59. Fine fur

- 57. Rendezvous 58. Cancels
- 60. Photo

Answers on P13

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Retrograde with Benefits

The communication was a little weird back there, and now we get to figure out why. The Mercury retrograde offers a chance to look at the way we've been expressing ourselves. We can tune the parts that weren't quite working. Did we hide what we might have featured? Did we shout when whispers would have landed louder? This transit is also a chance to be someone slightly different without the hoopla of an announcement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You respect the systems people create and the rules they use to manage them. And though you will honor the preferences of others whenever possible, you also see where leeway might be granted. Do not be afraid to ask for what you want. You'll be making more worlds better than just your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A series of natural and spontaneous changes will prompt your gentle response. Why are you so chill now? Perhaps you sense the futility in creating friction or offering resistance. Or maybe you simply feel that after this initial adjustment period, your life will get better. And you're so right about that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It would be easy to assume that everyone around you sees the same thing, but even those closest have a drastically different view. This week, it is most notable in your appreciation of beauty that is not so obvious to others. The influence of unusual loveliness seeps into your work, lending an irresistible quality.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's no wrong outlook on life, but there are ways of seeing things that make it easier or harder to get to your goals. The influence of lighthearted people will help you maintain a spirit of optimism. Emotional and intellectual flexibility keeps you moving forward past obstacles and

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Things have been so up in the air for you lately, you would appreciate if at least one area of life felt settled. Alas, all seems designed to keep you on your toes. At least you make the dance look good! And this week, those watching will agree. You'll even get a round of applause.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Understanding the perspective of others takes work. At the very least, you must move to where they are to see it how they see it. It might involve stooping, climbing or shifting into uncomfortable positions. Empathy is always a worthy endeavor, though. It allows vou to live more lives inside your current lifetime.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may not be able to control when you feel afraid, but you can work on bringing

more awareness to the emotion, and you can talk to yourself in a way that helps you get through it or even rise above it. You'll make progress this week because you decide that no matter how you feel, you're not going to stop.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Bottom line, winners fail more times. Those who decide to succeed are agreeing to fail. Success is essentially a commitment to the recovery process. This week, you'll fall, get up, try it a different way and probably fall again. You'll be willing to keep adjusting until you figure out how to fly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you could peak inside the mind of another, you might be surprised by what they take away from their charming interactions with you. Suffice it to say, you'll spark imaginations in ways you may never know, though you're likely to at least have a general sense that something magical is occurring.

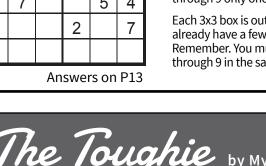
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As a rule, you're kinder than is necessary. Occasionally, it has happened that someone takes advantage of your kindness, and it won't be the last time. And while you may be temporarily disappointed by this evidence of misplaced energy, you'll never regret your choice to be a generous person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Doing what's right isn't always obvious. Sometimes it takes research. It would be most efficient if you didn't have to concern yourself with moral judgments because every option before you was vetted and deemed wholesome. This week, it will be the case, as you participate in groups of kindred thinkers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The stable aspects of your world depend on steadfast mechanics to produce predictable outcomes at an efficient rate. And while that part operates well, you can't help but notice other parts of your life in which you ache for change. You'll be willing to gamble a little stability for a chance at exciting transformation.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Growth of any kind is fascinating, but exponential growth is particularly amazing to witness. Many will delight in watching you rocket to meet goals that were once barely imaginable to you. Supporters will rally for you, but it's the opposition that brings out your best. Be grateful for worthy opponents, as they give you purpose and motivation to get stronger. Consider learning a new language, code or culture, as it will round out the foundation of your intellectual and emotional expansion.

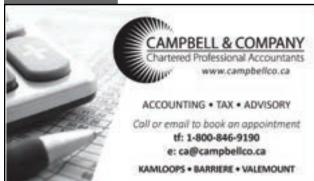
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VALEMOUNT

MONs **Family Place Drop-In** is now on Mondays from 9am-noon with Hannah. Come for the connection with other families, parenting resources and fun for you and your 0-6 year old children at RVCS unless otherwise stated below (99 Gorse St)! Call 250-566-9107 or email events@rvcsbc.org for more info.

MAY 16 - Safe Eating with OT students at RVCS office

MAY 23 - Victoria Day, no drop-in

MAY 30 - Planting Seeds at RVCS office

TUEs Join us for **Seniors Walking & Wheeling Group** every week at 2pm for a 30-45 minute stroll or roll around town with Shae beginning at 99 Gorse St. All fitness abilities welcome. No registration required. Call 250-566-9107 for more info or email events@rvcsbc.org.

