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Bear trouble

Clearwater-based Conservation Officer Colin Kravontka was in Valemount last week, following up on multiple bear sightings in the community, including several near the Valemount Elementary School. He says attractants like garbage are what draw bears into town or campgrounds and leaving attractants outside is a huge no-no at this time of year. "Think about it from a bear's perspective: it can either eat a root, or it can eat garbage that has bits of steak, fish and other leftovers." He says once a bear has gotten a taste for garbage it will continue to return and has to be put down. He warns residents about leaving garbage outside, especially at this time of year. He says either deliver it to the garbage truck shortly before it arrives, or drop it off at the transfer station. He says removing bird feeders and fruit from trees is also important. /LAURA KEIL

Three-grade splits irk some parents

By LAURA KEIL

Some parents are not happy with the class configuration at Valemount Elementary this year.

Two classes will have three grades in them: K-1-2 and 4-5-6. The other classes are split with two grades.

In the school newsletter, Principal Priscilla Davis says they usually start the year with multi-age groupings so the students can get to know all staff and students. But this year, all students will find themselves grouped permanently in classes with a grade below, above, or both.

"This year has been extremely difficult to configure all of our students into the 6 divisions that have been allotted by the school district," Davis wrote in the newsletter. "Our school has managed to avoid three-way splits for the 15 years that I have been a principal at this school. Unfortunately, this year we have two classrooms that will be three-way splits. We will continue to do our best to support all learners at VES."

School District No. 57 Superintendent Cindy Heitman says the class configurations are decided at a school level. She says three-grade splits exist in other

schools in the district.

"Ten years ago, when the Ministry of Education redesigned the curriculum, it was done in a way that provides curriculum continuums. Very few classes are not combined grades in most schools."

She says grades are sometimes re-combined for lessons, though the school still needs to stay within class size limits, which are regulated provincially.

When asked how parents can best support their child in a 3-grade split, Heitman says

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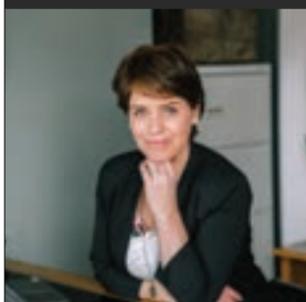
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A semi-trailer hit the ditch last Thursday morning just north of Abernathy's on Hwy 5. RCMP said there were not any injuries. The driver was apparently backing up when he slid into the ditch. / LAURA KEIL



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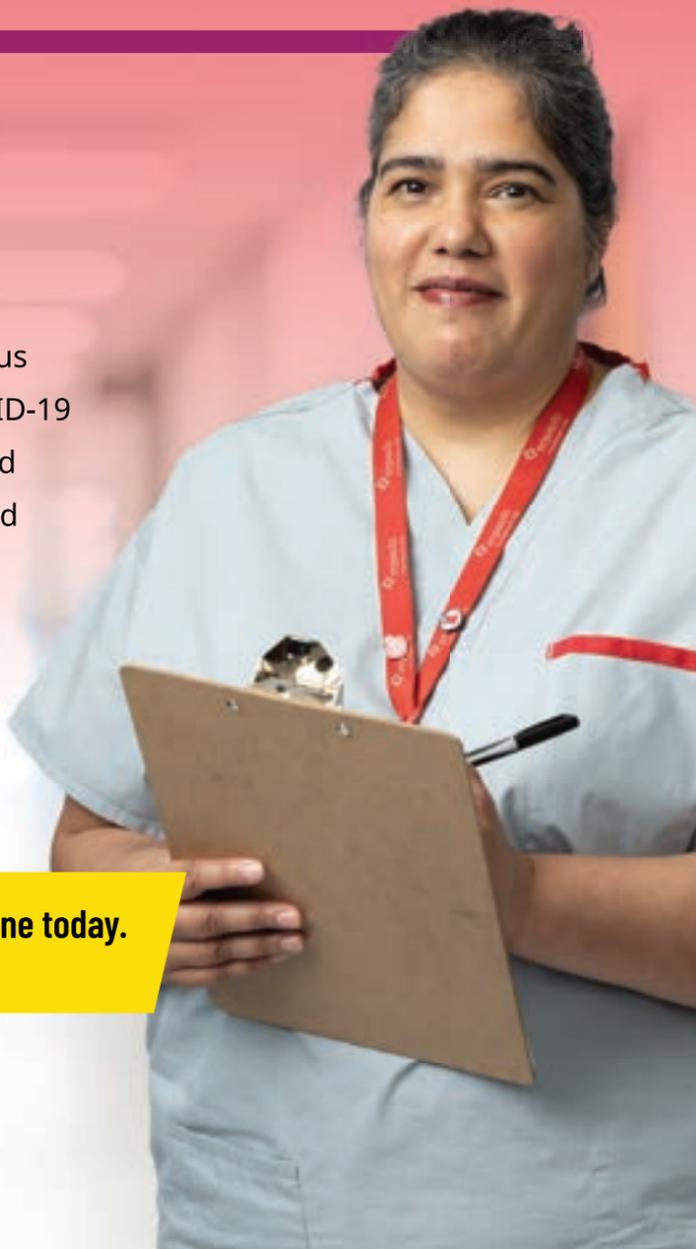
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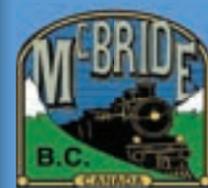
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**More information can be found on
the Village Website:**

<https://www.mcbride.ca/village-office/village-properties-for-sale>

Council may consider and accept bids as early as the September 27th Regular Council meeting.

Three-grade splits... CONT'D FROM P1

parent support of learning would look the same if the class was not combined grades.

Parent Ruby Hogg, whose daughter is in a 6-7 split this year, says she doesn't have an issue with two-grade splits, but has serious misgivings about three-grade splits.

"One of my biggest concerns is teacher burnout. I've seen how much work teachers put in for one grade, let alone two grades, and now here we are at three grades and they have to learn the curriculum for all three grades."

She says when her daughter was born, the public health nurse stressed to her that she needed to look after herself first in order to give the best care to her daughter.

"That's as a parent looking after one child. Think of a teacher looking after 30 kids of various ages."

While she concedes that even in a single grade you won't have all the same learning bubbles, in a 3-grade split some kids could be nearly four years apart in age. And COVID-19 mandates set some kids behind.

"I can't attest to anyone else's learning,

but I do know it was a difficult time for everybody; I'm not sure how they will cope in a three-way split."

Local parent and Parent Advisory Council board member Addy Janum says she's concerned about the lack of funding for both teachers and aides.

She's yet to confirm the number of aides in the school this year, but has heard a low number.

"If you have a child who needs a little extra assistance, it could be behavioural, emotional, it could be whatever, it's a lot easier on the teacher."

She says if the teacher is alone with 20-some kids, it's difficult to provide one-on-one support to students that need it.

Janum notes two existing teachers are slated to take leave part way through the year for personal reasons. The school newsletter states the current K-1 teacher is "currently covering" the position.

Principal Davis is not authorized to speak directly to the media about the reasons for the split classes or the future outlook for the school's teaching staff.

BC Seniors Advocate a keynote at Valemount events

BY ANDREA ARNOLD AND LAURA KEIL

BC's provincial Seniors' Advocate Isobel Mackenzie is coming to Valemount Sept. 27th and 28th and area residents will have several chances to meet her.

"Having Isobel Mackenzie come here is a big deal," says Rashmi Narayan, project lead for Valemount Cares housing project and programs. "She is a dynamic individual who travels alone and delivers all kinds of facts on seniors' income, supports and care. She is truly an advocate. I think it's important for seniors and families to attend and share their experiences first-hand."

The BC Office of the Seniors Advocate says Mackenzie has more than 20 years' experience working with seniors in home care, licensed care, community services and volunteer services, and also led B.C.'s largest not-for-profit agency. She led the implementation of a new model of dementia care that has become a national best practice, and led the first safety accreditation for homecare workers, among other accomplishments. The Advocate's Office advocates for seniors to policy makers and publishes reports each year.

Mackenzie will be presenting as the Keynote Speaker at the Valemount Seniors Fair Sept 27th, addressing seniors' income, supports and care, and has been invited to the Valemount Cares Open House that evening. She will also meet with Village Council members. On the 28th, Mackenzie is slated to attend a lunch meeting at the Golden Years Lodge with those unable to attend the previous day.

The Valemount Cares Open House will feature the latest drawings and have the construction team on site to meet with local contractors, as tenders will go out in January. Narayan says it is a chance for those who have contributed to see what progress has been made.

"During these events we will be showing plans for the new seniors housing project and asking for input from seniors in regards to the colour scheme for the new

residence," she says.

She says they want to let people know what resources are available in the community and answer questions from seniors about what services will be available in the new facility.

Also next week will be sessions on how to access your Public Health Records online (see times below).

These events were made possible thanks to an Age Friendly Grant through BC Healthy Communities.

EVENTS

- Jess Rothenburger from Rural Coordination Centre of BC will demonstrate how to access your public health records with an email address. Introduction to MyHealthKey (Hosted by Elder Collaborative). Sessions are at the Golden Years Lodge Mon. Sept. 26th 1:00pm - 4:00pm; Sept 26th and 27th at the Valemount Library (basement room) from 1-4pm both days; And Sept 27th at the Community Hall 11-4.
- Valemount Cares Open House on Tues. Sept. 27 at the Community Hall, 6:30-8:30pm, with the latest set of drawings. Open to members of the public. The construction team will be there to connect to local contractors as tenders will be out in January.
- Seniors Fair at the Community Hall from 10:30am-4:00pm, organized by Elder Collaborative. Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie will be keynote speaker. There will also be a panel discussion on aging that would include her, Dr. Markham and a few others. There will be scheduled talks, presentations throughout and free lunch (Hosted by Elder Collaborative).
- Sept 28th, Mackenzie will join a second Valemount Cares Open House and lunch at the Golden Years Lodge from 11:00am-1:30pm with seniors and any other individuals who were unable to attend the previous day.

