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This North American porcupine ate away at some buds off a small branch, grabbing the leaves and buds with his paws to bring them closer for a bite. Being herbivores, porcupines usually eat things such as bark, buds, and the leaves and twigs of other plants; however they also are known to gnaw on salty objects and can cause damage to tires, tools, wooden buildings, and may also damage corn or alfalfa. Only the North American porcupine (Erethizon dorsatum) occurs in Canada, throughout mainland forests and thickets. These mammals have more than 30,000 quills which are actually modified hairs, and are Canada's second largest rodent (after the beaver). It is a misconception that the porcupine can shoot its quills at predators but they do become easily detached when touched. They deploy them by swinging their tails. New quills begin developing within a few days. Many animals come away from a porcupine attack with quills protruding from their snouts or bodies. Be aware when walking your dog in wooded areas and if your dog is stuck with quills immediate treatment for the injury is recommended as it can result in serious complications. /SANDRA JAMES

Village addresses Gaglardi Park trapping concerns

Grad celebrations

By Andrea Arnold

Concern regarding traps being set in the vicinity of Gaglardi Park trails was brought to the attention of McBride Council through two letters at the meeting on May 24, 2022.

A letter from Elaine Gillette commented that there had been two "Active Trapline" signs posted, but her concern was for the safety of those using the trails, especially kids and dogs. She said as users are trying to navigate around the broken bridges (another point of concern), they may come into contact with the traps.

The second letter of concern from Joette Starchuck echoed these concerns, asking whether a dog or child could get caught in a trap.

Chief Administrative Office, Chris Tupy confirmed that yes, there have been traps set in the area, and that the trails in the immediate area were closed prior to the traps being set. He also confirmed that the broken bridges noted in the letter have been removed.

"The bridges were rotten and collapsing," said Public Works Operations Manager John Peterson. "They were not not safe. The trail closed signs were placed for the safety of the public. Members of the public need to respect closures. Closures are done for a reason."

Tupy said the Village does not want to disclose the exact locations of the traps due to a concern that giving exact locations may cause curiosity and further exploration, leading to possible injury.

"The trapping has only been near the trails that are closed," said Tupy. "I can confirm that the signs were placed as part of the Village of McBride requirements for safety, and were an approved safety sign, including to have dogs on leash, which should already be occurring as per village bylaws, by the trapper who is legally licenced to trap in this area and at the request of the Village of McBride."

He said signs had been placed at the beginning of all trails, even closed ones, where traps have been set.

"If traps are going to be set near an active walking trail, that information would be posted on the village website along with the signs (at the trailhead)."

The traps were below the water surface, so they were not easily seen or accidently located. If the water level dropped and the traps became visible, it was reset below the water or removed. Normally, the traps would only be out during trapping season, but in this case, an extension was put in place due to the proactive prevention of damage to critical Village infrastructure, specifically, the lagoon.

"We've been advised from our Engineering firm that muskrats could impact the structural integrity of the berm, which could lead to a significant contamination event," said Tupy.

He referenced a situation in 2015 when a culvert washed out leaving the Village's sewer lines exposed and hanging over Dominion Creek.

"This was caused by beaver dam/jam that impacted flows, which is another example of what the Village is trying to proactively prevent."

"Muskrats burrow into the walls of the lagoon and could create an environmental hazard," said Peterson. "Beavers dam the water and cause it to rise, allowing muskrats easier access to the lagoon walls."

The traps have been removed for the time being, as the water levels rise. However, Operations Manager, John Peterson cautioned that due to the number of muskrats and beaver in the area, the traps will likely be put back in when the water levels drop in the fall.



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CN Rail strike

By Goat Staff

CN Rail workers who inspect and maintain signals and crossings are on strike across Canada, as they petition for better wages and benefits, including a dozen workers in the Robson and Canoe Valleys.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) say they have walked off the job to fight for better wages and benefits.

Some 750 rail signal and communication workers across Canada have been on strike since June 18th.

Workers in the union are responsible for maintaining rail crossings, making sure switches work properly and inspecting trains at wayside stations.

A worker who spoke to the Goat on condition of anonymity stated he was concerned about rail safety during the strike, but when asked about coverage during the strike, CN replied that "CN's operational contingency plan uses as many managers and contractors as required to maintain safe and normal levels."



For newborn fawns laying low and staying put where the mother doe leaves them will give them a greater chance of surviving their first week of life. /LEON LORENZ

High water warnings in anticipation of snowpack melt

By Laura Keil

On Wed. June 22nd, the Village of Valemount warned the public about rising waters levels in Swift Creek, urging them to stay away from the water, as communities across the province brace for high water and potential flooding.

"There is the potential for bank erosion, instability and increased turbidity," the Village notice said of Swift Creek, the source of the Village's drinking water. "The Village of Valemount water system is currently operating as it should; however, there is the potential for water restrictions to be increased beyond the current Stage 1 level. Please avoid all streams and water bodies with rising levels."

A special weather statement issued by Environment Canada said elevated temperatures will lead to an increase in snowmelt and snowpack instability at the end of June. Temperatures were expected to return to near-normal values by June 29th, but rivers in many areas of the province have high flows due to runoff from the melting snowpack and ongoing precipitation.

The BC River Forecast Centre said the delay in the melt leaves rivers vulnerable to flooding, particularly over the next couple weeks.

"Current weather forecasts show temperatures to increase to above seasonal levels across the province from June 24-27th. After this brief warming event, temperatures return to seasonal levels with the possibility of heavy precipitation for the central and eastern interior."

The River Forecast Centre said advisory levels can shift quickly.

