

Salmon fry set free

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# Salmon fry released into Swift Creek

BY LAURA KEIL

Dustin Snyder and his team of volunteers are on a mission.

As the number of spawning salmon in Upper Fraser creeks has declined, he and a hard-working group at Spruce City Wildlife Association in Prince George have taken matters into their own hands.

And in some cases, more than hands. On Sunday May 4th, Jesi Lauzon waded up to her hips in creek water, readying the tube that would carry many of the 25,000 fry into the 4 degree waters of Swift Creek in Valemount. The tubes were plugged into tanks in the backs of several pick-up trucks that had made the journey from the hatchery in Prince George that day. The team harvested the eggs from the creek last fall, and they have been incubating at the association's hatchery since then.

Snyder addressed the crowd of about 50 people who had come out to celebrate the release and to have the chance to release some fry into the creek themselves. The salmon spend about two years in freshwater and another three or so in the ocean. The Upper Fraser Chinook Spring 5-2 run that spawn in Valemount are some of the furthest-swimming fish travelling up the Fraser River and have been listed as endangered since November 2018.

Spruce City expects about one per cent of fish to return at age five - that doesn't sound like a lot, but one per cent of 25,000 is 250 fish, which would be a huge improvement on existing numbers in Swift Creek. This is the second year they have released salmon fry into the

Snyder says their goal of rebuilding fish stocks also helps tourism. He spoke to some people who always camp at the Yellowhead Campground each year so they have a first-rate view of the spawning salmon. He said it would be nice for more people to learn about the salmon and experience them first-hand.

"So that when you come here (during spawning season) you'll always see a fish, as opposed to coming here and like 'I hope we see one today.' It's changed a lot."

It's not just one thing that's affected salmon stocks. New research is pointing to things like logging along tributaries to salmon bearing streams affecting water temperature.

"There's no smoking gun," says Tyler Thibeault, Community Advisor for Fisheries and Oceans who attended the event. "It's death by a thousand cuts."

Thibeault - who acts as a liaison between conservation groups and the government - had a display on Sunday that showed the diminishing survival rate of salmon as they progress through their life cycle - a shocking drop from egg stage to spawning adult.

## **Big Plans**

Spruce City Wildlife has been releasing salmon fry into the Nechako River, another tributary to the Fraser River. Their goal, however, is to expand the program to other streams.

Snyder says they're working on an enumeration project to ascertain fish numbers in the region.

"A lot of streams between here and Prince George and the Upper Fraser haven't been properly enumerated, some of them for as long as 30 years. So nobody knows if there's actually fish left,

He hopes the project can teach them what the habitat looks like, how many fish the streams could sustain, and how many fish are there to inform future release projects.

But he hopes they won't have to do this work forever.

"This should be an industry that puts itself out of work, almost," Snyder says. "We want the fish and nature to do it themselves, but with the lower returns and endangered population, they don't do a good job on their own."

Spruce City Wildlife will be back mid-August to collect more milt and eggs from Swift Creek to begin the process all over again. Anyone wanting to support the volunteer-run endeavour can make a donation or become a member of the association. The association does not receive any funding from Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

"It's all volunteer fundraised, raffle tickets, that sort of thing," he said.



Above: Dustin Snyder addressed the crowd at George Hicks park Sunday. Below: Tina Donald, Simpcw Fisheries and Wildlife Manager, and a fellow Simpcw representative sang a traditional song to wish the salmon well on their journey. /LAURA KEIL





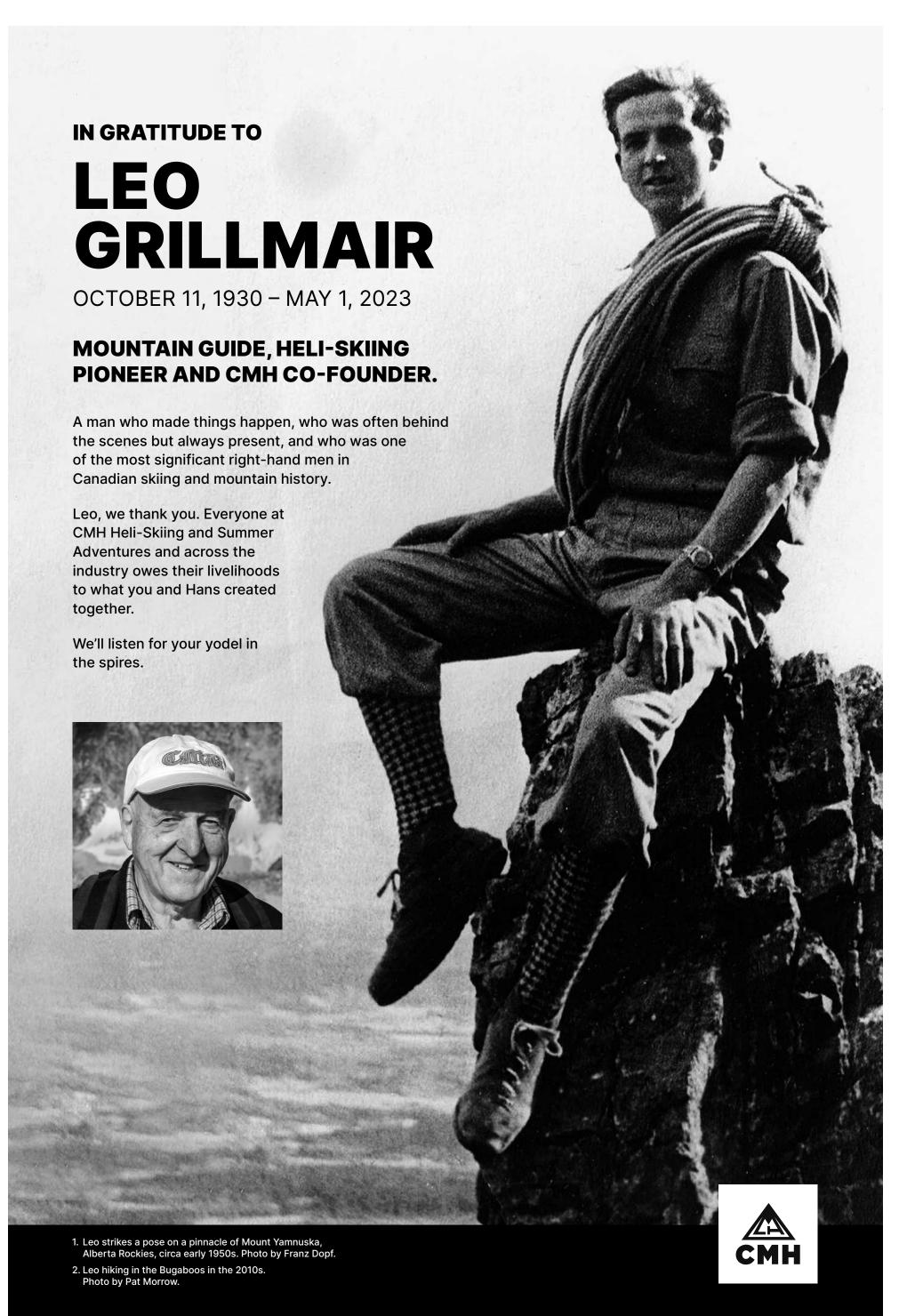
volunteers encouraged everyone to release some fry and wish them luck on their journey. /LAURA KEIL