When asked about a teacher shortage in Valemount and the District, Heitman says it continues to be a concern.

"Like many other industries outside of education the recruitment of teachers across British Columbia continues to be of concern. This is especially true for districts in the North such as School District 57," she says. "Many strategies are being examined locally, regionally and provincially to help mitigate this challenge."

Heitman says anyone with concerns

should contact the Principal.

Some parents have relayed positive or neutral experiences for their children having been in 3-way splits in the past, noting the older children often help out with the younger ones.

The District says Valemount Elementary has a school enrollment of 137 students this year.

Anyone interested in joining the Parent Advisory Committee can contact Addy Janum or Leaha Johnson.



REGIONAL DISTRICT
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

What: Public consultation meeting regarding Temporary Use Permit No. 268

When and Where:

6:00 pm, Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Via telephone conference call or

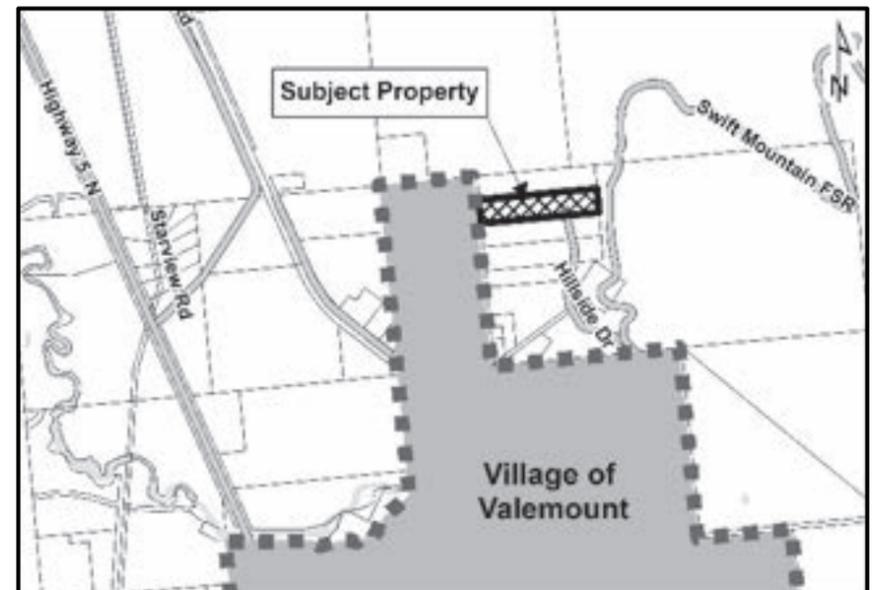
In-person attendance at:

Regional District Board Room

155 George Street, Prince George BC

Owner: Paul Heppner and Tanya Heppner

Proposal: Temporary Use Permit No. 268 is proposed to allow one unit of Tourist Accommodation use within an existing Residential-Single Family dwelling for a three-year period on Block B District Lot 5064 Cariboo District. The property is located at 2119 Hillside Drive.



How can I participate and provide comment? Anyone who believes that their interest in land is affected by the proposed permit shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard at the public consultation meeting or to present written submissions prior to or at the public consultation meeting regarding matters contained in the permit. The public consultation meeting will be chaired by a delegate of the Regional District Board.

Written submissions will only be accepted in advance of the public consultation meeting until 12:00 pm on October 4, 2022, and must be sent by:

Email: developmentsservices@rdffg.bc.ca

Hand/Mail: Attention Development Services, 155

George Street, Prince George, BC V2L 1P8

Fax: 250-562-8676

Any written submissions received before or at the public consultation meeting will become public record, be posted on the RDFFG website, and form part of the public Board agenda. By submitting a comment, you are consenting to the disclosure of any personal information that you provide. Personal information is collected and disclosed under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Attending by telephone conference call: Contact the Regional District at 250-960-4400 or developmentsservices@rdffg.bc.ca for the telephone conference number and instructions.

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Decision by the Regional District Board: Following the public consultation, the Regional District Board will consider issuance of Temporary Use Permit No. 268 on Thursday, October 20, 2022 during the Regional District Board meeting which starts at 1:30 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room located at 155 George Street, Prince George, BC.



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Editorial



Do we need a community strategy for bears garbage?

BY LAURA KEIL

Clearwater-based Conservation Officer Colin Kravontka was in town last week doing work he dreads: live trapping garbage-seeking bears in order to destroy them.

This year seems like a particularly bad one in Valemount. Kravontka says there's no evidence there are more bears around, only that they are more prone to coming into inhabited areas where garbage and smells are plentiful.

Ironically, while talking to Kravontka, I had a smelly garbage bag in my car trunk, a bag I'd hoped to toss at the transfer station, only it was Wednesday and so the dump was closed. So I was considering putting it in an in-town garbage bin, only after speaking to him, I realized this was the worst possible idea. In our chat, he suggested that people leave garbage inside their house or freeze it, but I don't own a deep freeze and the smelly bag had already been in my house a few days. Leaving it in my car didn't seem like the best idea either, since a bear might try to car-jack me for my leftovers.

I imagined the residents of Valemount actually following the advice of the Conservation Office - waiting diligently at the window until the garbage truck pulls up and then moving garbage from their freezer into their bin and to the road. People cutting down fruit trees or picking them so early the fruit is miniature. Okay, he didn't use those exact words, but he did mention that even mountain ash trees can attract bears if they are hungry enough.

Imagining people being this diligent without any outside

accountability was like imagining bears staying away from tasty garbage using will power. It isn't going to happen.

So what do we do? Even if we don't care about bears getting killed, there's the safety issue of bears - sometimes a mama with cubs - sauntering down our alleys to raid bird feeders, garbage cans and compost, among other things. Not only that, they are hungry, since they're preparing for winter hibernation. This year, bears have been spotted near the elementary school and homes nearby.

More than anything, I think we need a better strategy (and accountability) for garbage. During bear-hungry months (spring and fall), perhaps garbage pick-up should be twice a week. Perhaps the transfer station should be open 7 days a week, or open some evenings for people who work long days (ie. pipeliners). It's asking a lot of 12-hour shift workers to move their trash to the dump during their work hours, especially when they're commuting an hour south of town.

It seems to me that aside from asking people to remove bird feeders and ripe fruit, we need a comprehensive garbage strategy, perhaps with actual fines for breaking the rules to really get the message across. Not a big fine, just something to show the Village/Regional District means business.

Getting individuals to act in tandem for a common cause is one of the most difficult things. It takes each of us being a leader and feeling pride in the results. Can we make our community more bear-proof? With some help from the Village and Regional District, I'm sure we can.



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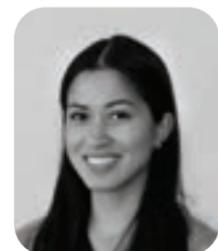
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Global Thoughts

BY GWYNNE DYER



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Italy: The Hard Right Nears Power

There's an election in Italy next Sunday, almost exactly 100 years after Benito Mussolini's 'blackshirts' marched on Rome and brought the first fascist dictator to power.

Giorgia Meloni, the hard-right populist politician who is likely to win that election, rejects any comparison with that ugly past. The party she leads, Brothers of Italy, has some 'nostalgic' neo-fascists in its ranks, but she prefers to compare it to Britain's post-Brexit Conservative Party or the US Republican Party as rebranded by Donald Trump.

They do have a lot in common: a dislike for the European Union, hostility to immigrants, gays and Muslims, and a fierce, truculent nationalism. She is militantly Christian, she dabbles in 'Great Replacement' paranoia, and she wages a non-stop culture war.

"There is no middle ground possible," Meloni told a rally last June. "Today, the secular left and radical Islam are menacing our roots...Either say yes, or say no. Yes to the natural family, no to the LGBT lobbies. Yes to the universality of the Cross, no to Islamist violence. Yes to secure borders, no to mass immigration."

The brutal simplicity of these slogans works just as well with lower-income, poorly educated Italians as it does with the same sort of people in 'heartland' America or 'red wall' Britain. But when you compare her to populist peers like Viktor Orbán in Hungary, Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil, and Donald Trump in the United States, she doesn't seem so bad.

She now claims to support both the European Union and the NATO alliance. She has avoided the pro-Putin stance that was common on the radical right until the invasion of Ukraine. With the fragile Italian economy teetering on the brink of recession,

she is promising the EU no radical surprises from Italy.

So not a complete disaster, then. Her need to access the EU's Covid recovery fund, which has promised Italy 191 billion euros over the next six years, should force Meloni to stick to orthodox economics. If the EU withheld those funds, her prospects of remaining in power would be slim.

Brothers of Italy will probably be the largest Italian party after this election, but with only 25-30% of the vote she will have to form a coalition. The problem there is that the obvious candidates, Silvio Berlusconi's right-wing Forza Italia! and Matteo Salvini's farther-right Lega, are direct rivals of her own party.

Both men will be trying to claw back the popular support that Meloni's Brothers of Italy has stolen from them. That requires taking more extreme positions, and with the Russian energy blockade promising a hard time for Europe economically this winter, their obvious strategy is to push for a softer line on Putin's war in Ukraine.