The Forecast centre says the June 15th Snow Basin Indices (ie. snowpack size) for BC show an increase since June 1st due to colder than normal weather and a delay in the onset of melting for high elevation locations. For June 15th, the overall provincial Snow Basin Index was at 198 per cent of normal. The Centre said this year's snow melt has been delayed by 2-4 weeks, with over half of the seasonal snowpack now melted. High snowpacks increase seasonal flood risk.

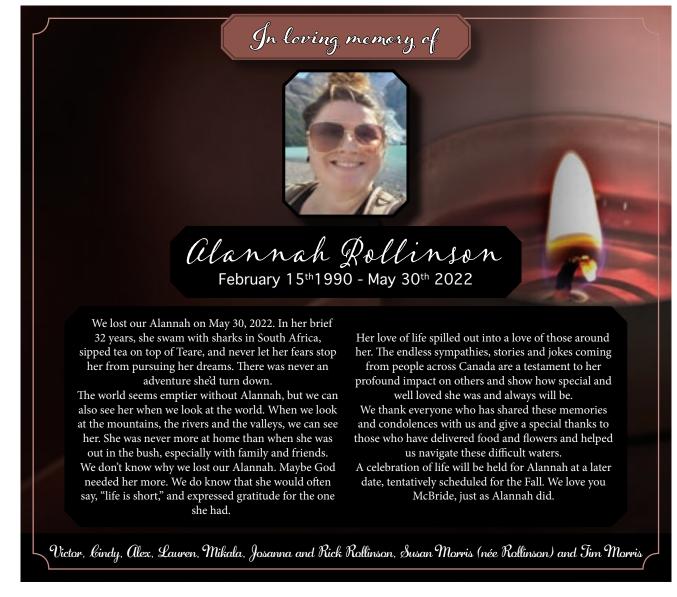
"Large rivers across BC are currently flowing at or near seasonal peak levels due to contributions from the melting snowpack and wet weather. Flows may experience further increases with the upcoming warm weather."

The Centre said the systems most at risk from the upcoming heat and precipitation are the North Thompson, South Thompson, Thompson, Shuswap, Columbia, Kootenay and Fraser River. "Prolonged high flows are expected to extend into July this year."

As of June 27th, there was a flood

warning in effect for the Quesnel River; a Flood Watch in effect for the Thompson River, South Thompson; and a High Streamflow Advisory in effect for the North Thompson.

The public is advised to stay clear of the fast-flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks during the highstreamflow period. A High Streamflow Advisory means that river levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but that no major flooding is expected. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible. A Flood Watch means that river levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bankfull. Flooding of areas adjacent to affected rivers may occur. A Flood Warning means that river levels have exceeded bankfull or will exceed bankfull imminently, and that flooding of areas adjacent to the rivers affected will result.







Editorial



Appreciating school staff

By Andrea Arnold, Associate editor/reporter

For as long as I can remember, the end of June has been for me a clear marker of the start of summer. This year is different. I recently realized that this year, for the first time since I was four years old, the school calendar has not dictated my schedule.

Then I thought of what I have missed this year. I've always enjoyed seeing the students progress from who they are on the first day of school to who they are by the end. This is due to the time and effort put in by all the members of school staff. I want to extend a huge thank you to the team of hardworking school staff that our Valley is fortunate to have serving the community. This includes all the homeschooling parents as well.

Thanks to the staff that work so hard all year to educate kids not only in book knowledge, but life knowledge. The staff that sometimes look out on their classes and wonder if they are making a difference. The staff that have instructions on repeat because, guaranteed someone didn't hear it the first three times. And the staff that have hearts so big, they have room to care for every kid they have taught or supported throughout the duration of their school experience. School staff spend more awake

hours with the children of the community than most parents do between September and June. Some of the relationships that are built are very real, and for some, long lasting.

Every staff member who daily serves the children of the Valley deserves recognition and thanks. They daily set aside their personal time to help kids with homework, supervise clubs, or coach teams. Their evenings and weekends are spent lesson planning and marking as they work to meet the needs of their classes. Teachers in the McBride area often are juggling classes with multiple grade levels, adding to the complicated need to meet everyone on their level.

I would also like to give a special acknowledgement to the following staff members who are retiring this month after many years of dedication:

Lynn Lawless, Kairyn Russel Janecke, Brenda Munroe, my grade four teacher - Marlene Walchuk and the best example of a school secretary I could have had, Kathy Molendyk (after grandma, of course.)

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.



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Tampering

People have surgery on all parts of their bodies without others bothering them about "morals" ... yet the moment anyone wants to change his or her sexual organs, as in transgender, many people in religion preach that a god created male and female "only." If you believe that a god created human bodies as he wanted them to stay, then you better not circumcise the penises of your sons. You better not have breast implants. You better not have growths removed. You better

not have "any" type of cosmetic surgery whatsoever. You better not have treatment for diseases of any sort. After all, the god's plan should not be messed with, lest he becomes annoyed with the tampering of the perfection he is certain he created.

Once a person starts using religion to preach at others concerning what is moral, and what is immoral (according to a god) ... that person can end up in big trouble, not only with others, but also, ultimately ... with one's

own conscience.

From the book, The Final Inequality, by L. J. Ludovici. "Morals at any given moment have always been as good, or as bad, as our imaginations credit them, for the morals (from the Latin, mores: customs) means simply customs, and they keep changing all the time in all the corners of the world."

June Vandermark McBride, BC

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.



Israel: It's All About Bibi

There was a rare moment of grace in Israeli politics last Monday, as Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and Foreign Minister Yair Lapid announced they would dissolve their extraordinary coalition and pitched Israel into its fifth election in three and a half years.

The coalition was extraordinary because it included such a broad spectrum of political conviction in Israel, from rightwing pro-settler parties like Bennett's Yamina to centre-left Yesh Atid (Lapid's party) and even an Islamic party, the United Arab List.

The moment of grace was the loyalty and even friendship shown by Bennett and Lapid, political and ideological opponents who rose above the bitter divisions of a fragmented Israeli political scene.