Jesi Lauzon of Spruce City Wildlife holds the release tube above the 4 degree water as the fry leave the hatchery tanks for their new home. /LAURA KEIL



Tyler Thibeault, Community Advisor for Fisheries and Oceans had a display showing the diminishing survival rate of salmon as they progress through their life cycle as well as a "roulette" showing the various challenges they face /LAURA KEIL



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# **Editorial**



Andrea Arnold Associate Editor/Reporter goatnewspaper@gmail.com

# When thank you is not enough

Seeing the devastating fire rip across the mountains above McBride this last week has brought with it an exhausting range of emotions.

I was not in town as the notice to evacuate my home was issued. My boyfriend had anticipated the need and asked me for a list of

important items that he and his kids could grab for me. I provided him with the list. A surprisingly short list of the stuff that I thought of. I knew my animals would be taken care of. I thought of a few important documents and things like camera, truck and computer. There were a few other things I asked about but the call for evacuation came too quickly and there wasn't time to grab it all.

But, when it came down to it, seeing footage of the blaze way too close to my house, and knowing there were homes the fire got even closer to, the stuff that got left behind didn't matter. That doesn't mean I was not an emotional unstable mess as I waited to hear any news. But it does mean that I learned what truly matters to me.

What mattered is that the people were out. That the people were safe. And most of all, that the people worked together for the safety of everyone. Personally, I received several messages from people who knew I was away asking if my animals were taken care of, and if there was anything they could get from the house.

Watching from afar, I was overwhelmed and filled with pride as I read stories of neighbours helping neighbours, and strangers helping strangers. I saw post after post on Facebook offering trucks, trailers, water tanks, and space in homes and fields for evacuees. Newly-established residents working alongside long-time residents in an effort to save the community. I also appreciate the people from other communities who offered help, came to help or provided members of their families to battle the blaze.

I know the fire departments worked endless exhausting hours to keep homes safe. I cannot express the gratitude I have that they were there. The firefighting community that came together to fight included volunteer members from Valemount, the Valemount Sprinkler Protection Unit and the Beaverly SPU from the Prince George area.

The wildfire fighters that were brought in, both air and ground crews, joined in the effort to bring the blazing beast under control.

I heard stories of food being delivered to those on the line, or being provided in town and residents helping each other by jumping to action with water sources following flare-ups on private properties.

In an effort to express his gratitude to the community for backing and supporting those responding to the fire, one local firefighter, one who is relatively new to town posted this: "It took the village to save the village," and I could not agree more. In this case, the definition of village stretched way beyond any physical borders as people from different communities came together.

I've always believed the bond between McBride residents is unique and strong. In case of crisis that bond seems to strengthen, bringing the community even closer together.

It doesn't feel like enough, but thank you everyone.

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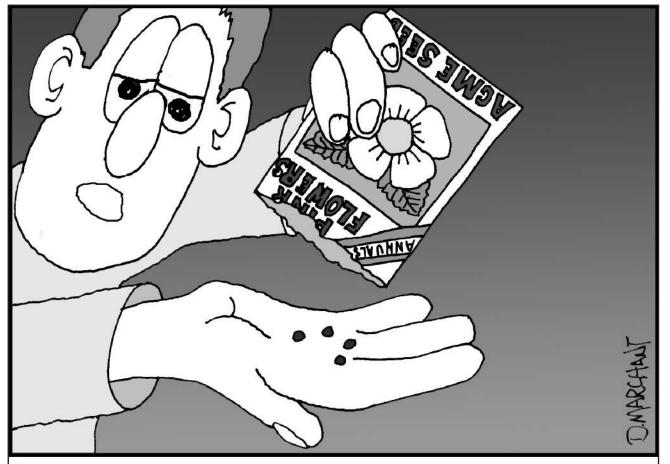
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# Porn was and is bad news for society

There was a time not so long ago that pornography was considered as a man seeing a woman's bare ankle.

Therapists are now concerned that pornography is resulting in many men who are addicted to pornography (without the help of a stimulant such as Viagra) becoming impotent.

Such an addiction starts out as seemingly innocent, but as the addiction to soft porn becomes repetitive and boring, new types of sexual viewing is needed to stimulate the erotic senses.

Crossing the boundary between soft porn to hard porn to the next step of forced brutal sex against the wills of men or women, can soon become uncontrollable to some perpetrators.

More women and men are being raped and murdered because rough-forced sex learned from hard-core pornography, is for many men, becoming normal, and these men that rape do not want to be incarcerated for the rapes, so they kill their victims, knowing that if they allow them to live, they will be reported and in turn, incarcerated.

Many serial killers started out believing that watching pornography was an

innocent pastime. Examples:

Serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer of Wisconsin, speaking of his routine before hunting for a victim said, "Just... using pictures of past victims...the pornography videos, the magazines..." Jeffrey Dahmer killed 17 boys and men.

Ted Bundy, convicted rapist and mutilation murderer of Washington, said that hard-core pornography had a "crystallizing effect" on his violent tendencies and his acting out during the 1970s.

Richard Ramirez was exposed to explicit pictures of his cousin "raping Vietnamese women and severing the heads of Vietcong soldiers." He in turn killed at least 13 people in California.