Both men have been Putin fanboys in the past. Berlusconi sees the Russian dictator as a personal friend, and Salvini called him "the best statesman on Earth" three years ago. Now Salvini soft-pedals his admiration for Putin, but he demands an end to the sanctions against Russia because they are allegedly hurting Italy more than Russia.

Meloni can't afford to play that game, and the expected post-election coalition of far-right parties is unlikely to last very long. She has sufficiently detoxified herself that she could lead a coalition with other parties instead, and that may well happen.

Post-fascist parties in power in Italy are still bad news, but the damage to the European Union and the NATO alliance can probably be contained.



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What: Public consultation meeting regarding Temporary Use Permit No. 267

When and Where:

7:00 pm, Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Via telephone conference call or

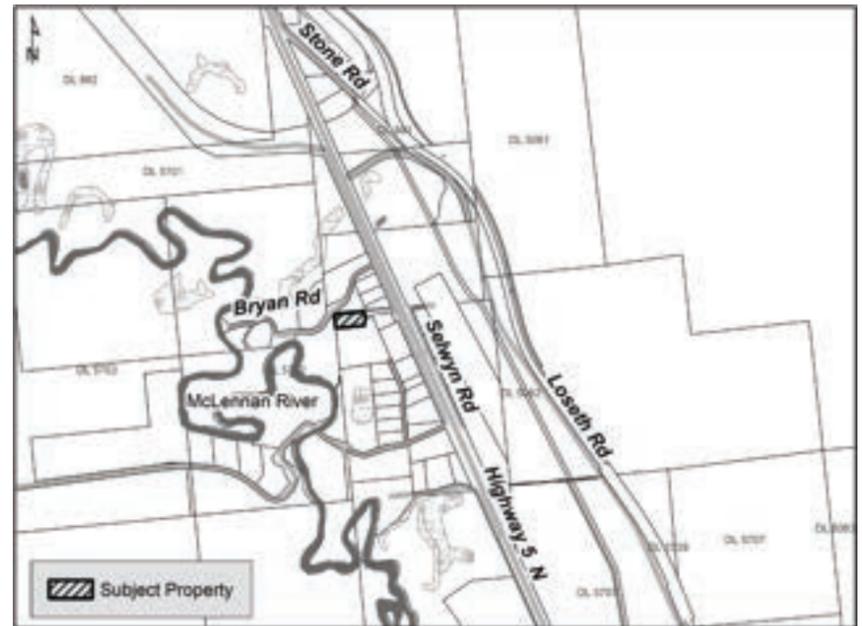
In-person attendance at:

Regional District Board Room

155 George Street, Prince George BC

Owner: Robert Hennigar and Lisa Hennigar

Proposal: Temporary Use Permit No. 267 is proposed to allow a Campground use, with a maximum of three recreational vehicle campsites, for a three-year period on Lot A District Lot 5702 Cariboo District Plan EPP72379. The property is located at McLennan Road.



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Village of Valemount Notice of Public Hearing

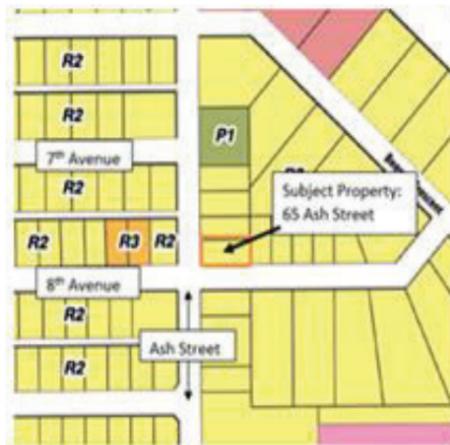
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Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Council Chambers, Village Office
735 Cranberry Lake Road, Valemount, BC

1. Temporary Use Permit 22-02

Proposes 1 recreational vehicle to be used as a residence for a period of 2 years.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 6 District Lot 7355
Cariboo District Plan 23725 (65 Ash Street)



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All correspondence and materials submitted in response to this Notice will form part of a public record. All written submissions and verbal presentations must state your name and area of residence. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

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Digital copies of TUP-22-02 are available at www.valemount.ca. Paper copies will be available for viewing during regular office hours (Mon. – Fri. 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 4:30 p.m.), until September 27, 2022 at the Village Office, 735 Cranberry Lake Road.

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Director of Finance, Lori McNee.

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122.020	1350 Main Street	Block B, Plan 13964, Cariboo Land District, PID 012-322-130
139.000	1215 4 th Avenue	Lot 9, Plan 10361, Cariboo Land District, PID 012-692-794
230.120	1095 4 th Avenue	Lot 11, Plan 16682, Cariboo Land District, PID 011-736-038
70000.170	101 Elm Street Bay #17	Hartman Manufactured Home Park, MHR # 23478

Tax Sale Information

The tax sale is a public auction of properties within the municipality which have outstanding property taxes from 2 years prior to the current year. The tax sale is held annually on the last Monday of September (September 26, 2022) at 10 a.m. at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Hall of each municipality in BC.

Notice of the time and place of the tax sale and the description and street address of each property subject to tax sale must be published in at least 2 issues of a newspaper.

The lowest amount for which a property may be sold at tax sale is the upset price (the sum of all the property taxes outstanding as at the date of the tax sale, plus all applicable penalties and interest, plus an additional 5% of all taxes, penalties and interest, plus all applicable Land Title Act fees).

The purchaser must immediately pay the amount of the purchase price to the collector.

A tax sale property may be redeemed from tax sale within 1 year of the date of the tax sale by the owner of the property, an owner of a registered charge against the property or another person on their behalf.

During the period of redemption, the owner may bring an action in the Supreme Court to have the tax sale set aside and declared invalid under certain specified grounds.

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If the property is not redeemed, the property is conveyed to the purchaser free and clear of all mortgages, charges, liens, etc. except those imposed by a senior government (Province of British Columbia, Government of Canada).

General Local Election

Notice of Appointments by Acclamation

Pursuant to section 98 of the *Local Government Act*, the following candidate(s) are hereby appointed by acclamation:

Office of Mayor
TORGERSON, Owen

Office(s) of Councillor
BLANCHETTE, Holly
PEARSON, Pete

As a result of the candidates being appointed by acclamation, the advance voting poll, previously advertised on September 15, 2022 to occur on October 5th, 2022, will not take place.

Village of Valemount Public Notice

Proposed Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment

Pursuant to the *Community Charter*, notice is hereby given that the Village of Valemount is proposing to amend its current Procedure Bylaw by adopting **Village of Valemount Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 862, 2022**.

Council Procedure Bylaw No. 862, 2022 proposes amendments to Council procedures related to:

- *Attending a Council or Committee Meeting by means of electronic or other communication facilities.*

The proposed Council Procedure Bylaw No. 862, 2022 may be inspected at the Village of Valemount Municipal Office located at 735 Cranberry Lake Road between 8:30am - 12:30pm and 1:30pm – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday (except holidays), or viewed online at www.valemount.ca.

The Village welcomes public feedback regarding the proposed procedure bylaw changes; we ask that questions and comments be submitted by 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 27, 2022 to:

Carleena Shepherd, Deputy Corporate Officer

Village of Valemount
P.O. Box 168, 735 Cranberry Lake Road
Valemount, BC V0E 2Z0
T: 250-566-4435
Email: corporate@valemount.ca

Communication line damage



Early Monday morning, September 19, 2022, a passing dump truck ripped the communication lines out of the Valemount Elementary School.

Telus representative, Chelsey Rajzer Senior Communications Manager, Public Relations confirmed that both hydro and telephone lines were damaged in the incident. Classes were not in session on Monday, but Telus still responded quickly to assess the situation. The damage to the building will need to be fixed before the site is fully repaired.

“Our crews are on site and working in partnership with BC Hydro to repair the damage as quickly as possible,” said Rajzer. “We would like to thank our customers for their patience and understanding.” Sources say the driver was upset and sorry that this had occurred, and quickly informed all affected parties allowing for timely responses. /SUBMITTED

More details emerge on break-and-enter, sudden death

BY LAURA KEIL

In a press release earlier this month, RCMP reported that three local residents were the victims of a break and enter and forcibly confined in November 2021, and police have now made an arrest. In response to the Goat’s queries, RCMP say this was a targeted event linked to the drug trade, and ordinary residents need not be concerned about break-and-enters from the perpetrators.

The three occupants of the home were held at knife and gunpoint and a prohibited handgun discharged during the incident. The three victims were bound, and their lives threatened if they did not cooperate with demands. The victims were then tied together and brought into the basement where they were tied to a support beam and left. The house was ransacked and phones, watches, cash and other items were stolen.

The Goat asked the RCMP why no 911 calls were made in connection with this incident. Sgt. Robert Dean said it was later determined that there was a call to 911 by one of the victims, but they turned off the phone before 911 operators could ascertain the details.

“The 911 (call) was answered by E COMMS in the Lower Mainland and when they couldn’t get the caller back on line, their policy apparently is to classify it as a false dial,” he told the Goat.

In reference to a separate incident involving the drug trade that occurred during the past year, police say there was a sudden death in the garage of a residence on 4th ave which is “believed to be drug-related.” Police did not provide further details as of presstime.

PUBLIC NOTICE

VILLAGE OF VALEMOUNT 2023 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION

As per Section 227 of the Community Charter, the Village of Valemount would like to give Public Notice of proposed ByLaw No. 864, 2022, being a bylaw to grant a permissive tax exemption to the following properties for the 2023 property taxation year. These taxes include municipal PLUS all other taxing agencies.

Director of Finance, Lori McNee.