They did not blame each other for the coalition's collapse. Bennett even kept his word to share the top job with Lapid, who will become prime minister of the

transitional government for the months between now and the next election, probably in late October.

"They are political rivals who were wise enough to create a rare partnership, almost utopian by Israeli political standards. They began nicely and ended even better. We were as dreamers – is this Israel, or Denmark?," wrote an Israeli journalist. But these two men apart, it's Israel. Definitely Israel.

The eight-party coalition had one unifying principle: to stop 'Bibi' (Binyamin Netanyahu, prime minister for most of the past 25 years) from coming back to power yet again. It could only work by concentrating on social issues while preserving the status quo on 'security', settler violence and Palestinian rights. Even so, the attempt to hold such a spectacularly diverse coalition together was ultimately sunk by the defections of members who felt morally compromised

by working with people of such radically different views. It only had 62 Members of the Knesset out of 120 to start with, and just three MKs quitting destroyed its parliamentary majority.

So will Netanyahu be back in power again after October? He's still on trial for breach of trust, accepting bribes, and fraud, but the coalition didn't get around to banning people on trial for felonies from becoming prime minister, so it's certainly possible.

Everything political in Israel is ultimately about the settlers and the occupation now, and the country is split down the middle with almost surgical precision. That's why it was so hard to make an anti-Bibi coalition, but it's just as hard to form a pro-Bibi one.

Few people realised that this was the future they were creating when Israel won the 1967 war and conquered substantial Arab-populated territories in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan

Heights.

Between the 1948 war, when most Arabs fled or were driven from what then became Israel, and the Six-Day War of1967, about 85% of Israel's population was Jewish. After Israel's victory in that war, about half the population on the land now controlled by Israel was Arab and either Muslim or Christian.

That is still the case today, so unless you are planning to give the occupied territories back, you can have a democratic Israel where half the population is Arabs, or a Jewish Israel where half the population has no political rights.

That's the choice that divides and paralyses the country, and there's no decision on the horizon. Bibi is the standard-holder for all those Israeli Jews who favour a bigger country but one where most Palestinian Arabs are not citizens, and he may be back in power by the end of the year.



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PLURAL exhibit illustrates research results

By Andrea Arnold

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Lewis started as a Level 1 maintenance worker in October 1993. He worked his way up through the three levels of maintenance before stepping into the role of Recreation Facility Manager for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George in 2009.

"I was headed for a job out of town when work at the recreation centres became available," said Lewis. "I loved the valley and the facilities, still do, so I took the option that allowed me to stay close to home."

During his time he has seen many changes beginning with a switching to Olympia Ice Conditioners for the arenas. These new machines were propane fired units, decreasing the carbon dioxide emissions in the areas.

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When he started, Lewis, a plumber and gas fitter by trade, had his focus was on energy recovery. So he got the wheels in motion to make changes that would result in better energy usage in the facilities.

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"We doubled the insulation in the ceilings," said Lewis. "This, along with dehumidification systems, allowed the option of summer ice."

Where possible, the changes that Lewis oversaw were made in both communities. It was important to him to provide the same level of service in both locations. However, in some cases, upgrades only occurred in one location. The Robson Valley Recreation Centre in McBride received a heat reclamation system that, along with the other upgrades of insulation and LED lights, cut the annual propane bill by 90%.

Both arenas went through drastic changes in the last year or so. Canoe Valley received a new chiller, making the switch from surge drum to a plate and frame system.

"The brine pump was replaced," he said. "Along with most of the brine and ammonia piping in plant. These

changes allowed us to go with a third of the ammonia charge from the previous system."

McBride's facility is still undergoing a full plant replacement, on course to be completed in September. The new system will perform with at least a 33 per cent higher efficiency and operate with 200 per cent less ammonia.

The changes to both arenas, lowering the amount of ammonia, will result in cheaper and safer facilities for the communities.

There are a few projects that Lewis has started working towards, and he hopes progress will continue. In McBride, he has been working on plans to insulate the outside structure, and to replace the eavestrough system. In Valemount, updates include an improvement to the A-frame space to increase use and to repair some areas where leakage is an issue. He would also like to see activities like spin bikes or yoga classes use the multipurpose spaces.

He has enjoyed serving the communities through the work and he admits to even enjoying the stress that came with it. However, he feels that it is time to shift his attention through retirement.

"The time has come for me to retire and focus on myself and my family," he said. "We have bought a motorhome and hope to travel all around BC and Alberta. We love the west."

At this time, the Regional District does not have anyone lined up to take over the position, but they are pursuing a replacement.

"I believe there are locals who have the ability to take over," said Lewis. "The job isn't as hands-on and technical as it was when I started out. We have a good support group of techs who respond to issues in a timely manner. I remember waiting for crews from Vancouver or Edmonton. The job has developed and now involves more administrative tasks."

He wants to thank the Regional District for giving him the opportunity to serve the communities through his work.

Jim Martin, Chief Administrative Officer for the Regional District began working for the RDFFG around the same time as Lewis.

"It was always a highlight of a trip to the Valley to catch up with Lyle and talk about hunting, fishing and our respective sporting triumphs," said Martin. "Over his 29-year career, his passion for the recreation facilities in Valemount and McBride was always forefront."

Martin acknowledged Lewis's work to improve both facilities resulting in safer operations and a reduced GHG (greenhouse gas) footprint.

"On behalf of us all here at the Regional District I want to congratulate Lyle on a well-deserved retirement."

Throughout the years, Lewis has worked closely with many different staff members.

different staff members.