It was unfortunate that those men couldn't see ahead to know that the price of those thrills was to spend the rest of their lives incarcerated, or, to have their own lives cut short by the enforcement of the death penalty.

June Vandermark McBride, BC



# Facts already considered

Dear Editor:

I am writing another letter to the editor about the words published as a sidebar alongside my letter to the editor in the April 27th Goat.

The information in your sidebar was already included in my letter (i.e. the "three points"), where I also explained why the sidebar information does not change my conclusion that masks are ineffective in preventing the mask wearer from becoming infected. The sidebar makes no mention of these reasons—a misleading omission, in my view.

Your sidebar could be read as a claim that I had failed to consider something important, but I had considered this information as my letter explains.

Since I wrote the April 27th letter, there was a new mask study published based on the experience of 117,000 Welsh citizens. It showed that masks didn't work. Covid infection rates were higher among the masked. In addition, those wearing masks had more deaths and higher health care

I note that my letter contains two points in addition to the question of whether masks prevent the mask wearer from becoming infected: (1) wearing masks has adverse health effects on the wearer, and (2) widespread mask use creates a serious environmental problem.

Roger Beck Tete Jaune, BC

# **Updated Letters Policy**

The Goat publishes a variety of letters and opinions, and it's important to us to allow freedom of thought and expression. As such, readers should be warned that facts presented in letters to the editor are NOT fact checked and may be incorrect or misleading. We hope that this spurs further discussion and debate on topics that are important so that people are exposed to a wide variety of views and values.



# To err is human; to forgive is divine

Well, it seems as though the worst is over. A sense of calm has been restored to our community thanks to the incredible hard work of all of the different organizations involved. There are still firefighters, and forestry workers milling through the devastation, removing what I like to call "danger trees", and making sure that any possible hotspots are extinguished. The helicopters are still dropping their life saving payloads onto places that can still be considered hazardous.

As our lives begin to slowly return to normal, there is no doubt in my mind that the inevitable finger pointing, and blame will begin. After seeing the way this community came together to help each, and every person out that needed support, (whether it was animal transport, and sheltering, providing food, and shelter to displaced citizens, or the life saving efforts of our firefighters, first responders, and the countless volunteers), I would like to suggest that rather than finger pointing, and or laying blame, we should come together once again as the caring community that we are to extend an olive branch to whom ever may have been responsible for the onset of this fire. I am positive that whoever is responsible feels absolutely terrible at this point, and I feel they should be the recipient of this community's exceptional support, and understanding as well. No one is perfect, and we have all made mistakes in our lives. It's important to remember "To err is human, to forgive is divine".

John Rivard McBride, BC



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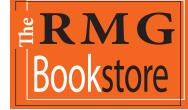
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# Village seeks interest for building 4-plex

BY LAURA KEIL

The Village of Valemount is again seeking interest from developers to build a fourplex on Village-owned land. Last year, Valemount Council issued a Request for an Expression of Interest for a developer to design and build a fourplex unit and to purchase the Village owned property at 1155 6th ave at fair market value. But the Village hit pause when projected costs came in overbudget.

The proposed cost just for the Village's one unit (one unit of four) was over Council's budget of \$400,000.

At the time, Mayor Torgerson said Council hoped that perhaps a design change, for example, could bring those costs back in line with budget expectations.

The Village-owned lot picked out for the development is at 1155 6th avenue next to the former Mountain Driftwood Gallery & Lodging.

The 2023 expression of interest request says the project will include one 3-bedroom unit with 2 bathrooms, two 2-bedroom "self-contained" units with own bathroom and shared common areas; and one 1-bedroom OR two bedroom unit. The request also says value will be placed on quality, durability, and energy-efficiency in the design and materials. Village CAO Eric Depenau says respondents are asked to

include a budget, timeline and designs in their submission. "If an appealing response is received, the budget would be reviewed for any changes required, and the Village may move forward with a contract to complete the works," he told the Goat.

He says Village administration has been reviewing options since the fall of 2022. Some of the work that took place in the intervening months included the new Council's strategic planning sessions and the 5-year financial plan (which is going to council again on May 9th).

"With these items in place or near completion, administration now feels there is clarity to move forward with requesting interest."

See the full request on canadabuys.canada.ca or the BC Bid website. The deadline for expressions is May 26th, 2023.

Torgerson said the lot would need rezoning to build four units. The public would get to have their say at the rezoning hearing. He said most people see the need for staff housing, including medical staff, he noted, people whose jobs support the health of the entire community.

**Happy Birthday May!** 



Top: Long-time Valemount resident May Frye turned 97 years old May 5th in Hinton, AB. Grace Craig took the time to stop by and celebrate with her. /SUBMITTED



## Lorenz snags gold for salmon photo in BC-Yukon awards

The Goat takes home bronze for general newspaper excellence

## BY LAURA KEIL

The Rocky Mountain Goat's wildlife photographer contributor Leon Lorenz has won gold at the BC/Yukon Community News Media Association (BCYCNA) Ma Murray awards this year, for an underwater photo of spawning salmon that appeared in an Aug 2022 edition of the Goat. Lorenz was nominated in the Feature Photo category for newspapers under 10,000 circulation.

The Goat received bronze for allround newspaper excellence in its circulation category for excellence in photography, design, ads, editorial and news coverage. Fellow nominees in the Goat's category include the

North Thompson Times in Clearwater and the Lake Cowichan Gazette in Duncan.

There was no in-person awards ceremony this year, and the results were announced via Zoom on May

"I want to congratulate Leon and my whole team on their outstanding work," said Publisher/Editor Laura Keil. "I'm lucky to be able to work with such diligent, talented people."

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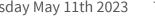
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**SUBMITTED PHOTOS** 

# When we rounded the corner and saw all that smoke in the air and the clouds were billowing up, it was like 'I don't have a house anymore."

By Laura Keil

When Joanne and Barrie Bedell saw the colossus of smoke dwarfing the mountains above their home near Hwy 16, they were sure their house was gone.

The couple had driven back to McBride on Friday May 5th after being away, not knowing what devastation awaited them.

But despite 90 per cent of their 80 forested acres being burned, they didn't lose their house. And Joanne was firm that, despite losing several sheds, vehicles and possessions, the only thing that matters is that everyone

"My faith is not in possessions. Everybody is out alive, and that's a good thing."