Description of Property	Organization	Description of Exemption	Estimated Value of Exempt Taxes
Lot A, Plan PGP11201 District Lot 7355 PID 012-559-547, Folio 97.000 Cariboo Land District	United Church of Canada	Buildings and Land	(2023) \$1,456.09 (2024) \$1,514.34 (2025) \$1,574.91
Lot 4, Plan PGP8948 District Lot 7356 PID 010-571-370, Folio 124.050 Cariboo Land District	Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops	Buildings and Land No exemption for Residential	(2023) \$1,108.22 (2024) \$1,152.55 (2025) \$1,198.66
Lot 2 & 3, Block 2, Plan PGP10449 District Lot 7356 PID 012-675-440 PID 012-675-423, Folio 159.000 Cariboo Land District	Valemount New Life Centre	Buildings and Land	(2023) \$1,648.53 (2024) \$1,714.47 (2025) \$1,783.05
Part Lot B, Plan PGP31083 District Lot 7356 PID 005-229-618, Folio 125.001 Parcel B, Plan PGP23940 District Lot 7356 Folio 125.005 Cariboo Land District	Valemount Senior Citizen Housing Society Leased land from Village of Valemount	Buildings and Land	(2023) \$7,387.72 (2024) \$7,683.23 (2025) \$7,990.56
Lot 8, Block 3, Plan PGP10449 District Lot 7356 PID 012-675-563, Folio 180.000 Lot 10, Block 3, Plan PGP10449 District Lot 7356 PID 012-675-580 Folio 182.000 Cariboo Land District	Provincial Rental Housing (New Seniors)	Buildings and Land	(2023) \$2,253.59 (2024) \$2,343.73 (2025) \$2,437.48
Lot A, Plan EPP68609 District Lot 9778 PID 030-232-198 Folio 252.500 Cariboo Land District	Valemount Lions Club 25% Exemption	Buildings and Land	(2023) \$269.99 (2024) \$280.79 (2025) \$292.02
Lot A, Plan PGP14950 District Lot 9778 PID 009-014-276 Folio 265.100 Cariboo Land District	Royal Canadian Legion Valemount & District Branch No. 266 25% Exemption	Buildings and Land	(2023) \$1,012.22 (2024) \$1,052.71 (2025) \$1,094.82
Lot 9, Plan PGP21237 District Lot 7354 PID 009-580-905 Folio 435.012 Cariboo Land District	Valemount Curling Club 25% Exemption Land is leased from Village of Valemount	Building only	(2023) \$809.68 (2024) \$842.06 (2025) \$875.75
Parcel A, Plan PGP9569 District Log 7356 PID 030-413-681 Folio 128.200 Cariboo Land District	Valemount Affordable Rentals Society 25% Exemption	Building and Land	(2023) \$755.76 (2024) \$785.99 (2025) \$817.43
Plan A, Plan PGP12206 District Lot 7356 PID 012-499-030 Folio 217.000 Cariboo Land District	Valemount Learning Society 25% Exemption	Building and Land	(2023) \$298.54 (2024) \$310.48 (2025) \$322.90
Lot 1, Block 6, Plan PGP10449 District Lot 7356 PID 012-694-151, Folio 203.100 Cariboo Land District	Fraser Fort George Regional District (Fire Department) Automatic exemption	Buildings and Land Building owned by Regional Dist.	(2023) \$10,508.69 (2024) \$10,929.03 (2025) \$11,366.20
Lot 1, Plan PGP43828 District Lot 7354 PID 024-468-240, Folio 412.100 Cariboo Land District	Fraser Fort George Regional District (Arena) Automatic exemption	Buildings and Land Building owned by Regional Dist.	(2023) \$33,032.89 (2024) \$34,354.21 (2025) \$35,728.38

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Seniors BBQ



Seniors were invited to a fall BBQ at the Golden Year's Lodge last Saturday, where they had a chance to visit, listen to live music by the Old Timer's Band, and eat some delicious food. Valemount Senior Citizen's Housing Society manager Dianne St. Jean thanked all the society's board members and other volunteers who pitch in not just at the BBQ but help the society run smoothly year-round. /LAURA KEIL



L-R Terri Dammann, Les Dammann, Walter Matwee, and Lil Basaraba enjoy visiting at the BBQ Sept. 17th. /LAURA KEIL



(L-R) Linda Rondeau, Elaine Rose and Flo Ball attended the BBQ. / LAURA KEIL

Wasp season 101

BY ANDREA ARNOLD

With the arrival of fall and cooler temperatures, there seems to be an increase in the local wasp population.

Maggie's Farm Products website suggests that it doesn't just seem like it but that in fact, there are more wasps out and about in fall months. This is because over the summer, the queen lays and fertilizes eggs that then hatch in the later summer months. While the new family members are larvae, adult wasps hunt and paralyze insects to bring back to feed them, and the larvae produce a sweet food in return. When the queen stops laying and the larvae hatch, the grown insects must find other food sources. Their search for sugar and carbohydrates often lead them to sources close to humans, drinks, picnics, and fruit trees. The lack of easily obtained food means they are hungry, and more aggressive.

Another reason for an increase in aggression is that the queen may be on the move to find a safe place for the winter. Her loyal subjects serve to ensure she is safe during the transition and will attack any perceived threat. Wasps, unlike bees, can sting multiple times, releasing pheromones alerting others, potentially

resulting in the threat facing a small army of defensive wasps.

There are several ways to minimize your chance of being stung. Wasps are attracted to bright colours and sweet smells. These things do not cause wasps to sting, but they may cause them to get close enough that you swat at them, resulting in a sting or several. Avoid perfume and sweet smelling soaps if you know you are going to be in an area that may have a wasp population, and stay away from brightly coloured or patterned clothing that could have you mistaken for a flower. Wearing appropriate footwear can also help you avoid injury. Even stepping on a wasp that has been recently killed can result in a sting. Watch for wasps that have been trapped on water. Keeping trash cans and compost covered and avoiding leaving food uncovered outside can help limit the number of wasps visiting the area. Loose siding and openings to buildings can be used to build nests, allowing large populations of wasps to move in. By eliminating these sorts of spaces, you can help control the wasp population in the area.

Even taking all precautions, it is inevitable that a wasp will land on most people at least once. So, what can you do

to limit the risk of being stung?

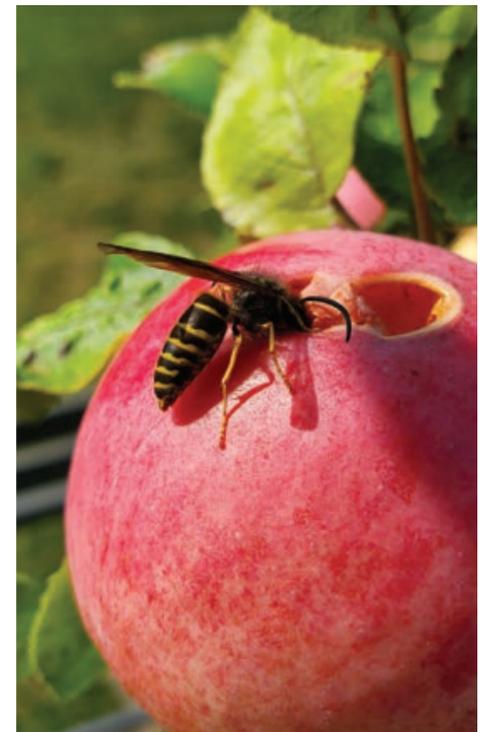
Several websites state strongly to remain calm. Treehugger.com explains that sometimes wasps will land on people just to inspect and smell, or have a drink of sweat before moving on. The site goes on to say never make abrupt movements like swatting or flapping that may scare a wasp into defensive mode, and if you are stung, back away to remove yourself from the wasp and the potential swam, slowly and calmly. If one lands on you, the site suggests gently and slowly brushing it off with a piece of paper, however, the paper could be seen as a threat, and the action could backfire.

Results from a recent study at the University of Michigan suggests that if you are aggressive towards a wasp or honeybee, it may recognize your face and attack if it sees you again. A control group of wasps were placed in two boxes containing one photo each. One was a "good guy" and one was a "bad guy." The wasps received a mild shock in the box with the "bad guy" photo. The wasps were moved to a box with the photos on opposite ends, and they quickly moved to the "safe" photo. This idea was repeated through a variety of mazes and other tests.

There are many different suggestions as to what to do if you have been stung by a wasp, but the first step before any of them is to clean the site with soap and water. Following the cleaning, medical suggestions include Benadryl, hydrocortisone cream or Claritin to help with itching and swelling, acetaminophen or ibuprofen for pain. From there, there are countless home remedies such as vinegar, lemon juice, baking soda/water paste, raw onion, or ice, to name a few. Most stings should only cause swelling and discomfort for a few days, but swelling can persist for up to a week. If the reaction discomfort continues to increase, a visit to a doctor is recommended.

If an allergic reaction occurs, call 911. Signs of an allergic reaction can include wheezing, swelling of throat and tongue, rash or hives, nausea, vomiting and dizziness.

Plunketts.net helps identify the three most common social wasps, Paper wasps, Bald-faced hornets and Yellowjackets are all social wasps that share the ability to



While picking apples, this reminder that wasps love apple juice too was spotted just in the nick of time. / ANDREA ARNOLD

sting repeatedly. They also are capable of biting in an act of defense. They all live within colonies located in nests of recycled wood fibres, and each colony has one queen.

Yellowjackets are the smallest, measuring only about a half inch in length. They often are mistaken for honey bees due to their yellow markings. Their nests are usually found underground. While in flight, yellowjackets tuck their legs close to their body.

Bald-faced hornets are about three quarters of an inch long with black bodies and gray bands. Their colonies contain over 100 insects and are huge enclosed structures that hang from sturdy perches like tree branches.