"There are not enough words to express my gratitude for these

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Rec Centre Manager Lyle Lewis retires

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Where possible, the changes that Lewis oversaw were made in both communities. It was important to him to provide the same level of service in both locations. However, in some cases, upgrades only occurred in one location. The Robson Valley Recreation Centre in McBride received a heat reclamation system that, along with the other upgrades of insulation and LED lights, cut the annual propane bill by 90%.

Both arenas went through drastic changes in the last year or so. Canoe Valley received a new chiller, making the switch from surge drum to a plate and frame system.

"The brine pump was replaced," he said. "Along with most of the brine and ammonia piping in plant. These changes allowed us to go with a third of the ammonia charge from the previous system." McBride's facility is still undergoing a full plant replacement, on course to be completed in

September. The new system will perform with at least a 33 per cent higher efficiency and operate with 200 per cent less ammonia.

The changes to both arenas, lowering the amount of ammonia, will result in cheaper and safer facilities for the communities.

There are a few projects that Lewis has started working towards, and he hopes progress will continue. In McBride, he has been working on plans to insulate the outside structure, and to replace the eavestrough system. In Valemount, updates include an improvement to the A-frame space to increase use and to repair some areas where leakage is an issue. He would also like to see activities like spin bikes or yoga classes use the multipurpose spaces.

He has enjoyed serving the communities through the work and he admits to even enjoying the stress that came with it. However, he feels that it is time to shift his attention through retirement.

"The time has come for me to retire and focus on myself and my family," he said. "We have bought a motorhome and hope to travel all around BC and Alberta. We love the west."

At this time, the Regional District does not have anyone lined up to take over the position, but they are pursuing a replacement.

"I believe there are locals who have the ability to take over," said Lewis. "The job isn't as handson and technical as it was when I started out. We have a good support group of techs who respond to issues in a timely manner. I remember waiting for crews from Vancouver or Edmonton. The job has developed and now involves more

He wants to thank the Regional District for giving him the opportunity to serve the communities through his work.

administrative tasks."

Jim Martin, Chief Administrative Officer for the Regional District began working for the RDFFG around the same time as Lewis.

"It was always a highlight of a trip to the Valley to catch up with Lyle and talk about hunting, fishing and our respective sporting triumphs," said Martin. "Over his 29-year career, his passion for the recreation facilities in Valemount and McBride was always forefront."

Martin acknowledged Lewis's work to improve both facilities resulting in safer operations and a reduced GHG (greenhouse gas) footprint.

"On behalf of us all here at the Regional District I want to congratulate Lyle on a well-deserved retirement."

Throughout the years, Lewis has worked closely with many different staff members.

"There are not enough words to express my



role as Recreation Facility Manager for the McBride Community Centre, the Robson Valley Recreation Centre and the Canoe Valley Recreation Centre. /ANDREA ARNOLD

gratitude for these people," he said. "They have been loyal, encouraging, friendly and hard working. Without them, I wouldn't have been able to do anything."

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PLURAL exhibit Village attends to Gaglardi Park maintenance

By Andrea Arnold

The letters of concern that were discussed during the May 24, 2022 Council meeting, also shed light on a few other areas within Gaglardi Park that needed attention. The state of the bathrooms was one of these issues. Peterson said that crews have cleaned the bathrooms and they are ready for the season. They are locked during the offseason and Peterson said the latches were functional in the fall, but were damaged over the winter. They will be replaced shortly, and a different method of locking them in the fall is being explored. The bathrooms cannot be maintained through the winter months due to freezing. They follow the same schedule as highways do for the closing of rest stop bathrooms.

A dirt pile and lost access to a section of the trail near the lagoon access was mentioned. Peterson said the dirt is destined for a turnaround space, and the trail access will be restored. He also said that a bench that had been moved to a space in the middle of the trail has

been relocated to a more appropriate spot.

A few of the memorial trees have broken off or died and are not adding to the visual beauty of the park. Peterson said he will take action to have these trees replaced. The plants that grow within the area have to be hearty to withstand the frequent highwater flow from the nearby Fraser River.

Gillette and Starchuck's letters pointed at danger trees around the trails that could pose a threat if they fell. Peterson said that the removal of these trees will be addressed either later in the summer or in the early fall when water levels recede.

"We will hire a licensed faller to come take care of the trees," he said. Peterson said he is glad that Gillette and Starchuck took the time to express their concerns.

"It takes the whole community to take care of the town," he said. "If people don't say something when they see a need, then action won't be taken. Letters and contact are the start of something positive. If you see something, call or email the village. All contact is electronically tracked, and you will receive a response."

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Cynthia Piper has been growing this pineapple plant for several years and over the past months, a pineapple has grown steadily from its centre. It lives in a large planter in front of a large south-facing window in her Valemount house. Piper said she previously grew a banana tree (it produced tiny bananas) and an orange tree (the oranges were tiny and horribly sour). She isn't sure what she'll try growing next. /LAURA KEIL



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The McBride Mustangs basketball team faced off against a selection of community members in a "Young Money vs Old Money" game on Tuesday June 22, 2022. The older team was lacking in players at the start of the game so some very "Young Money" joined in, and the spectators enthusiastically cheered on both teams. Former Mustang, Levi Littlechild stepped in part way through to provide referee services. The game was surprisingly evenly matched, with a final score of 44-37 in favour of the younger team. /ANDREA ARNOLD



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Valemount Public Library



The best things in life are free!

SUBMITTED BY WENDY CINNAMON

The Valemount Public Library has joined the fine-free movement. No more late fees!

We are no longer charging late fees on items borrowed from the library, and we have forgiven any outstanding late fees on patrons' accounts. Charges will still apply for long overdue, damaged, or lost items.

Late fees may not be an issue for most people, but even a small amount of library fees can create a barrier and result in library resources being cut off to community members who need the library's resources the most. That is why the decision is being made to end late fees completely. Without needing to worry about late charges, more people can enjoy the library and benefit from its resources!