MONs **Seniors Drop-In** is on Mondays from 1-3pm. All seniors are invited to come by for both structured and unstructured recreational, educational and social activities with Shae at RVCS (99 Gorse St). No registration required, unless stated. Call 250-566-9107 or email events@rvcsbc.org for more info.

MAY 16 - Emergency preparedness discussion

MAY 23 - Victoria Day, no drop-in

MAY 30 - Birding at the Marsh

THUR MAY 12 stop by RVCS Valemount (99 Gorse St) from 12-2pm on May 12th for **homemade chili and bannock** as we honour the Moose Hide Campaign that

supports reconciliation and calls to end violence against women and children. Lunch sponsored by WorkBC. All communities are encouraged to partake in a walk through town in support of the cause. An organized, meditative or reflective walk through town begins from either RVCS location (942 3rd Ave, McBride or 99 Gorse St, Valemount) at 12:15pm sharp until 1pm.

THUR MAY 19 Learn about the wonderful gardening technique of Hugelkulture with Jean Ann from McKirdy Creek Farms! Hugelkulture is a form of permaculture consisting of hills of decomposing wood, compost, yard clip-pings, and are wonderful way to grow fruitful gardens in smaller spaces. Event location: Valemount Community Garden (behind Secondary School). No registration required.

SAT MAY 28 learn to identify naturally occurring food and medicine plants, and cook with what you harvest during the **Foraging with Jean Ann Workshop!**Starting at 3130 McKirdy Rd at 9am-11am, and then 101 Gorse St from 11am-1pm, this two part workshop requires registration, sturdy shoes, notebook, and vessel for foraged goods is recommended.

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.

WED MAY 18 Valemount Climbing Club and Jasper Association of Climbers present **Reel Rock 16 Film Festival**. Join Wednesday, May 18th, 7pm-10pm, for climbing films and community stoke!
Location: Valemount Community Theatre (201 Ash Street). Adults: \$20; Youth under 16: \$10. Tickets on Eventbrite: https://bit.ly/3vydZDh

MCBRIDE

MONs **Family Place Drop-In** is now on Mondays from 9am-noon. Join for connection with other families, parenting resources and fun for you and your 0-6 year old children at RVCS unless otherwise stated below (942 3rd ave). No registration required. Call 250-569-2266 for more info.

MAY 16 - International Day of Families & make a family book at the park

MAY 23 - Victoria Day; no drop-in MAY 30 - Aboriginal Awareness Week, Seven Teachings activity book & 'Sabe' paper bag puppet

WEDs **Seniors Drop-In** is on Wednesdays from 1-3pm with Sandy. All seniors are invited to come by for both structured and unstructured recreational, educational and social activities at RVCS (942 3rd ave). No registration required. Call 250-569-2266 for more information.

MAY 18- Emergency preparedness discussion MAY 25- Pet therapy with Skidboot the dog

TUEs Join us for **Seniors Walking & Wheeling Group** every week on Tuesdays at 2pm for a 30-45 minute stroll or roll around town with Sandy beginning at 942 3rd ave. All fitness abilities welcome. No registration required. Call 250-569-2266 for more info.

TUE MAY 15 is the deadline to submit a short video for our Youth Video Challenge highlighting what "Just Be Yourself" means to you and why it's so important. Send clips to RVCS McBride (942 3rd ave) or Valemount (99 Gorse St) or email them to events@rvcsbc.org. Help spread awareness of child & youth mental health! For more info, please contact Jessica at 250-569-2266. Participants receive activity bags and certificate of recognition!

THUR MAY 26 from 4-6pm it's the next **Men's Shed Meeting** where guys get together and chat about topics like mechanics, woodworking & more! Get advice or offer it. No registration is required. For more info, please call 250-569-2266 or email events@rvcsbc.org.

MONs **Mom's N Tot's Group** McBride Health Unit 10-11am Pre & post-natal education and breast feeding support. 250-569-2251 ext 2044

TUES, FRI, & SAT McBride & District Library welcomes children 8-years and older to the computer lab between 3-5pm. Ages 15+ welcome anytime.

THURs **Fibre Arts** McBride & District Library is knitting up sweaters. Attend from home via Zoom 10am-12pm. Computer access is also available at the library. Call 250-569-2411 for details.

FRIs **Writers Group** McBride & District Library 1:30pm. Attend in-person or online. Call 250-569-2411 for details.



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.



Beans, beans, beans!