By Friday noon on May 5th fire crews had nearly contained the fire that had started on Thursday — until winds picked up. The wind frothed the fire from 47 hectares to 600 within half a day, and was blowing

towards the village.

"The fire was five kilometers away, and within no time at all it was sitting at the door of the village of McBride," said Mayor Gene Runtz.

61 addresses were put under evacuation order including all properties north of the Fraser on Mountainview Road and Koeneman Road, and hundreds were put on evacuation alert, including the entire Village of McBride.

Four Initial Attack crews, seven officers and volunteer fire departments from McBride, Valemount and Beaverly responded. A water bomber and helicopters were also on scene. Local people pitched in to put out hot spots on private land, while others made food for the firefighters and aided evacuees.

After heavy rains aided the hard work of firefighters over the weekend, the evacuation orders and alerts for properties in the vicinity of the Teare Creek Wildfire near McBride were rescinded. No serious injuries or deaths have been reported, though several property owners lost

outbuildings. Mayor Runtz said the fire began with a farmer burning his field, though no official reason has yet been reported.

Barrie went home and surveyed the forest that was supposed to supply his small mill with wood. Now the couple, who has lived at the property across from Jeck Road for 11 years, will look at a very different view.

The flames had come within 100 feet from their house. As they drove down their private road to take stock of the damage, Joanne noticed something odd - a bright green path leading through the grey burnt trees.

"That was so surreal. We're driving through the burnt forest and the colours are grey and grey and black. And then out of the blue, there's this patch that is bright green with burnt on either side and in the background you see these bright green trees."

"I love Jesus with every fibre of my being, and that spoke to me." She felt it was a sign about walking Jesus' path. "God always has a plan. I'm looking for the next plan."

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First consideration will be towards those who currently live in the Robson Valley. Closing date for applications is May 31, 2023.

For a full list of job requirements and responsibilities please email us at dunsterfass@gmail.com or check out Dunster Schoolhouse on Facebook.

Above: They call themselves the "red shirts" a wildfire service team composed of men Vanderhoof. The trucks started showing up Sunday morning across from Mountainvio axes and shovels so they could perform the mop up on McBride Peak. Parking five veh and off they went for the day trekking up the mountain to do the hard dirty work. This faces covered in soot, sweat and exhaustion yet they were kind enough to take a mome Top centre: An aerial shot of the fire taken by the BC Wildfire Service on the weekend. Centre: a Water bomber dumped its red-tinted payload to help slow the inferno. /SAN Helicopters worked steady laps between the Fraser River and the fire dumping water o Top right: The colossus of smoke that loomed before the Bedells as they drove home of Below top right: The charred hillside showing the many hectares consumed by the fire Above right: The flames were seen licking the backs of trees just across the road from I











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and women from Valemount, Prince George, and

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Mountain View Trailer Park. /SANDRA JAMES

/BC WILDFIRE SERVICE

n the blaze. /SANDRA JAMES

n Hwy 16. /JOANNE BEDELL

**DRA JAMES** 

./SANDRA JAMES

ew mobile home park on Mountain View rd. The crew had

photo was taken after their return Sunday afternoon, some

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# Local playwright premieres debut show this weekend



Muse for Moos. Miwa, chewing the creative cud with her Heidi girl. /SUBMITTED

Over the next two weekends, Wishbone Theatre's Miwa Hiroe will be premiering her first theatre production, a play called *i, Human*, which she wrote and directed. The show is put on by a cast of four characters, produced by Sharon Stearns, and supported by Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance. The Goat connected with Hiroe to learn more about the production.

Goat: You've been working with Wishbone for many years now as an actor. What got you interested in writing and directing your own script?

**Hiroe:** Despite having some credible experience in performing and none with writing, writing has always felt like the more natural creative outlet for me. My curiosity for script writing, specifically, owes

to the exposure I've had to Sharon Stearns' plays. Sharon, Wishbone's founder, offered me an opportunity to apply for a CKCA mentorship grant together and has been guiding me through the process of creating a script and putting on a show. I must say, it has seriously diversified my respect and appreciation for the work that she does. Creating characters, movement, and a driving story line through dialogue alone has been an eye-opening challenge. Directing is a foreign art to me, and I'm so grateful to have Sharon's support and experience in this endeavour! The most unexpected challenge has been the acute vulnerability of displaying the innards of my mind to an audience, especially one that is full of people that I love and respect.

## Goat: What do you like most about theatre?

Hiroe: My favourite part about theatre is trying on other identities and perspectives, trying to dissolve our egos as we sell ourselves as another character. It's a cathartic process. It's also interesting to discover a character's virtues and foibles by trying to feel them yourself rather than seeing them objectively. It's like an experimental practice of non-judgement. Another wonderful aspect of theatre is the creative rapport that grows among the cast members in an environment where mistakes, clumsiness, silliness, and inventiveness are standard parts of the process.

## Goat: Tell me about the play. What inspired it? What are some of the themes?

**Hiroe:** The project was stalled by covid but that strange era of isolation and drastic cultural shifts definitely influenced the story - the small social bubble, the monotonous setting, the domestic navigations that intensified as our quarantine quarters consumed us. But as much as I set out to write about the covid experience, what I ended up writing about was a much broader human experience, one that stretches between the conscious and subconscious, the genetically embedded and the intellectually chosen. I'm fascinated at the way humans evolve through biology and culture, and how these types of evolution intersect. And then there is the influence of technology!



# Corporation of the Village of McBride

## **Activate Tourism McBride Project** Request for Proposals - VOM 2023-01

The Activate Tourism McBride project will help build the economic capacity of the local government to support economic diversification focused on growing the tourism sector in and around McBride. The project aligns with Council's strategic goals to promote a positive business environment by facilitating a diverse economy with a stable workforce. Council seeks to see the implementation of the McBride Tourism Master Plan and the community's Municipal and Regional District Tax strategic plan. The Village has secured grant funding through the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) – Economic Capacity Stream to hire a tourism consultant to conduct this project. The REDIP program supports rural economic development projects that promote economic capacity building, economic diversification, resilience, clean economic opportunities, and infrastructure development.