The library is no longer just about books. We have new collections including outdoor games, board games, birding backpacks, cognitive care kits, snowshoes, jigsaw puzzles, musical instruments, VR headsets, a radon detector, drone, and much, much more! We also have a giant chess set on the front lawn for patrons to enjoy in the warmer months.

If patrons prefer to access the library from their home, there are thousands of electronic books, magazines, and audiobooks to download through the library website. Access is available online to place holds, renew items and access the library catalogue, all from the comfort of home. For those interested in learning new skills, there are over three hundred free online Gale courses that start each month. Items not in our library can be requested from another BC library through the Inter-library Connect or Inter-library Loan programs.

We are located at 1090A Main Street and are open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 11am-5pm, Wednesday 11am-9pm and Saturday 11am-3pm. You can contact us by email library@valemount.ca, by phone 250-566-4367, or online at https://valemount.bc.libraries.coop All you need is a library card for free access to learning and discovery!





WHAT IS YOUR NON-PROFIT UP TO?

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The fruit-loving cedar waxwings also enjoy eating the blossoms from fruit trees. Recently a flock of about 15 or so came to our orchard and feasted freely on the apple blossoms. /LEON LORENZ



Only a few hours old, these twins were born in the yard of a McBride resident Saturday morning. They laid in the grass until they were able to stand and have their first meal. Mom stood guard for most of the morning until the babies were strong enough to head into a more shaded area. /SUBMITTED



WHEN WORKING HARD ISN'T WORKING

An open letter to the people of Valemount, BC

Since 1994, our IGA store has been a proud member of the community entrusted with the honour of helping to feed Valemount. Recently, when it comes to consistent products, service and just being a great place to get the groceries, we've come up short.

In the past year our building has been beset by mechanical issues – many of which were brought on during last year's heat dome. Yes, that was a year ago but combined with unprecedented supply chain issues and flood-related road closures, simply getting the coolers and equipment to stock and keep your food fresh has been a huge challenge.

Let's start by saying, we're sorry.

We're not afraid to admit our mistakes, and we have made them, but it's important to let you know we are doing everything possible to bring you the right food at the right time to feed you and your family.

We are a small community experiencing a once-in-a-lifetime flood of employment opportunities related to ongoing construction in our region. With that comes housing shortages, higher demand for goods and, what has affected us most, a severe labour shortage. These are challenges that all businesses are facing in our community.

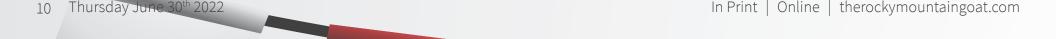
A fully staffed IGA has 2 managers and 15 -20 full and part-time staffers. Despite aggressive recruiting efforts, we're currently running at a fraction of that number.

Yes, we are absolutely hiring with increased hourly wages and a retention bonus for working with us for a little longer.

We are here for the long-run, taking immediate steps to improve, and working hard to get our store operating to the high standard that we want it to be at – a standard that you'd expect. In the meantime, please bear with us and keep letting us know how we can do better.

Many heartfelt thanks,

Management and staff of Valemount IGA

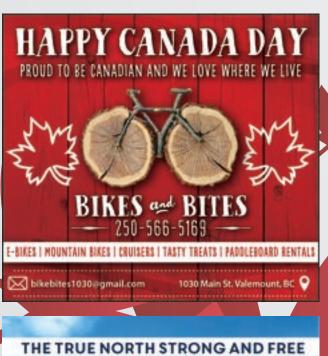












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YOUR GUIDE TO Canada Day Celebrations

Blue River

10 am Parade!

O Canada, then cupcakes! 12 pm

1 pm **Games:** Nail pounding, Bucket relay, Face painting by

Scotty, Canoe Race, Sandcastle building.

9:45pm Fireworks!

Valemount

9 am - 5 pm **Scavenger Hunt** at the Visitor Info Centre

(prize draw at end of day).

7 pm - 10 pm Canada Day Celebrations at the sportsplex grounds.

Free cake & live music!

10 pm Fireworks!

10 pm - 1 am Dance Friday night at the Community Hall

with a Vancouver-based DJ, organized by the Chamber of Commerce. \$20 / ticket, a portion of proceeds will go to the Valemount Senior Citizens Housing Society.

McBride

11 am - 3 pm Children's Festival with games, face painting, toonie

table and fun! Crafts, Ballpark franks, Canada Day

Cake, Toonie table, Swag bags

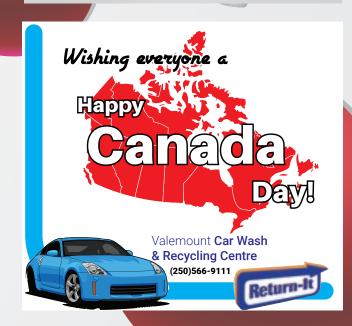
12 pm - 2 pm Hotdog BBQ

Canada Day address by Mayor and Council, 2 pm

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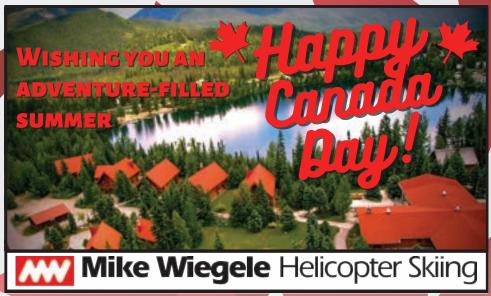


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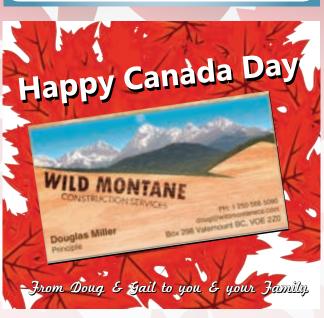




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Valemountary Elementary Kindergarten-Grade 1 teacher Ms. Iorns has been to graduation a few times over the years. This time around, it kicks off a year away from teaching to travel. Students Mirai and Hazel helped in the celebration. All the best Ms. Iorns!