Paper wasps are long legged, one inch long creatures. Their colour can range from reddish-orange to black and can have yellow highlights. They live in small numbers, under 100, in umbrella shaped nests that hang from eaves or window casings. Their long legs dangle while in flight.



REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George

Tete Jaune Community Cemetery Public Information Meeting

There will be a public meeting held at the Tete Jaune Community Hall, 14270 Blackman Road, Tete Jaune, BC, on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm for community members interested in the Tete Jaune Community Cemetery. This meeting will cover things such as the current status of the cemetery, community input for the future of the cemetery, and general operational information, including how to purchase plots. If you cannot attend but are interested to learn more please contact Cindy Paton at the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George by phone or by email.

Cindy Paton
Community Services Leader
cpaton@rdffg.bc.ca
250-960-4463 or toll free 1-800-667-1959



Spider art

High in an apple tree a spider's web glistens in the sun for only a short time before the warmth of the sun evaporates the diamondlike dew drops. / ANDREA ARNOLD

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	Kokanee 2nd	Travis Weid	0.75	Cedar Valley Holdings
	Grande Aggregate	Travis Weid	19.57	Valemount Community Forests
LADIES	Rainbow 1 st	Erica Dewey	2.75	Richard Dehnke
	Rainbow 2 nd	Lorna Griffen	2.26	3 Ranges Brewing
	Kokanee 1 st	Melanie Smith	0.68	AAA Logging
	Kokanee 2 nd	Emily Kunka	0.58	Monashee Motors
	Grande Aggregate	Caroline Russ	9.19	Canoe River Campground
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	Rainbow 2 nd	Jayce Kroetch	1.86	VARDA
	Kokanee 1 st	Mica Pelletier	0.75	VARDA
	Kokanee 2 nd	Jayce Kroetch	2.27	Travis Auto
	Grande Aggregate	Boden Gee	11.68	Valemount Marina Association (memory of Louis Bobke)
7-12 YRS	Rainbow 1 st	Mayson Voth	3.13	The Gathering Tree
	Rainbow 2 nd	Preston Clark	2.65	Village of Valemount
	Kokanee	Caleb Tkaczyk	0.77	Cedar Valley Holdings
	Coarse	Cedar Wilkes	11.2	Valemount Community Forests
	Grande Aggregate	Mayson Voth	14.19	Ledcor / Sicim
0-6 YRS	Rainbow 1 st	Rylie Towers	1.0	The Fishing Hole
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Fall Fest gets some air



By LAURA KEIL

Despite a rainy start to the weekend, Fall Fest drew 160 mountain bikers on both Saturday and Sunday to Valemount's slopes for a fun weekend of shuttling, food, yoga, and friendly competition.

Fall Fest was spearheaded by the Valemount Area Recreation Development Association (VARDA) and sponsored by Tourism Valemount, drawing tourists to town during the shoulder season.

Events included daily yoga, a skinny ride competition where competitors vied to cycle as far as they could along a 50ft beam that narrows from 6in to 1.5in, a costume ride, multiple shuttle options up the hill, food and raffles, as well as several social events for riders.

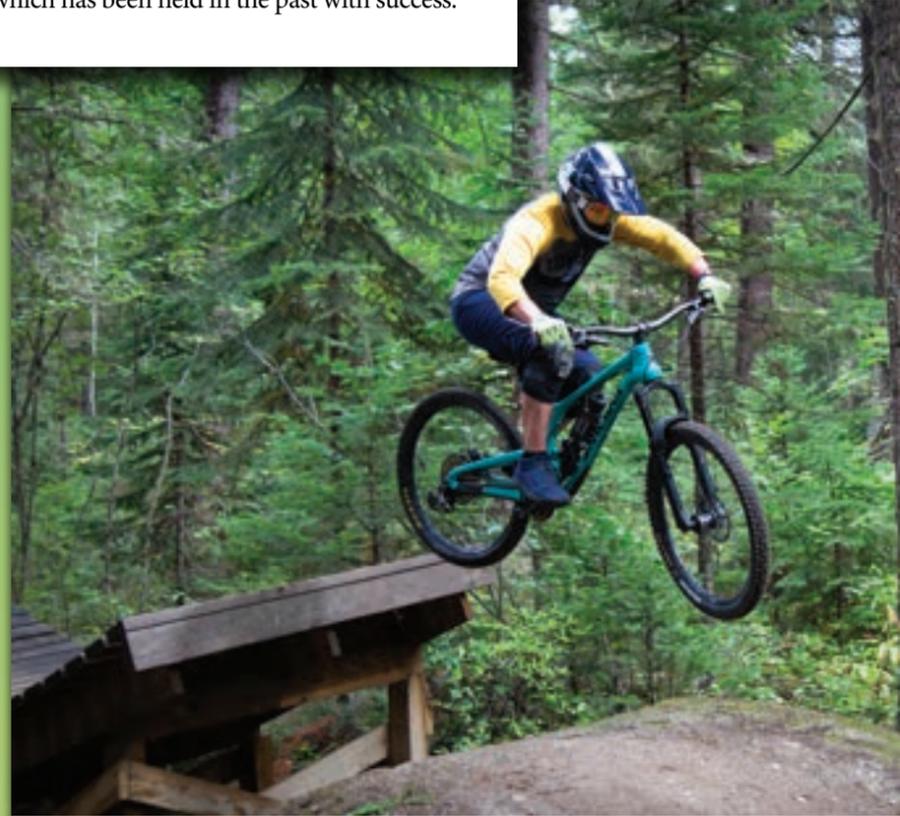
Fall Fest weekend was originally planned as a Funduro event (fun endurance competition), but lack of registrations caused organizers to pivot to Fall Fest, which has been held in the past with success.



A pooch runs alongside



Ashley Pfiefer, kitchen manager, and Kyle Manager, maintenance, were two of the Best Western Plus Valemount employees on hand to serve food at Fall Fest Saturday. /LAURA KEIL

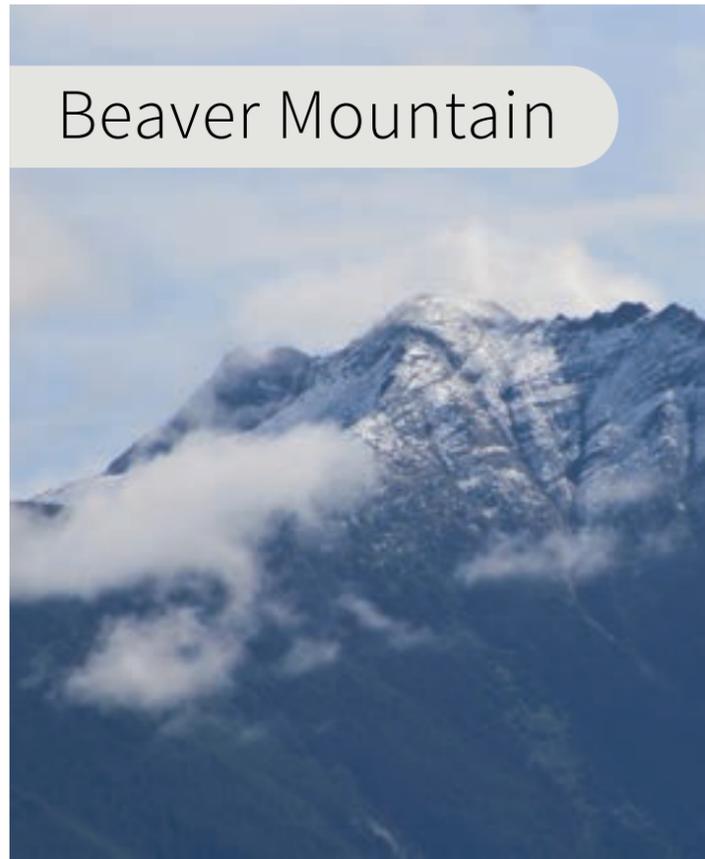


Jay Lefebvre, of Jasper, launches off the whale's tail feature on the Moby Dyck trail at Fall Fest last weekend. /LAURA KEIL



Autumn Equinox

Vibrant bright reds are amongst some of the colours starting to show as mother nature changes seasons. The Autumn Equinox is upon us, also called the September equinox or fall equinox. September 22nd marks the date of the start of fall in the Northern Hemisphere and spring in the Southern Hemisphere. During the autumnal equinox, the sun shines directly on the equator, and the northern and southern hemispheres get the same amount of rays. Every six months, once in March and again in September, an equinox splits Earth's day almost in half, giving us about 12 hours of daylight and 12 of night. /SANDRA JAMES



Beaver Mountain

Beaver Mountain in McBride shows off more snow in recent weeks and snow accumulates on the mountains around the Robson Valley.



one of Saturday's skinny ride competitors who attempted to ride their bike along an ever-skinnyer beam. /LAURA KEIL



ail during Fall



Kestral took first place in the skinny ride competition in the girls category, making it almost to the end of the 50-ft balance beam on her bike. /LAURA KEIL



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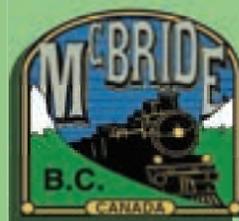
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This workshop is jointly hosted by the Village of McBride and Community Futures Fraser Fort George and is free to attend, no registration required. Look for more information at <https://www.mcbride.ca/business/economic-development-office>

Businesses and not-for-profits interested in hosting a table at the McBride Chamber of Commerce Open House event on Saturday, October 1 should contact Gina Gallacher at 778-258-4998 or gamg654123@gmail.com



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MCBRIDE

Call for Equipment for Hire 2022/2023

The Village of McBride is generating its list of qualified equipment available to work for the Village in 2022/23 as per the Village's Equipment for Hire Policy. To register, please complete the Equipment for Hire Registration Form 2022/23 available at the Village office and on the Village website: <https://www.mcbride.ca/business/village-of-mcbride-tenders>.