The Project will see the municipality hire a tourism consultant for up to two years to work closely and collaboratively with the McBride Tourism Committee, McBride Visitor Centre, municipal staff, tourism stakeholders, community groups, the local business community and others to achieve project goals and outcomes.

Request for Proposal documents and supporting documents can be found on the Village website at: <a href="https://www.mcbride.ca/business/village-of-mcbride-tenders">https://www.mcbride.ca/business/village-of-mcbride-tenders</a>.

Proposals must be received by Monday, May 29, 2023 at 4:00pm.

The social bubble in i, Human consists of a married couple, an elderly woman with dementia who lives in their suite, and an AI Robot. The unlikely four stumble through self-discovery and self-loss, growth and deterioration from their initial 'programing,' and the impact that memories, or loss of memories, have on their personal identities. And then, of course, there is the mortality theme because, well, humans.

## Goat: What can people expect in terms of mood? Is it serious, lighthearted, comedic etc?

Hiroe: I very much wanted to write a comedy, but for all my efforts, it ended up being a drama with funny moments. Let's say, a lighthearted approach to some very real matters. As an exploration of the human experience, it includes the full spectrum of moods and emotions.

## Goat: Anything else you'd like to add?

Hiroe: I'd like to add a huge thank you to the people that have supported me as I've poured an alarming amount of energy into something so momentary as live theatre. As I was writing i, Human and pondering over the influence of AI, there were certainly moments where I wished I'd gotten ChatGPT to write it instead. But then, on a personal level, that would defeat the point. So thanks, your encouragement is what has oiled this project as it grapples from inception to the stage.

iHuman plays this weekend May 12-13th at the Valemount Community Theatre (high school) at 7:30pm, and May 19-20 at 7:30pm at the Roundhouse Theatre (McBride high school).

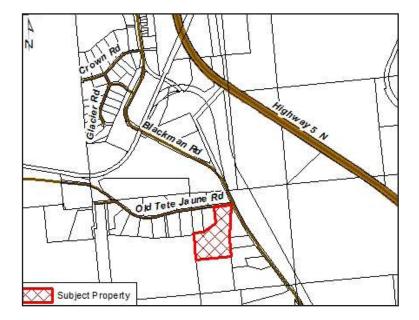


## NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION

**ZONING BYLAW No. 2892 AMENDMENT BYLAW No. 3307, 2023** 

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will not be held for Zoning Bylaw No. 2892, Amendment Bylaw No. 3307, 2023. The Regional District Board will consider the first reading of Bylaw No. 3307 at its regular meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 18, 2023, in the Regional District Board room located at 155 George Street, Prince George, BC.

The purpose of Bylaw No. 3307 is to rezone The East 1/2 of District Lot 5683 Cariboo District Except: Plans 18334, 22857, 28636, 30380, PGP40622, and EPP1312 to permit Tourist Accommodation use on a site-specific basis within the Rural Residential 1 zone. The Tourist Accommodation use will be limited to a maximum floor area of 150 m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum of one unit of accommodation. The subject property is located at 15719 Old Tete Jaune Road.



**Need more info?** A copy of the proposed Bylaw and any relevant background materials are available for review by the public on the Regional District's website http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/services/ development/land-use-planning/current-applications/ or at the Regional District office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., between May 1 and 18, 2023

Who can I speak to? Heather Meier RPP MCIP, Planning Leader, 250-960-4400



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# ROSSWORD

## Answers on P13

## Across

- 4 Schuss
- 7 Prepare to swallow
- 11 Airline ticket word

## 12 Sharp thing

- 14 Elusive one
- 15 Gate-crasher
- 17 Fifth-graders tool
- 19 Steal from 20 Fleet
- 22 Lingerie item
- 25 Product selection tool 7 Association
- 28 Domestic
- 30 Cities outside the city 10 Combat
- 32 Growing area

29 "Ah, me!"

- 33 Shopper's delight
- **34** Word to a dog
- 35 Prominent giraffe parts 22 Rule out
- 39 Broad view

- 45 Commanded 1 Shady tree
  - 46 Heliport guess
  - 47 Classroom darlings
  - 48 Kind of fingerprint
  - 49 Nurse type

## Down

- 13 Flow with a glow
  - 1 "... happily \_\_\_ after"
  - 2 In \_\_\_ of (place of)
    - 3 Washington locale, with "the"
    - 4 Football motion
    - 5 They're related
    - 6 Plotting
    - 8 Deceived
    - 9 Time of anticipation

    - 16 Electricity attraction
    - 18 Long stretches
    - 21 Vacationer's mailing
    - 23 Barbecue offering
- 43 Van Winkle of legend 24 Pitches
- 44 Accessible

25 26 27 40 41 43

39 Soda water

**42** Isle of \_\_\_\_

40 Gibbon, for one

41 Volleyball obstacle

- 25 Conveyance
- 26 Brew
- 27 Very small amount
- 28 Stubborn animal
- 31 Fruit with slippery rind
- 33 Arthur Conan Doyle, for example 34 Our boys
- 36 Captain's squad
- 37 Sky-high box
- 38 Falling-out

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## Answers on P13

# 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 samee line, column or 3x3 box.

# The Toughie

by Myles Mellor

- 1. "Get the Party Started" rocker 59. Toots
- 5. Simply \_\_
- 8. Black shade
- 12. Have \_\_\_ (bathe)
- 14. Fabric
- 15. Meteorological effect
- 16. Chaplain, to the troops
- 17. Tennis star Kournikova
- 18. Pancake maker
- 19. Color in a Beatles album

- \_ Oyster Cult
- 22. Lay the groundwork
- 24. Reprimand for Rover 25. Not stiff
- 29. Slackers
- 31. TV network 34. Hasta la vista
- 36. "The Haj" author
- 37. Oft repeated word in "Fargo" 9. Pearl Harbor locale
- 38. "Boulevard of Broken
- Dreams" and "21 Guns" 42. Affection, briefly
- 43. Spikes on a farm
- 44. French hens count
- 45. Compass point
- 46. Set one's heart on
- 49. Boys
- 50. Where Lux. is
- 51. Lowest tide
- 53. 60s rock band, goes with 55 27. Chop into bits

- 55. See 53 across
  - - 60. Spanish painter
    - 65. Dot in the Pacific

    - 69. Green-lights
    - 70. Explosives

- 2. "My word!"
- 5. Didn't hold

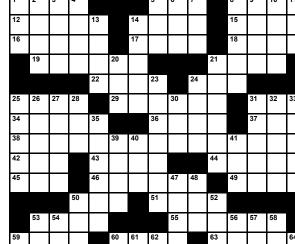
- 10. Succulent plant
- 11. Cut, as a branch
- 13. Seaweed bed
- 20. "...\_ quit!"
- 21. Hound type
- 24. French cheese

- 63. Homer's story
- 66. Gaga, e.g.
- 67. Barnyard honker
- 68. Four quarters

- 1. Soft food
- 3. Knot
- 4. Auto engineer Benz
- 6. Suffix with west
- 7. Paternity identifier

- 14. Swerved
- 23. Connects
- 25. Holds up
- 26. Movie stars, rock stars, etc.