The 2020-2021 Governor General Award was presented to Levi Littlechild by McBride Secondary Staff Member Jennifer L'Arrivee. /SUBMITTED



The Valley Museum and Archives in McBride invited residents to come experience the art of bead work during National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, 2022. Curator Bridget Uhl joined participants Suzanne and Jayda Mazereeuw, Vanessa George and Genny Wells enjoyed the creative process of picking beads and creating anything they wanted, as well as baked bannock provided by George. /ANDREA ARNOLD



Mountain Lady's Slipper flowers can be seen scattered along some of the lessertravelled roads around the McBride area this spring. /ANDREA ARNOLD

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FRI JULY 1 & SAT JULY 2 from 10am-2pm and 4pm-7pm, join **Plural BC**, a health collaborative comprising of UBC and UNBC research professors, and their community partners, for a photography exhibition called "Through a Northern Lens." Together they have created a collective of photographs highlighting health and wellness, along with the challenges, in a remote and rural setting, and the collection is the result of their findings. Registration not required.

MON JULY 4, 5 & 6 Rebecca & Isla are offering a **Kids** with **Tools** workshop for 7-10 year olds from 9-11am at the Valemount Community Garden. Learn new skills by building structures, which will help to make the community garden a better place. Registration is required. Please register: 250-566-9107/events@rvcsbc.org

WED JULY 6 from 1:00-2:30pm is **Parent & Child Foraging Walk** with Jean Ann & Rebecca. This workshop is open to all ages of children with their parents or caregivers. Meet at the Valemount Community Garden for a stroll and discussion around naturally foraged plants, and eat some wild foods. Please come prepared for the weather, with good footwear, sun protection and a water bottle. Registration is not required.

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.

JULY 4: Canada Day activities

JULY 11: Get together at Valemount Community Garden

JULY 18: Obstacle course

JULY 25: Make your own Fruit Salad

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. JULY 4: wind chimes and snacks at the Community Garden. (Meet at the garden at 1 pm)

JULY 11: Rock painting

JULY 18th: Tech Cafe

JULY 25th: Art walk and museum visit (meet at RVCS at 1 pm)

THURS JULY 14th Juno Award Nominee, Mary Lambert, presents her **SING OUT SUMMER FUN concert** at the Valemount Public Library at 2pm. This musical performance is geared for children of all ages, and adults who are kids at heart. There is no charge. Mary's concert will be filled with colourful costumes, props and lots of audience participation.

TUE JULY 19, 20 & 21 from 10am-11:30am, Rebecca and Hannah are leading Landscape Art at the Marsh for

teens aged 11-18 years. Drop —off and pick-up is at the Best Western parking lot by the Cranberry Marsh trailhead, and we will teach kids to paint and draw using landscape techniques while enjoying the outdoors. Snacks will be provided. Please register: 250-566-9107/events@rvcsbc.org.

WED JULY 20 from 1-3pm, let's talk about death. Join us for a 2 hour discussion called **Death Café with End of Life Midwife Judith McGill** (who will be joining virtually). Judith excels at bringing comfort to this often taboo and alarming topic, and will gently guide us in planning for the end of life. We will discuss and consider our dying times, our wishes, legacy and the role our loved ones play during this time. Registration is required by July 13th. If you'd like to attend in person to Valemount or virtually (Zoom), please contact the office 250-566-9107/events@rvcsbc.org.

THUR JULY 21 from 3:00-5:00pm, come and help out during a **Work Bee at the Valemount Community Garden** and help make our gardens a better place for all. Tasks include, weeding, watering, moving soil. Snacks will be provided, please bring garden equipment if you have it. If you have a small machine you're willing to bring that can move wood chips and gravel, please reach out to Rebecca at foodsecurity@rvcsbc.org. Registration is not required. 250-566-9107 for more info.

TUE JULY 26, 27 & 28 join Rebecca and Hannah for **Wild Art at the Marsh** from 10am-11:30am where they will help kids aged 7-10 years learn to paint/draw landscapes and objects found in nature while outdoors. Caregivers are to drop off and pick up at the Best Western parking lot at the Cranberry marsh trail head. Snacks provided. Please register: 250-566-9107/events@rvcsbc.org

WED JULY 27 from 1-3pm, seniors are invited to come out and make some copper coil-wrapped jewellery during **Jewellery Making with Jeannette** in the RVCS Classroom! Materials are provided. Registration is required so we can purchase enough supplies. Please register: 250-566-9107/events@rvcsbc.org.

MCBRIDE

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THUR JULY 7 from 10am-2pm, Rebecca & Hannah are running a **Kids Art Camp** at Koeneman Park where kids ages 6- 10 will explore painting and drawing techniques with different objects and botanicals found in nature, all while outdoors. Registration is required.

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JULY 18: Ice cream cones at the park

JULY 25: Let's make spiders and butterflies at RVCS

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.

JULY 6: Bean bag toss at Koeneman Park (meet at RVCS at 1 pm)

JULY 13: Driftwood painting at RVCS

JULY 20: Death cafe with end of life midwife at RVCS (registration required)

JULY 27: Picnic in the Park (bring a chair, meet at Steve Kolida Park 1 pm)

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Get your **Family Activity Packages** delivered right to your door once a month (within village limits)! RVCS staff adapt packages to age groups (0-6 years), which include crafts, activities, newsletters and resources! To receive your FREE package, call 250-569-2266 or email events@rvcsbc.org.