Please submit the form along with required documents to edo@mcbride.ca or drop at the Village office by **Monday, October 17, 2022** in order to be placed on the Equipment for Hire Registry.

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days as the season is changing on Valley. /SANDRA JAMES

McBride's long-time secretary, Kathy Molendyk, retires

By ANDREA ARNOLD



The 1990-1991 high school yearbook is the first photo documentation that could be found of Molendyk's 34 years of service through her job as secretary. /ANDREA ARNOLD



This picture ran as Molendyk's final high school yearbook appearance in 2021-2022. / ANDREA ARNOLD

After more than three decades of service to the McBride community through her job as the secretary at McBride Secondary School, Kathy Molendyk has retired. As of September 1, 2022, she is no longer the first face you see when you walk into the school office.

"I could have retired two years ago," said Molendyk. "I kept going because I loved it."

Molendyk started working at the high school in June 1989, stepping in just in time to help the staff and students transition from the old building to the new one. She had been working in the Ministry of Forests office, but jumped at the opportunity to work in the school. At the time, her sons Jamie and Shawn were seven and five years old.

"With the boys in school it worked out really well," said Molendyk. "My holidays were the same and we had a similar daily schedule. It cut way down on childcare costs. I loved it."

Being involved in the school also allowed her to attend many of the boys' sports events.

She even got her class 4 drivers license when they were in high school so she could drive for their teams and go to their games to cheer them on.

When Shawn was in Grade 12, the family took in their first exchange student, the first of seven. Three of these were planned and the other four joined Molendyk mid-exchange for a variety of reasons. All seven of these individuals have kept in contact with

Molendyk and even returned for visits.

Highlights of her career include watching the Grade 12 class graduate each year, and seeing the changes and growth from when they first arrived at the school.

"I always felt it was important to attend graduation, to show support for the kids as they take the next step in becoming young adults," she said.

She was given the opportunity to travel with grads as a chaperon on their celebratory trip six times, twice to Disneyland and four times to Edmonton.

There have been some not-so-easy moments in her career as well. Molendyk says that seeing some kids with so much potential struggle to make it through Grade 12 has been an aspect she didn't find easy.

"Some kids have made mistakes," she said. "They need a second chance."

She has tried to find ways to help many of these kids. She regularly hired students for odd jobs, referred them for jobs, and even opened her home to students needing a place to live while completing their schooling.

Although she has retired from the school, Molendyk has no immediate plans to leave McBride, at least not permanently. She plans to spend more time with family. As a loving grandmother and loyal fan, she will be leaving on a regular basis to follow her grandkids in a variety of competitions. She plans to continue driving CN Taxi, and has applied to be on the casual list for the school district, ready to sub into her old position as well. She is still hard at work with the Elks and Royal Purple, planning next year's combined reunion and Pioneer Days weekend. In

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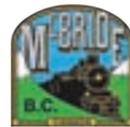
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- Lights
- Paint
- Smoke & CO Alarms
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Following the surprise, Kathy Molendyk had a moment to catch up with a few of the principals she had worked with over the 34 years. L-r Derrick Shaw, Ian Kennedy, Kathy Molendyk, Dan Kenkel and Lisa Franke. /ANDREA ARNOLD

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Ron Goodell

The Goodell Family is sad to announce the passing of Ron Goodell on July 11, 2022. He leaves behind his wife, Linda, their sons and daughter in-laws Oliver (Orlanda) Goodell and Joe (Alyssa) Goodell and his brothers Norm and Bob Goodell, as well as other family and friends. Ron was 77 years old at the time of his passing. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday October 1st at the Tete Jaune Community Hall at 1 p.m., with a preceding graveside service the same day at 10:30 a.m. at the Valemount Village Cemetery.

Molendyk retires...

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the immediate future, she hopes to be successful in hunting a moose.

“I’ve been applying for a moose tag for about 13 years,” she said. “I finally got one this year. I’m excited.”

On Saturday evening, some 60 people who had been touched by Molendyk gathered at the Elks Hall to express well wishes. The party was a surprise two months in the making. Molendyk was greeted with “Surprise” as she stepped into the hall dressed in comfortable warm clothes ready for a drive-in movie night (the ruse) and was stunned into silence. As she scanned faces, she was touched to see people who had travelled good distances to attend, and some who had lied to her about the timing of upcoming visits. Once she composed herself she invited everyone to eat as she ran home to change. Following dinner, former McBride Secondary School Principal Derrick Shaw acted as emcee telling some stories and hosting a round of “Jeopardy” - McBride Secondary School edition. A video of well wishes and a few written notes sent from Molendyk’s former students, parents, coworkers, kids, grandkids, exchange students and MLA Shirley Bond left Molendyk looking for a kleenex.

Through Molendyk’s 34 years, she worked alongside six principals and one acting principal. Four of these individuals were able to attend the special evening.

Dan Kenkel worked with Kathy until his retirement a few years ago. He admired Kathy’s ability to continually exceed expectations.

“She would anticipate the needs of everyone at a very high level,” he said. “She has a sense of fun and laughter that would fill not just the office but the whole school. She made kids feel special. She did her job with love, enthusiasm and kindness. Working with Kathy in the office was a delightful way to end my career.”

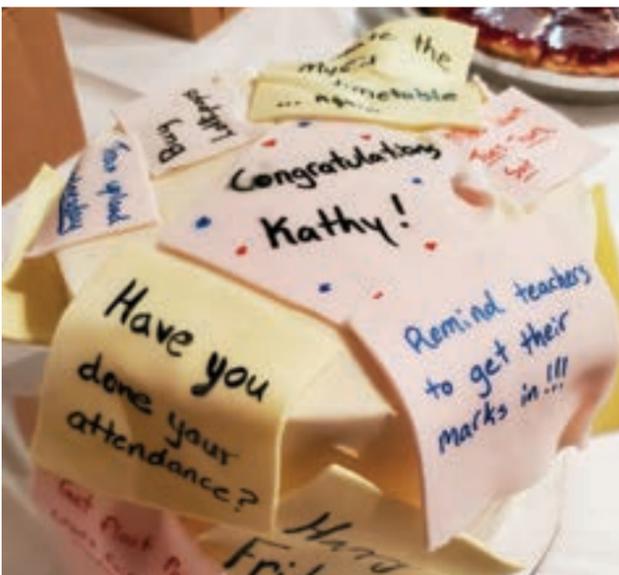
Shaw, now principal of Valemount Secondary School, has continued a friendship with Molendyk beyond the school doors.

“Only once in a lifetime does someone get the opportunity to work with someone like Kathy,” he said.

The first principal that Molendyk worked with, Ian Kennedy, made the trip up from Vancouver Island to join in the celebration. McBride Secondary was Kennedy’s first school as principal, so the pair learned their jobs in tandem. In that first year, as the requirements for each month approached, they would work together to complete them.



The 1990-1991 highschool yearbook is the first photo documentation that could be found of Molendyk’s 34 years of service through her job as secretary. /ANDREA ARNOLD



This one of a kind cake creation was covered with sticky notes containing messages that were commonly found or heard around the office. / ANDREA ARNOLD

From then on, Kennedy knew he could rely on Molendyk to keep the school on schedule, bringing things to his attention when they needed to be addressed.

“She was intuitive, and we worked well together,” said Kennedy. “My dad taught me to anticipate people’s needs and Kathy did that for me. I didn’t have to worry about anything. I did not find that level of support in any of the bigger schools I have been in.”

Molendyk’s daughter-in-law Katrina Molendyk spoke on behalf of the family thanking the community for helping pull off the surprise. She announced that she, along with Shawn and Jamie, have created the Kathy Molendyk Legacy Bursary to be awarded annually to a McBride Secondary School graduate who demonstrates characteristics of

leadership and community service.

Molendyk was shocked that the people closest to her—coworkers, family and members of the Elk and Royal Purple—had managed to keep it a complete secret. She was overwhelmed by the words of appreciation and thankful to her friends and family for hosting the event.

“I will miss the kids,” said Molendyk. “I will especially miss seeing how they change from year to year. It was really strange to not be there for the first day of school, and I felt I was missing out on the conversations around how summer holidays went.”

Although Molendyk will miss aspects of her job, she is excited to move forward in this new stage of life.



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MCBRIDE

2022 NOTICE OF ADVANCED VOTING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

ADVANCE VOTING DATE AND LOCATION

ADVANCE VOTING will be HELD between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.,

Wednesday, October 5th, 2022
Council Chambers, 100 Robson Centre
855 SW Frontage Road
McBride, BC

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the application form available at the voting place and making a declaration that you meet the requirements to be registered as set out below:

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

To register as a resident elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day Saturday, October 15th, 2022;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration;
- be a resident of the Village of McBride on the day of registration; and
- not be disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

To register as a non-resident property elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day Saturday, October 15th, 2022;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration;
- be a registered owner of real property in the Village of McBride for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration;
- not be entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not be disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

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- If more than one individual is registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the individual owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

In addition, in order to register at time of voting:

Resident electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, **proof** that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, **written consent** from the majority of the property owners.