Answers on P13



- 28. Good baseball throw
- 30. \_\_\_ on the side of caution
- 31. Mythical monster 32. Cried out on a farm
- 33. "Indeed' 35. Gone
- 39. Columnist Bugs
- 41. Ice hockey org.
- 47. Make good on 48. French water

- 53. Two capsules, perhaps 54. "The Intimate \_\_\_\_" (1990 jazz
- 56. Land area
- 40. Age abbreviation
- 50. Conger catcher
- 52. Uptight sort
- 61. Symbol of might 62. Drapers' meas.

- 57. Safari animal
- - 64. \_\_\_ Plaines
- 58. Word after Near, Middle or Far 59. Home improvement network 60. Mop & \_\_: cleaning brand

- moods can be tracked. It could help you to do so now because you're about to raise your vibes and your general set point. Later, it will be
  - so you can repeat successful actions. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The most profound love is unconditional love. The hardest person to give it to is yourself. The reason is that you know everything about you, and what you know about others is

only what they show you. Give the mighty force of unconditional love

to yourself this week and new things

FOR THE WEEK OF May 14th, 2023

selfless giving many mothers

accomplish, the poet E.E. Cummings

wrote, "If there are any heavens

my mother will (all by herself) have

one." Mercury affords some grace for

the celebration as well, ending the

retrograde. This and the lucky water

trines of last week, slowly melting

like ice cream in the punch bowl,

will sweeten the emotional tone.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you

feel less enthusiastic than your

optimistic friends and colleagues, it's

only because you know how much

work is involved in grand plans.

Also, most of the responsibility

will fall to you, so your attitude is

appropriate. You'll get happier as

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Like wildlife and Amazon packages,

helpful to look back and see how

you got to the new and better place

Mother's Day goes to plan.

more is accomplished.

- become possible for you. CANCER (June 22-July 22). The urge to stereotype is a survival mechanism that maturity makes completely unnecessary. You've been past it a long while, but you have compassion when you see it in others. You'll see many reasons to compliment others, and these observations come from a genuine
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People disappoint one another on the regular. If they didn't, there would be no way they could surprise and delight one another. You embrace the multifaceted and complex nature of the people around you and refuse to see anyone as inherently bad or flawed. How someone is at any given moment doesn't reflect

place. Noticing talent is a talent in

and of itself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a pressured aspect to the week, mostly due to an approaching deadline. The good news is, there's no need to actively search for inspiration. You're in a stage where creativity is primed to flow effortlessly. Ideas are readily available. All that's left to do is let it happen.

their entire character.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When life throws new circumstances to you, your mind and body comes up with a response geared toward keeping you safe. It's a well-intended plan, but unfortunately, it can lead to a

**Mercury Direct on** the day of Mothers good deal of anxiety. The good news is, you can dissemble this response, In heartfelt recognition of the too, if it's inappropriate or unwanted

by the whole of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're on your game this week. You know where you're going and how to get there. Your super talent is understanding others. You're very good at this. You'll sum up what another person wants but is not able to articulate, which is a gift that takes great empathy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As you adapt to meet the demands of a situation, you'll assume you're doing this as most people would, when in fact you probably assume this is what everybody does. Yes, everyone adapts, each in their own way, but there's something special and unique about your particular

way. This is worth looking into. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Fears will be overcome this week, mostly with exposure to their source. Whatever scares you, try a little of it. No need to dive into it, just take on as much as you can stand. Go slowly. Face the fear, retreat, recover, then repeat. By facing your fear little by little, time and again, you will

become immune to it. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An anonymous person said, "Never forget what it's like to be 16." There are some aspects of youth you're happy to be done with forever and some you will actively try to keep alive today. For all your experience, there are things that come up his week that make you feel naive, and

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be new at something, and it won't do you any good to pretend you know any more than you do about it. Your beginner's status will endear you to those who can teach you more. To replay in your mind the version where you do and say the perfect thing can be a form of

it's not a bad feeling.

self-reprimand.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: A year of expansion -- your mind, heart network and wallet, mostly. Relationships lighten up with mutual acceptance of one another's whole being and extended realities. You become more playful and fun in your personal life, which requires little in the way of plots and reasons -- brilliant results from doing just as you feel. More highlights: an exotic trip you'll document beautifully, family growth and healing, and a better way of getting around, costefficient and stylish.

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## **VALEMOUNT**

THUR MAY 11th **Moose Hide Campaign** at 10am Take Action to end Violence Against Women and Children. Everyone is invited to join us, to stand up against gender based violence. We will start the day with a small gathering, information about the campaign and end with a walk around Valemount. For more information contact the office at 250-566-9107

May 12th-13th Local theatre production of "i Human" written and directed by Miwa Hiroe at the Community Theatre (Valemount Secondary) 7:30pm. Tickets at Infinity and door.

SAT MAY 13th from 8am-5pm & MAY 14th 8am-1pm. PAL firearm course in Valemount. Register at the Valemount RVCS Office (99 Gorse St) spots are limited \$190 per person, \$10 additional for Printed Manual, cash or etransfer to finance@rvcsbc.org, reservations will only be held once payment, and registration details are received.

TUE MAY 16th and 30th Valemount Seniors are invited for a **Nature Walk** from 1:30-2:30pm. Meet us at the turn-around spot at the end of Ash Street and join us for a walk, roll or stroll along the Cranberry Marsh board walk. All abilities are welcome. Please contact the office for more information. This program is funded by Columbia Basin Trust. Registration NOT required.