DUNSTER

JULY 9 Weekly **Dunster Farmer's Market** begins, 11:00 to 1:00 at the Dunster Community Hall. Vendors welcome - no charge for table. Burger Concession. Bedding plants, baking, crafts, odds and ends, etc.. Buskers Welcome. Contact: Pete 250-968-4334 or Loretta 250-968-4453

SAT JULY 9th **Tour de Read Road family biking event** and fundraiser for the Dunster Schoolhouse, 9am-11am. Meet at 8am @ Dunster Hall. Registration fee of \$25 per family, or \$15/adult or \$5/youth 12 and under. Advanced registration required to purchase Tour de Read Road t-shirt \$20. Register at mountaincottage@telus.net or on day of event. Contact Bob Thompson 778 258 0152 or 250 968 4319.



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.



Cutworms and whiteflies

For the past few weeks, I have been dealing with the most common pests about which local gardeners complain. This week, I would like to discuss cutworm and whiteflies

Cutworms come in many "flavours". Some climb trees, some work only underground, but the most troublesome one in our area moves along the surface of the soil after dark. They eat their way around the stem of a tender young plant just where the stem goes into the soil. The gardener will go out in the morning to find a plant or a row of plants cut off and lying on the ground. Someone with a pair of scissors couldn't do a neater job! When I discover a chewed

off plant, I immediately dig around the remainder of the stem down to about 2 inches (5cm). Many times you will find a smooth black, brown or grey caterpillar snoozing after the feast. They usually coil their bodies up into a ball when they are disturbed. I send them off to the "caterpillar hereafter" or they will move along the row to take more of the tender young plants the next night. The best way to prevent cutworms from getting to your plants if you have a problem with them is to place a cardboard collar around each plant as you set it out. You can make these by cutting light cardboard or tarpaper into 2 by 12 inch (5cm by 30cm) strips and stapling them into a collar that you press into the ground around the plant. The cutworms don't seem to have learned how to climb! If you have tansy growing in your garden, you can sprinkle some crushed leaves around the stems of your plants as you transplant

them. Apparently, the cutworms don't like the smell of tansy –(can't say I blame them!). If you clean off your garden area well in the fall, the adult moths will have no grass or weeds on which to lay their eggs to over-winter in wait for your tender plants next spring.

Whiteflies are another real pest in some

greenhouses in the area and can be a problem outside in the garden too. If you touch a plant and a cloud of 1/8 inch (.3cm) white flies rises, you had better take some action. These little pests feed on the underside of leaves by sucking the juices from the plant leaving it pale and mottled. They complete their lifecycle in about one month, so the sooner you bring them under control, the better, or you could have three or four generations a year. One of the least invasive ways to do this is to purchase or make some "yellow sticky traps". You can take squares of bright yellow cardboard and

cover them with "Tangle foot" or another sticky substance and hang them in the greenhouse or near the whitefly population. If you tap the infested plants to disturb the whiteflies, they are attracted to the colour yellow and will get caught on the traps. I used to bring in ladybugs every year and they are great at keeping any whitefly populations down. In our area, whiteflies don't over-winter well outside and look for the warmth of the house or greenhouse in the fall. Check any plants that you are bringing in for the winter very carefully. As adults cannot survive for more than a week without green plants, keeping the greenhouse weed-free in the fall will help kill off most of those that head into the warmer climates of the greenhouse for the

With any pests, I try to use the least invasive method possible. An atom bomb to get rid of a wart is usually not the answer!





CROSSWORD

Across

- Bachelorette party attendee
- Go downhill fast
- Opposite of manual
- 11 Before this moment
- 12 Become a champ
- 13 Movie set worker
- 14 Calf locale
- 15 Wi-Fi hookup 17
- Settle on, as a plan 19 Singleton
- 20 Not at all hospitable
- 22 Tooth problem
- 26 Correspond, 2 words
- 30 Simba's pride
- 31 Escape hatch, for one
- Protects one's rights,
- 34 Julio Iglesias, for one
- 36 Mafia chief
- 37 Tell
- 39 Bag support
- Presidential advisory
- 47 Beverage store buy

- 18 ___ code (part of a phone number)
- 49 Word before "I told
- Garment under a
- 51 Walk erratically
- 52 Very little bit
- 53 Studio structure

Down

- Festive function
- Like much good wine
- Company identifier
- Light activator Extended family
- Interested in
- Understanding
- Large coffee container
- Dressy accessory Get off the fence
- One may be tight or defensive
- Presented in image form
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 - 23 Preserve
 - 24 Bug spray target
 - "Count me in!"
 - 26 Rendezvoused
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 - Launch site
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 - 40 Makes fun of
- 41 4,840 square yards
- Sod for fuel
- Dodgem feature
- "Diamonds_ Forever'
- 45 It settles on petals
- Kind of cozy

Answers on P13

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Answers on PXX

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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

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- 5. Floral leaf 10. Both, at the
- beginning 14. Belgian 20th
- century painter, Margritte 15. Unified
- 16. Time for a worldwide
- 17. Border on
- 18. Cooktop 19. Can be pointed or
- drooping 20. US city 23. Skater Harding
- 24. Madame
- 25. Cadillac model 26. Exceedingly
- 30. African menace
- 34. Whalebone 36. ___ and waits! 37. US city
- 42. Cheese
- 43. It often needs to be changed
- 44. Stainless 47. Ollie's partner
- 48. "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" science officer
- 51. Software delivery model
- 53. Sleep spoiler
- 55. Mexican resort 60. Detective novelist John Dickson

- Fatty
- 62. So-so grades
- 63. Not-so-cute fruit 64. Out-and-out
- 65. Raison d'
- 66. Put forward
- 67. Ring 68. Protein beans
- **Down**

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HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS **Happy Summer Solstice**