TYPES OF DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AS IDENTIFICATION

You must produce at least two (2) documents that provide evidence of your identity and place of residence, at least one (1) of which must contain your signature. The following classes of documents will be accepted:

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| a) Driver’s Licence; | SDES8, (now “Monthly Form EA181); |
| b) an Identification Card such as | f) a Social Insurance Number card; |
| • a photo BC services card; | g) a Citizenship Card; |
| • a non-photo BC services card; | h) a real property tax notice; |
| c) an Owner’s Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence issued by ICBC | i) a credit card or debit card; or |
| d) a BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard; | j) a utility bill, (such as electricity, natural gas, water, telephone or cable services). |
| e) a Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance Form | |

The above listed identification documents **MUST** be accepted by election officials. An election official may also accept other forms of documents that provide evidence satisfactory to the election official (e.g., a valid, current passport).

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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.
SEPT 26: Indigenous stories and crafts in honour of truth and reconciliation

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. Call 250-566-9107 or email events@rvcsbc.org for more info.
SEPT 26: NO DROP IN (join us as the Seniors Fair on the 27th)

TUES from SEPT 20, 27 & OCT 4 2:45-3:45pm at RVCS (99 Gorse St) for an hour of fun after school during **Play BIG: Big Movements for Small Children!** We will have obstacle courses, games, and explore nature plus more! This program is available for 5-8 year olds and requires registration. Please call 250-566-9107/events@rvcsbc.org to secure a spot!

MON SEPT 26th - Please join Valemount Affordable Rentals Society for a Zoom meeting on **Phase 3 - more housing for singles and couples**. Contact vars.valemount@gmail.com for Zoom link!

TUES SEPT 27 10:30am-4:00pm come on out for the **2022 Seniors Fair** at the Valemount Community Hall, presented by the Valemount Elder Care Collaborative! Admission is free, plus there will be a free lunch, door prizes, local senior organizational info, guest speakers & more! All ages are welcome! No registration required.

MON-TUES SEPT 26-27 Jess Rothenburger from Rural Coordination Centre of BC will demonstrate **how to access your public health records** with an email address. Introduction to MyHealthKey (Hosted by Elder Collaborative). Sessions are at the Golden

Years Lodge Mon. Sept. 26th 1:00pm - 4:00pm; Sept 26th and 27th at the Valemount Library (basement room) from 1-4pm both days; And Sept 27th at the Community Hall 11-4.

TUES SEPT 27th from 10:30 - 4 at the Community Hall Seniors Fair. **The Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie will be keynote speaker**. We also plan a panel discussion on aging that would include her, Dr. Markham and a few others. There will be scheduled talks, presentations throughout and free lunch (Hosted by Elder Collaborative).

WED SEPT 28th 11 - 1:30pm **Open House for Valemount Cares at Golden Years Lodge** and a chance for seniors to meet / share concerns with Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie. Free Lunch.

WED SEPT 28th 10:30 - 1pm **Open House for Valemount Cares at Solden Years Lodge** and a chance for seniors to meet / share concerns with Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie. Free Lunch.

WED SEPT 28th 2:00pm-3:00pm at RVCS (99 Gorse St) come and check out the **Choose to Move Information and Registration session** for seniors. Choose to Move is a FREE, 8 week program beginning early October that includes group meetings to support and motivate you in maintaining a physical activity program that works for your lifestyle. Call 250-566-9107 or email events@rvcsbc.org for more info or to register for the program.

THUR SEPT 29 3-5:30pm at RVCS (99 Gorse St) is a **Vermicomposting Workshop with Cathy Greenhough**. Learn about this easy, indoor composting technique that produces rich compost throughout the year. Registration not required. Call 250-566-9107 or email events@rvcsbc.org for more info.

THURs **Valemount Farmers Market** at the Visitor Info Centre 4-7pm.

MCBRIDE

THURs & FRIs **Weekly Adults' Programs** at the McBride Library: Fibre Artists (Thurs, time varies),

Writing Group (Fri, 1.30pm). Call 569 2411 for details.

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.

SEPT 26: Truth and Reconciliation & Orange shirt Day at the park

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), unless the location is stated elsewhere. Call 250-569-2266 for more information.

SEPT 21- Arts & Craft Day!

SEPT 28- Donkey & Donuts n Goats n Grandparents! *11am-1pm, NOT 1 to 3 pm.

THUR SEPT 15 from 4-6pm, join the next **Men's Shed meeting** at RVCS McBride (942 3rd ave). Have questions about home improvement projects? Want to know more about car repair work? Come with your ideas and partake in the group discussion!

WED SEPT 28 from 11am-1pm, get ready for a whole lot of fun at **Goats & Grandparents** (+Donkeys & Donuts)! All ages are welcome, but we encourage participants to bring grandma/grandpa along to meet some furry friends! Registration is not required. Call 250-569-2266 or email events@rvcsbc.org for more info. This event is held at RVCS (942 3rd Ave) and includes goat & donkey visits, plus donuts.

DUNSTER

SATs Weekly **Dunster Farmer's Market**, 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

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

Gardening
with Pete

Fall Harvesting And Care Of Vegetables

With a few light frosts around the Valley the rush of harvesting fall crops begins and the garden seems to be calling out that it is time to put it to bed for the winter. At times, the amount of produce and the chores to be done can seem almost overwhelming but "one step at a time" gets it all done.

At the first sign of frost, remember to harvest squash, pumpkin, tomatoes, peppers and other tender crops. With the leaves black and wilted by frost, there is no protection for the fruits if the frost strikes again. Two columns ago, I outlined how to cure and store pumpkin and squash so they will keep long into the winter.

If you find yourself with dozens of green tomatoes you can make green tomato pickles, relish, or if you are from the Maritimes, you will more than likely make a "batch of chow-chow".

However, if you have a lot of large light green tomatoes which are clean and without blemishes, you may want to

store them in a cool place (50F - 10C) and let them ripen slowly through the fall and early winter. Some varieties such as Burpee's Longkeeper and Mystery Keeper have kept until March for me. Of course stored tomatoes do not taste as good as the fresh vine-ripened ones we have had up until now, but they are much better than the store-bought, chemical-laden hybrids in my estimation.

For years, I wrapped each tomato in newspaper and put them away in boxes in my cool basement. Checking them every week was a chore when I had 10 - 15 boxes. Then I read about a much simpler method and find it so much easier.

Just ask the local grocery store (or general store) to save a few apple boxes with the dividers in them. The dividers are a blue pressed cardboard with an indentation for each apple so the fruit sits in the box without touching the one next to it. I place the larger heavier tomatoes on the bottom layer, then a layer of medium size ones on the next divider,

and finish with a layer of smaller ones. By putting only one tomato per hole, the tomatoes never touch one another. This is the main cause of rot while in storage. I then place another divider or piece of cardboard on top to protect them from dust.

It is so easy to lift out each layer to pick out the ripe ones or the ones that are beginning to rot. You can check 10-15 boxes in a few minutes - so much easier than unwrapping dozens of tomatoes in newspaper. Another advantage I have found is the fact that there is no newspaper ink on your hands or tomatoes with this method.

I only save the medium to large light green tomatoes and use the dark green ones for pickles and relish as they rarely ripen before they shrivel up or rot. Keep an eye on Helen Burchnell's column in the Times for some more ideas on using up green tomatoes.

PUZZLES



ANSWERS ON P13

CROSSWORD

- Across**
- 1 Conquer a mogul, say
 - 4 "I'll take a ___ at it"
 - 8 To the point
 - 11 Plum part
 - 12 Went like mad
 - 13 Bikini piece
 - 14 Enjoyed good food
 - 15 Dig like a pig
 - 16 Green stuff
 - 17 Cadence
 - 19 Fashion
 - 21 Bright thought
 - 23 First word of many fairy tales
 - 26 Downpour
 - 29 Search
 - 30 Geometry calculation
 - 31 Luxury, in goods
 - 33 Twisted
 - 34 Ranch unit
 - 35 High-schooler, usually
 - 37 Whiff
 - 41 Hot spring
 - 43 "Hamlet" has five
- Down**
- 1 Scuffle
 - 2 Spring day toy
 - 3 Bit
 - 4 Went boldly
 - 5 Likewise
 - 6 Sweet-scented
 - 7 Test
 - 8 Lack
 - 9 Golf Club employee
 - 10 Really small amount
 - 18 Take illegally
 - 20 Legit
 - 22 Touched up
 - 24 Receptacle
 - 25 Finale

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- 26 Items purchased
- 27 Metal bearing rock
- 28 Boardinghouse rooms
- 32 Green
- 36 Relaxation
- 38 Has obligation towards
- 39 Shopping center
- 40 Military group
- 41 Put in stitches
- 42 Pod dweller
- 44 You're it game

Answers on P13

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SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY

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

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

Answers on P13

The Toughie

by Myles Mellor

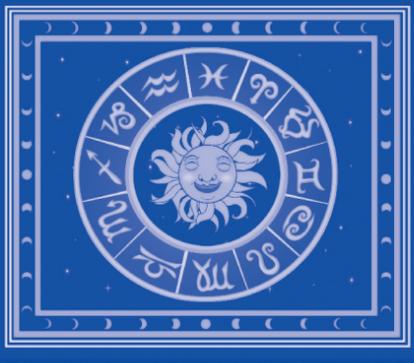
- Across**
- 1. Ball in a basket
 - 5. Old Fords
 - 9. High points
 - 14. County west of Wyoming
 - 15. Encircle
 - 16. Orange container
 - 17. Counter to
 - 18. "Deal ___ Deal"
 - 19. "Magna" follower
 - 20. Like Mark Twain or Voltaire
 - 23. Commotion
 - 24. Java setting
 - 25. Hollywood stars
 - 29. Water carrier
 - 31. Brit. legislators
 - 34. Divert
 - 35. Philosopher David
 - 36. Coin across the border
 - 37. Like much scientific evidence
 - 40. Three spot card
 - 41. Wood sorrels
 - 42. "I give up!"
 - 43. ID on a 1040
 - 44. Puffins, e.g.
 - 45. Flashes
 - 46. Elder
 - 47. Attack legally
 - 48. Like Yeats and Wordsworth
 - 57. Madonna title role
 - 58. Protein filled veggie
 - 59. Jolly Roger feature
 - 60. Pertaining to the kidneys
- Down**
- 1. Astronomical unit
 - 2. "Rule Britannia" composer
 - 3. Beatles girl with a "little white book"
 - 4. Diamond of note
 - 5. London's business insurer
 - 6. Common sculpture
 - 7. Spanish "gentlewoman"
 - 8. See
 - 9. Build up
 - 10. "Skyfall" star
 - 11. Pulitzer winner Connelly
 - 12. James of jazz
 - 13. Pop musician
 - 21. Categorize
 - 22. L'Enfant Plaza designer
 - 25. Chucks
 - 26. Middle East chieftains
 - 27. Light measure
 - 28. See