June 9th-11th Valemountain Days is back! Friday night street party, Saturday morning parade, bouncy castles and clown, slo-pitch tournament, logger sports and more! Watch for posters and more details in the coming weeks.

## **Ongoing Valemount Events**

MONs Family Place Drop-In is 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 (99 Gorse St). This month:

MAY 15- Mothers day craft at Centennial Park

MAY 22- Stat holiday (No FPDI)

MAY 29- The Seven Teachings colouring and stories at Centennial Park

WEDs at 7pm **The Old Timers band** play live music in the Golden Years Lodge.

WEDs Seniors are invited to **Wellness Wednesdays** at the Valemount Secondary School (201 Ash Street). Visit with the students as we knit/crochet or battle over a game of crib! Registration NOT required.

WEDs Join the **Valemount Garden Club** where you can discuss weekly topics such as Garden Planning, Seed Starting, Growing Flowers, Sprouts in a Jar. From 2-3:30pm at the Valemount office. Registration NOT required contact the office for more info. This program made possible with funding from Community Adult Literacy Program.

THURS Free **Drop-In/Coffee House** at the Golden Years Lodge the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 10 am until 2 pm. It's open to everyone regardless of your age. If you currently have any 'mobility issues' call Derek 250-613-6905 for a ride in the accessibility bus. The next Drop in Coffee House is on May 4th.

Most SATs 10am-11:15am **Creative writing group**. Join us for writing and friendly conversation. Everyone welcome. Contact Laura to confirm dates and times in May at lauraishere@gmail.com

SATs 1-3 pm **Crafty Stitchers meet** downstairs at the Valemount Public Library everyone welcome! 250-566-4367 for more information.

SUNs **Pancake breakfast at the Valemount Legion** Sundays 8 to 11am. By donation!.

MON through FRIs the **Valemount Seed Library** is available in our lobby during business hours at RVCS Valemount (99 Gorse St). Office hours: Monday to Wednesday 8am-4pm, Thursday 10am-6pm and Friday 8am-4pm Come take free seeds to grow in your garden this summer. By saving seeds, we can maintain genetic diversity, adapt to changing environmental conditions, and save money by not having to purchase new seeds every year.

MON through FRI Contact the Valemount RVCS Office to book your **Community Garden Plot**. Cost \$25/year, Volunteer 8hr/year, tools provided. Contact us at 250-566-9107 or email events@rvcsbc.org for more information or to sign up.

MON through FRIs the **Free Food Farm Stand and Pantry** are available for anyone who would like some free, fresh produce. We accept donations of unprocessed fruits and veggies also. The stand is accessible in the front lobby at RVCS Valemount (99 Gorse St) and is available to everyonejust help yourself! Emergency top-up food is accessible to our clients and anyone who walks through the door.

## **MCBRIDE**

TUEs May 16th Leather Making Workshops in McBride! Join us to make your own Keychain and make a Leather pouch from 1-2:30pm; you can sign up for each of these dates or both. Please contact us to register. This program is brought to you by the McBride Adult Literacy Program and funded by CAL

FRI MAY 12th Anglican-United Thrift Store **Spring Fashion Show** 12pm-2pm. Light lunch provided.

FRI MAY 12 Lemonade & Trunk Sale 3-8pm Main Street McBride. Additionally, new this year, McBride Marketplace for crafters, home based businesses, baking etc. For more info or to book, contact Gina Gallacher at Mountainview Boutique.

SAT MAY 13th The 7th Day Adventist Social Committee is hosting a **Mother's Day potluck** in Koeneman Park at 5pm. If weather is poor it will be held in the church basement.

THUR MAY 18th McBride seniors are invited to a **Painting Workshop** with Leaha, from 1:30-3:30pm. Held at McBride RVCS Office (942 3rd ave) Join us for a laid-back painting workshop to socialize & explore your creativity. All materials provided. This activity is adaptable for those with finger/mobility limitations. Please contact the office to register. This program is funded by the New Horizons for Seniors Grant Funding.

May 19th-20th Local theatre production of "i Human" written and directed by Miwa Hiroe at the Roundhouse Theatre (McBride Secondary). 7:30pm. Tickets at Welcome Home and the door

TUE MAY 30th Seniors you are invited to Join us for a **Bird Sanctuary Walk**, from 1-3pm. Meet at RVCS and then join us for a walk in nature & identification of local water fowl. Come for the exercise, socialization & learning. This program is funded by the New Horizons for Seniors Grant funding.

## Ongoing McBride Events

WEDs Seniors **Drop-In Coffee House** is every second

Wednesday from 1-3pm with Sandy. All seniors are invited to come by for some social time, a warm beverage and snacks at RVCS (942 3rd ave). Next dates is: MAY 17th

MON through THURs, McBride RVCS now has a **FREE FOOD PANTRY** that's available to all! Emergency top-up food is accessible to our clients, preschool program and anyone who walks through the door. We share and accept donated foods that are safe and fresh for use. Contact RVCS at 250-569-2266 or email foodsecurity@rvcsbc.org. The local Food Bank is also available: 250-569-3186.

MONs **Family Place Drop-In** is on Mondays from 9am-noon at RVCS (942 3rd Ave) and 1pm-4pm. Join for connection with other families, parenting resources and fun for you and your 0-6 year old children. No registration required. Call 250-569-2266 for more info.

TUEs Come Learn Sign Language with us at 942 3rd Ave McBride. 11-12pm Increase our ability to communicate and teach your children and family. Stimulate your brain and learn about Deaf Culture. Registration is NOT required. Contact 250-569-2266 or email events@rvcsbc.org for more information. Brought to you by the McBride Community Adult & Family Literacy Program.

TUESs Chess Club - 5-6pm at the library. All ages and abilities welcome.

TUEs Starting May 2nd **Dance Exercise For Seniors** with Jodi in McBride. Seniors are invited to come try seated/ low impact dance moves and exercise with Jodi at the McBride RVCS office 942 3rd Ave From May 2 to 30th from 3:15-4:00pm. No Registration is require. Contact the office for more information. Supported by the New Horizon's for Seniors Grant funding.

WEDs Everyone is invited to join the McBride Gardening Club where you can discuss weekly topics such as Creative Garden Spaces, Garden Planning, and so much more from 1-2pm. Registration NOT required. Contact us for more info. This program made possible with funding from Community Adult Literacy Program.