Creativity, being a defining trait of the human animal, gives us the ability to change the world for better and worse. Though inventions and discoveries may have no moral qualities on their own, people use what's available for beneficent or malevolent purposes. The retrograde of Neptune, ruler of dreams, calls for scrutiny of our creative manifestations and a keener awareness of subconscious desire.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). New habits are fragile. Unexpected and extra events such as visits, travel, projects and other challenges could throw off your rhythms and delay your goals. So take advantage of the less hectic early week, perfectly suited to repeating behaviors you want to habituate so they'll be ingrained when life gets trickier.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Those on a fault-finding mission will have no problem finding it. You may want to avoid these types because their mission will only make yours more difficult. You're on the hunt for fun, which will involve joining with agreeable people who keep it light and bring a spark of playful curiosity to the picture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The secret to your charisma may be known to others but not to you because the very nature of your charm is unselfconsciousness. Having fame and power isn't your goal, though it may come as a byproduct of your passion and dedication to the goal. Part of your appeal is that you don't care to whom you appeal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is a wealth of knowledge that happens at a deeper level than the one where words and explanations exist. You may feel more confident and articulate when you can explain what you know, and this is worth working on, but in the meantime your intuitive leanings shouldn't be discounted. Act on instinct.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To connect in perfectly mannerly ways, which fall neatly within the acceptable boundaries of mutually understood roles, were it even possible, would be pointless. The ensuing boredom would only ruin the social arena for all. So go on, make an honest mess and enjoy the unfolding excitement in relationships this week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Pride goeth before the fall, but your definition of pride will matter here. Letting people know what you do isn't about pride but usefulness. The process goes better when they trust you, so your credentials matter. Explaining your expertise isn't bragging; it's making the process easier for all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even favorable circumstances, fortuitous opportunities and wonderful events

can come with their own kind of stress. Fun requires you to be in top condition! As you rest and take excellent care of yourself this week, you'll also be helping yourself enjoy what's coming.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't need everything to go according to plan to feel good about it. Long ago, you acknowledged that you aren't in charge of it all, and now you get to adopt the laid-back attitude to go with that realization -- far more comfortable and charismatic than trying to control the uncontrollable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your planning skills are cosmically touched, and it's more than worth your time and energy to brainstorm, fantasize and commit to some logistics. What goes on in your head and on paper now will bring excitement to your experience later. Future-you will thank planner-you and praise your brilliance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Perhaps the world "flirt" is too reductive to describe your interaction style, which has more to do with stirring up good vibes than it does with any social agenda. Nonetheless, someone thinks you're flirting with them and loves it. Business will be friendly, and a friendship will lend itself to doing business, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even if you do what everyone else is doing, your expression, experience and thoughts about it will be unique, as your mind is a filter unlike any other. Your creative stamp will be on all you do without any conscious effort on your part. Originality pours from your unselfconscious commitment to the moment you're in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The list of things you're looking out for today includes: the best in people, the sunny side, ways to help and means to uplift. The quest causes you to automatically fall into the flow of fortuitous words and actions. You don't even have to think about the next correct move; it all flows naturally.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: It's a better world because you're here. This will be evident in the lives and smiles of those you help. Your own well-being is also proof. The responsibility to take magnificent care of yourself is the one from which all else happens. The single lifestyle choice that has the biggest impact will be the company you keep. A truly unusual meeting will take your professional life for an exciting ride. There's also a daring element to your social life, and you'll put a certain thrilling activity or game on repeat.

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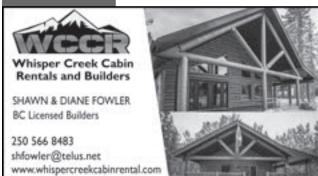
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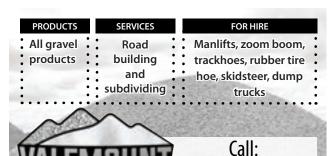
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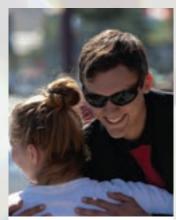
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Owen Williamson and Brad McFarland use the shade created by the balloons to help them keep their cool, dapper look. /JESSICA **ARNOLD**



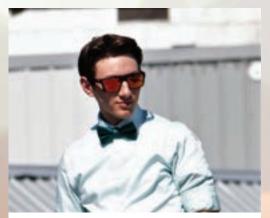
Daniel Lin cautiously steps off the float as he heads in to accept his drink. /JESSICA ARNOLD



The McBride Secondary Class of 2022 Parade made its way through residential and commercial areas of town before heading back to the school for the ceremony. /JESSICA ARNOLD



Tristin Alspaugh and Liam McFarland acknowledge the community support with a wave and smile. /JESSICA ARNOLD



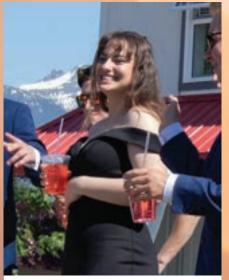
Smiling at the familiar faces as they passed, Noel Lorenz enjoys his well-earned five minutes of fame. /JESSICA ARNOLD



Mayor Gene Runtz addresses the McBride Secondary School class of 2022. /SUBMITTED



Sieret Sandhu expresses her joy as she and her classmates feel the support of the community on their graduation day. /JESSICA ARNOLD



Bronya Mazereeuw smiles for a photo as she waits for the rest of her classmates to return from their pit stop during the grad parade. / JESSICA ARNOLD



Amelia Jones and Gillian Hooker wave their thanks to those lined the streets of McBride as their grad procession made their way through town. /JESSICA ARNOLD



Wyatt Taphorn adjusts his shades as he steps out from Welcome Home during the 2022 grad parade pit stop. / JESSICA ARNOLD



The grads celebrate their final moments of their celebration by tossing their caps high in the air. /SUBMITTED

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The grads had a surprise backdrop to some of their class photos. / ANDREA ARNOLD



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