With the warmer weather on it way, this may be a good time to consider planting more varieties of beans in this summer's garden. This easy to grow legume is healthy for people and wonderful for the soil. They fix nitrogen in the soil and are great to use as part of a crop rotation plan in your garden.

There are thousands of varieties of beans as well as many species – common beans (Phaeseolus vulgaris), lima beans, runner beans, soybeans, garbanzos and broad beans. We should not be threatened by all these choices as most of the varieties can be easily grown if you know their needs.

Beans like warm soil. Wait until well after freezing nights have past and the soil has a chance to warm up before planting. Cold damp soil will rot most of the seeds and you will have to replant or have a poor crop. Do not soak beans more than an hour or so before planting as they may split and be rendered

useless. If you have not planted beans or peas in that part of the garden before, it is best to use a "bean inoculant" on the seeds so the plants are able to fix more nitrogen and also produce more beans. If you want to save your own seed, you are usually just fine when planting common beans near each other as they rarely cross. However, all the other species (fava, runner, etc) should be kept apart as they do cross easily.

When you look in the seed catalogues or on the seed stands in stores, you may be wondering what all the different varieties of common beans are. String beans are the old fashioned types that have to have the strings removed before eating. Snap beans are the stringless varieties developed since the 1880's and the most common today. Wax beans are the tender yellow varieties. Shell or horticultural beans are the ones that can be harvested when the pods are still soft but the bean seeds

are fully formed and ready to eat. <u>Dry beans</u> are all the varieties that will go on to produce a good tasting dry bean. <u>Multi-purpose beans</u> are all those that can be used at all stages of maturity. <u>Pole beans and bush beans</u> are just different strains of a variety. The bush beans are most common, as they do not require staking. However, pole beans usually produce more volume and also take up less garden space as they grow up on supports.

When the plants begin producing

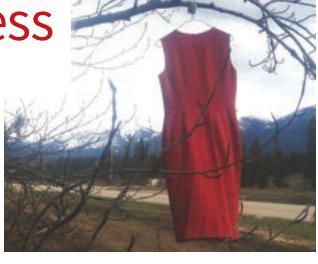
beans, you must keep every bean picked every few days. Once any beans are allowed to mature, the plants stop producing flowers and will have completed their life cycle. If you want to save your own seed, then just let the best plants mature and leave the beans on the plant to fill out and dry or until there is a threat of frost. When this time comes, you can pull the entire plant and hang in a frost-free place to continue

drying until brown and crisp. Then the beans can be removed from the pods by hand and stored in a dry cool place until next planting season. If you grow large amounts of beans to dry for winter use, you can finish the drying process by putting the mature and dry pods in a burlap bag near a stove or warm place for a few days until they are crackling crisp. Then you can stomp on the bags (a good job for the kids!) to break open the pods and release the beans. Then the contents can be poured from the bag into a five-gallon pail on a good windy day to blow away the chaff. It may take a few times to remove all the chaff and

The high protein content of beans makes them an excellent addition to any meal and a staple for those who are vegetarian.

REDdress

Tinsley-Bobke hangs red dresses around Valemount each year on May 5th for REDress Day to raise awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. / **SUBMITTED**





Linda Goodell, Shae Carlson, Margaret Tinsley, Gord Handlen, Regena Bergen, Pepita VanDerWurf, Sherry Tinsley-Bobke, Rebecca Wylie, and Gail Burbridge completely a 5km circut to raise awarness National REDress Day for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls on May 5. (missing from photo, Vern Mickelson). **Event organizer Sherry Tinsley-**Bobke is a huge advocate for both REDress Day and Every Child Matters. "We—my mother and my family—are Carrier People from Saik'uz First Nations in Vanderhoof BC, pretty much the halfway point on the Highway of Tears," said Tinsley-Bobke. "My mother is a residential school survivor who had her rights stripped away from her. We all need to be responsible to raise awareness as this is still a great crisis globally. We need to end violence against indigenous women who are disproportionately affected." / SUBMITTED



HIRING: Assistant Administrator

Assistant Administrator Position

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RESPONSIBILITIES:

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- Coordinate office communication; answer phone calls, distribute email, correspondence and memos
- Plan and prepare regularly scheduled meetings, take detailed minutes, prepare documents and reports
- Provide general support to visitors, co-ordinate and schedule public events
- Initiate and plan programs and projects
- Follow legal company requirements, policies and reporting
- Implement the Safety Program and maintain BC Forest Safety Council Certification

REQUIREMENTS:

- Knowledge of office management systems and procedures
- Proficient in Excel and Microsoft Office programs
- Independent worker and team worker
- Good language, writing and verbal communication skills
- Ability to plan, prioritize work and manage time effectively
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