THURs & FRIs **Weekly Adults' Programs** at the McBride Library: Fibre Artists (Thurs, 10:30am), Writing Group (Fri, 1.30pm). Call 569 2411 for details.

MONs & WEDs it's time to **Dance during Community Fitness** with Jodie at the Elks Hall. Twice weekly from 7:15pm-8pm this drop-in program offers free admission to seniors and youth. Other age groups are invited to pay by donation or pay what you can. Call 250-230-8035 for info.

## **DUNSTER**

SUN May 14 **Annual Mother's Day Yard Sale** and 8x8 Art Auction at the Dunster Schoolhouse. The Yard Sale is from 10:00am to 4:00pm and anyone can come and set up a table between the Dunster Store and the Dunster School! There will be a concession and Dunster Burgers!

Saturday, May 20th first Dunster Farmer's Market at the Dunster. Community Hall. 11:00 to 1:00 Vendors and buskers welcome. No charge. Buy Local Burger Concession. Weekly Markets to resume July 8th. Contact: Pete Amyoony 250-968-4334



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.

# Grow Up Already!

I'm sure if I advised some local gardeners to "grow up" there would be a few raised eyebrows! However, I am just suggesting that you consider growing some of your crops this year on supports and trellises.

Most folks have grown pole beans and peas this way but you may want to try other crops such as cucumbers, vine tomatoes, melons and squash. Of course the larger the fruit, the stronger support you will need. I have been growing my cantaloupe and honeydew melons in my greenhouse on small trellises or twine and when the fruit forms, I give each fruit a homemade net "hammock" to support its weight.

Cucumbers grown up a net or trellis will be kept off the ground and out of the dampness. They will grow straighter and longer. You will be less likely to miss picking a cucumber as they are much easier to see when up off the ground. If you let a cucumber get overripe, the whole vine will think it has served its purpose and will stop producing new fruit. If you keep them picked, they will continue to produce more and more until the cold weather arrives.

Tomatoes (especially vine or "indeterminate" types) do so much better if trained up a fence, trellis or twine supports. It is so much easier to keep them pruned to one main stem. When the fruit develops, it is up where the slugs can't get at it and where the warm air helps to speed up the ripening.

If you have a limited size for garden space, growing up is a real advantage as the amount of space for each plant is really reduced. Ten cucumber plants can be planted in the same bed space as one plant allowed to sprawl on the ground.

In a previous column, #60, I explained how to construct "melon boxes" to grow squash and melons if you don't have a greenhouse. If covered, they can be used as mini-greenhouses to get a head start on the season for these heat-loving plants. The melon boxes have built in trellises that act as a support for plastic in the spring and then act as support for the vines as they grow.

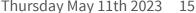
Another simple trellis is constructed of two-by-two's driven into the ground as posts every 4 feet (120cm). With a cross piece added to the top of the posts, you can hang baler twine or garden netting down for the plants to grow up.

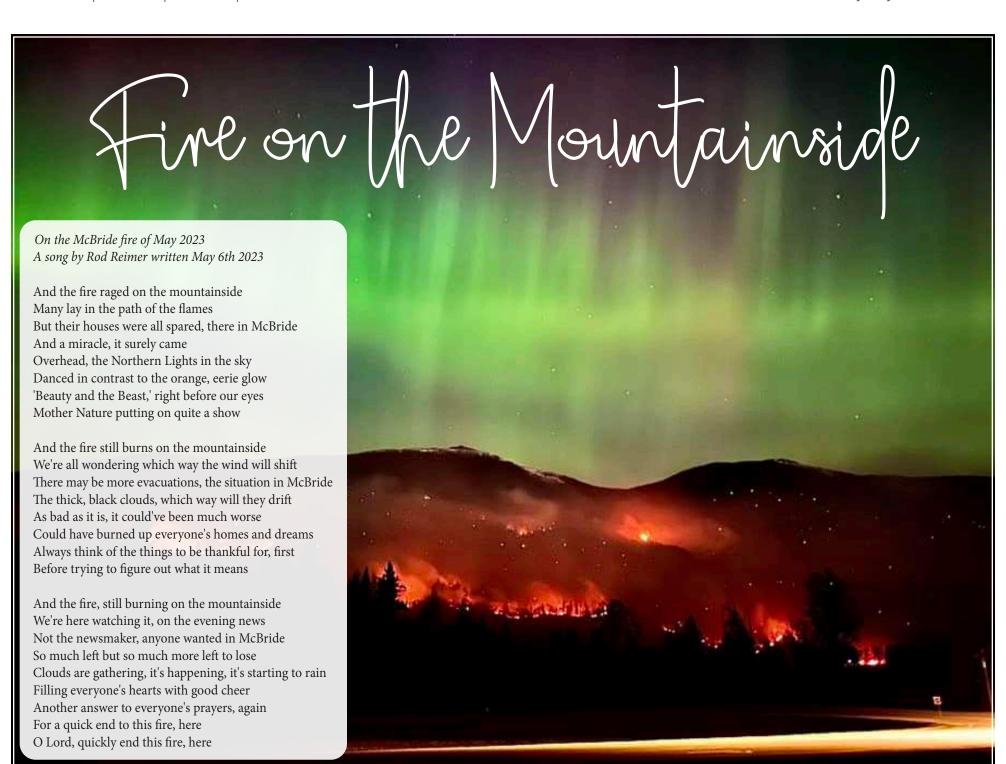
Another simple support I have used for years is six foot (2m) pieces of rebar driven into the ground every six feet (2m). I then stretch out stucco wire and attach it to the rebar with short pieces of twine or wire used like twist ties. It is so easy to put up and take down in the fall.

Of course most of us have seen or used to old standby tepee for growing pole beans. They can be purchased as bamboo poles and a ring to hold them together or you can do as our ancestors did and take a quiet stroll through the woods to collect poles and tie them together a bit down from the top with twine. Planting four to six beans around each pole will give you a great crop.

If you haven't "grown up" yet, this may be the summer to give it a try!

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The eerie glow of the Teare Creek Wildfire lit up the mountainside just as the northern lights lit up the sky May 5th 2023. /PHOTO COURTESY MANDII MAE KJOS

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