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- 29. Deer stalkers
- 30. Rascals
- 31. Pilgrimage destination
- 32. Sacred song
- 33. Undersides
- 35. "Darn it!"
- 36. Ponderosa or Scotch
- 38. Tag, ___ it!
- 39. King or queen
- 44. Records of events
- 45. S.A republic
- 46. "Norwegian Wood" instrument
- 47. More devious
- 48. Skin, suffix
- 49. World Series of Poker regular Phil
- 50. Ivy growth
- 51. Future attorney's exam, briefly
- 52. Star Wars Jedi
- 53. Wading bird
- 54. Deal with
- 55. By and by
- 56. For fear

Answers on P13

HOROSCOPES



BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Virgo Sun Last Days

As much as you may like what's going on for you this week, maturity teaches us that even the sweet life can turn into a stale trap if it all stays the same for too long. The trick is to enjoy the moment while simultaneously keeping plans in motion for an exciting future. In these last days of the Virgo sun, resist complacency and embrace the fear of the unknown. Continue to order new and different experiences off the menu of life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Stories that are important to the heritage of a group will be told and retold. This is how they become a part of the shared culture. Each sharing is a unique experience. The tale means something different to you now than it did when you first heard it. You have the option to tell it differently to suit a new purpose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Emotions are unpredictable. The same thing that makes one person feel positive is a negative trigger for another. You'll never be able to pinpoint all the factors, both conscious and unconscious, that influence your emotional reactions, but there's an intuition of body, mind and soul that you can trust.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may have the same emotional needs as a loved one, but you prioritize them differently, and this is where the conflict comes in. For instance, your need for security may come up against their need for adventure. The stars favor a brilliant compromise that suits all better than any individual win would have.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Flaws are something people have, not something they are. Mistakes are actions, not definitions. It will help you to recognize the difference between behavior and character, and to count on the fact that people can change. This week brings opportunities to be compassionate toward yourself and toward others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your interests naturally lead you to connect with a vast network of like minds making noble efforts. One thing you all have in common is a strong sense of personal responsibility that extends past what most people consider themselves accountable to. You'll try to fix something that you didn't break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When you were small, you played make-believe games to try out different roles. This is still how it's done! There's nothing that will get you to the goal faster than pretending. Some people think of it in a limited way, so they feel funny and false in this playful act. Instead, think of pretending as the early stages of becoming.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When it's time to compete, you are intently focused on the game. But not

every situation is a good fit for a competitive model. The spirit of competition will not be a good fit for many of this week's situations, so you'll let that go as you figure out what it's going to take for everyone involved to be lifted by the win.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your voice will be heard, so you're keen to express the right thing. Matters of image come into focus. It's not vanity, rather it's the politics necessary for the advancement of aims that affect more than just you. You're daring but also tuned into the reactions of others, determined to leave a mark, not a stain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being very busy isn't always helpful or virtuous, nor does it indicate an inscrutable work ethic. In fact, doing too many things at once can be a method of self-sabotage. Decide where to focus and try to master that task or skill before you start anything else. Balance will be intrinsic to success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As you make your plans, you worry that some parts still leave too much to chance. But if you knew exactly what you were going to see and do, it wouldn't be an adventure. The most important part of the whole plan is who you're doing it with. Get that right and everything else will be gravy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What's actually occurring in your mind is different from what you express. Most people really wouldn't guess the nature of your thoughts and feelings. Those who are curious about your inner world are people to keep close and include as much as possible in your life. You give selflessness and you deserve it back.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can be trusted to react quickly to situations and handle life like a boss -- not perfectly, but appropriately. That's real confidence, and it will attract people to you this week. So don't feel like you have to impress anyone because what you're already doing, just by being you, is impressive enough.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Major striking moments juxtaposed with the dailiness of ordinary beauty makes for a vivid experience. The softness of love is a texture you'll get to trust and depend on. You'll change something about where you get your entertainment and/or who you rely on to do your work well, and this will make life better in ways you wouldn't have predicted. You've always recognized the influence of friends, society and media, but you now use it to help you become the person you want to be.

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Poker Ride returns



Michelle Rejman with CJ, Dawn Hickerty with Trigger and Christina Beaudette with Dougan are ready to head out on the Poker Ride. Rejman and Hickerty are no stranger to the trails but Beaudette, visiting from Prince George, had never ridden in the area. "Michelle's been inviting me to come out for a long time, and it's never worked," she said. "It is nice to finally get out to a new place and support the chapter." /ANDREA ARNOLD



Nicola Redpath and Karleen Serwatkawich did not plan to match for their day out on the McBride trails with horses Raven and Nickers. /ANDREA ARNOLD

By ANDREA ARNOLD

The 10th Annual Poker Ride hosted by the Back Country Horsemen of BC's Robson Valley Chapter, was held on Sept. 17th. At the start of this year's event, participants staged at the new MacIntosh Rustic Equine Recreation Site located 3km up the McIntosh logging road about 8km west of McBride (The site will officially open in spring 2023).

The Poker Ride has been held nine other times,

each year on the third Saturday in September. This is the first year back after three years off due to covid restrictions. The previous nine events were held at the Hinkleman grazing lease where riders rode the Fraser and Beaver Rivers. This year, participants left from the campground and used the Belle Mountain ski trails along with mid and upper MacIntosh connector trails to make their way around the course and back to the campground.

"The Poker ride is a fundraiser and all monies

raised go toward maintaining and building trails and trailheads etc in the Robson Valley," said Chapter president Eileen MacDonald. "We usually have 60 to 80 riders from local and close communities: Jasper, Valemount, Robson Valley, Quesnel, Prince George and Clearwater."

Registration began at 10:00am and the goal was to have all riders leave for a fun trail ride between by 11:00. The return deadline was set for 3:15pm followed by a meal and the awarding of prizes.

During registration at the start of the event, each participant purchases a minimum of one poker hand. Once their paperwork is complete, they draw one card for each of their purchased poker hands. As they ride the 14km course, they collect poker chips that have been placed along the way. With a pocket full of chips, they return to the staging area and exchange each chip for the opportunity to draw cards from a deck to complete their poker hand(s).

"Prizes are given for first, second and third best poker hands as well as a booby prize for the worst hand," said MacDonald.

This year, 39 participants from the Robson Valley, Prince George, Kamloops, and Alberta attended the dinner/social and were eligible to win prizes. 28 people rode the 14km trail collecting poker chips, and 19 people who didn't ride but who purchased one or more ghost Rider hands.

Due to the significant rain on Friday, some people from out of town cancelled their trips, unsure of what Saturday's weather was going to look like, but the group was treated to a great day, and the trails were still in good shape.

Once riders completed the ride, they shared a delicious meal of chicken and beef tacos prepared by volunteers Jane McClinton and Carolyn Duchoslav, with food provided by McBride grocery stores. Tom Pittman roasted corn on the fire. Participants and volunteer names were placed into a draw for a chance to win one of the many prizes donated by local businesses and individuals. Prizes were also distributed for the top three poker hands, and the worst hand.

1st prize: Nicola Redman (PG) - a pair of custom leather chaps by Kicking Horse Saddlery

2nd prize: Emily Chrichton (McBride/Kamloops) - Saddle Blanket from Cavallo

3rd prize: Karline Serwatkew (PG) - Portable Propane BBQ from Adrenaline Services

Booby/Poopy Prize (Worst hand) Ken Starchuk (McBride) - bathroom trash pail with toilet paper, cleaners donated by Robson Valley Septic.

"We really appreciate the incredible generosity and support in the Valley," said MacDonald. "We were very appreciative of the volunteers who made parking, registration and trail navigation seamless, and of the venue at the new rustic equine campground with its kitchen shelter, sites and corrals."

The group displayed sponsor names at the event and the list of names will also hang on the McBride Home Hardware fence on Main Street for the months of September and October.



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Growing up

Shelly Ryan is getting some mares and foals ready for their upcoming photo shoot as some of these young ones will be advertised for sale. This young foal with its carefree nature is enjoying the sunshine while exploring his pasture yet never leaving mom far behind or out of sight. Mares and foals bond very quickly. Much of their communication is almost imperceptible to the human eye. By the time foals are about 10 days old, they'll start to eat a bit of grass and hay. By two months, the foal will need more nutrition than mare's milk alone can provide. The word foals is believed to be a play on words, which is taken from the etymology of frontman Yannis' surname. Philippakis is a Greek name, which is derived from philo, which means 'to love' or 'to like' and 'hippos,' which means horse. / SANDRA JAMES



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- 1:00pm Panel to Support Aging in Rural Areas
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