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with Leon Lorenz

The incubation period for robins is approximately 2 weeks. Note the parents only gives appropriate size worms or insects to the newly hatched youngsters. /LEON LORENZ

## Locally produced power to supply valley for second half of July

By ABIGAIL POPPLE, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER, RMG

BC Hydro will be disconnecting users of the Valemount substation – which provides electricity for the entire Robson Valley – from its power grid on July 15th through August 2nd to upgrade the substation’s power transformer, says spokesperson Susan Edgell. During this time, the Valley will be receiving energy from Independent Power Producers (IPPs), rather than the Valemount substation, in a process called “islanding.”

In an email to The Goat, Edgell said the company does not anticipate a disruption in power while the valley is islanded.

“There is a very slight chance of a small 15-minute disruption when the power is transferred from the substation to the IPP at the start of work on July (15th), and then again when the power is transferred back to the substation at the end of the project on (August 2nd),” she wrote. “In most cases, the transfer of power goes seamlessly at the start and finish of these types of projects.”

According to Edgell, IPPs are only able to provide power when water levels are high.

“They are able to help with power needs from the time freshet occurs; usually sometime in June, and often run until September,” she wrote. “Of course right now with drought conditions in effect around the province that window would likely shut earlier than September this year. But it is within this timeframe when they are able to help BC Hydro with offering power supply in times of need.”

There are two independent power producers in Valemount and four in McBride, according to Hydro’s IPP Supply List.

“We will use the other IPPs as needed to supply the load, with (the Castle Creek IPP) acting as the regulator,” said John Wheeler, spokesperson for the local IPPs.

He added that islanding will be in effect for all of the valley, from Dome Creek to Albreda to Mount Robson.

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# Seniors’ oral history showcased at first-ever Dunster Film Festival

By Abigail Popple, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, RMG

Dunster local Andy Keim remembers a time when the Robson Valley had no access to TV or radio. His peer, Ike Mackinnon, recalls a time before the valley even had roads, so high school-aged kids from remote communities took a train to McBride and stayed in the Secondary School’s dorms four nights a week to get their education, then did farmwork over the summer to make money.

Keim and Mackinnon are two of ten local seniors featured in a series of short films documenting the history of the Robson Valley, which premiered during the first-ever Dunster Film Festival last week. While the films have been edited into concise videos, over 20 hours of video footage were produced through the project – videos which will now be saved in the Valley Museum and Archives for future generations.

Filmmaker Hannah Clifford organized the film festival to offer residents a first look at the videos before they are put online, she told The Goat. Proceeds from concession sales and donations went to the Dunster Station Museum.

Last year, Clifford was tasked with interviewing eight to ten seniors on video, then uploading the raw footage and edited clips online. The resulting films are around ten minutes long each, showing seniors chatting in their homes interspersed with cinematic shots of Dunster and McBride landscapes.

“The task was to cut out the ‘money pieces’ for internet use, and the rest (of the raw footage) went online,” Clifford told The Goat. “I’m a filmmaker, so I decided to make little vignettes instead of just interview parts. We were just going to put them online, and I thought we should show them to the community before they go online.”

Clifford hopes to continue the film festival next year. She also showed Mother Tongue, a film about Amy the Coday – one half of the local music duo Half/Asian – and Monkey Beach, starring Grace Dove, who was raised in Prince George.

Attendees of the festival appreciated the chance to hear about the beginnings of Dunster. At just shy of 110 years old, some of the community’s earliest days are still in living memory: resident Nancy Taylor, herself featured in the series, believes it is important to preserve seniors’ testimony while that’s still the case.

“The voices of the older generation are really important,” Taylor told The Goat. “We celebrated our hundredth (anniversary) in 2015... so it’s not that long, in the big scheme of things. We can record it and preserve it.”

Michelle Davis, who traveled from McBride to see the films, said she was interested in hearing about the history of the community.

“I wanted to see the local residents and hear the history,” she said. “I love anything Dunster.”

Bridget Uhl, curator at the Valley Museum and Archives, was also in attendance.

“I’ve been talking to Hannah for months and months, watching the process unfold. I understand just how much work is involved,” Uhl said. “She did a great job, and there was a great turnout tonight. It’s great to have it online, especially for people that don’t live here anymore, or who are considering coming to the valley.”

Clifford said she’s grateful that attendees came out to support the Dunster Station Museum, and hopes to interview more seniors in the future.

“If we can get more volunteers, or if the museum curator could gather more funding, then we’ll probably continue,” Clifford said, adding that those interested in volunteering can contact the museum or the Dunster Film Festival Facebook page.

Taylor also hopes more seniors will get the opportunity to share their stories.

“This is just the tip of the iceberg. There’s so much more that could be filmed, there are so many more voices,” she said. “There’s lots of new young people right now, too. And I think it’s really cool that they can see we all came here with our dreams and fantasies.”



A small army of daisies stand tall along the side of the road with their faces turned to the setting summer sun. /ANDREA ARNOLD



Roughly four dozen McBride and Dunster locals gathered at the Dunster Community Hall for the community’s inaugural film festival. Organizer and filmmaker Hannah Clifford hopes to make the festival an annual event, she told The Goat. /ABIGAIL POPPLE



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The position will remain open until July 19th 2024, or until a suitable candidate is found.

We thank all applicants for their interest. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



# Trans Mountain to inspect pipeline near Blue River

By ABIGAIL POPPLE, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER, RMG

Trans Mountain will perform a routine integrity investigation near a section of its mainline pipeline 12 kilometres north of Blue River on July 23rd.

The company will expose the pipe using excavators and hand digging, and use a vacuum truck and air lance tools to clear away loose dirt. The dig site will be reclaimed to pre-disturbance conditions once work is completed, according to the operations and maintenance report the company filed with the Canada Energy Regulator (CER).

In order to access the site, Trans Mountain will make use of seven vehicle crossings, says the report. However, a media spokesperson for the company told The Goat that the site is in a non-populated area, and no impacts to vehicular traffic are expected.

The integrity dig is a standard process for ensuring pipelines are safe and compliant with CER requirements, the spokesperson added.

“We initiate integrity digs after running an in-line inspection tool through the pipeline,” the spokesperson wrote. “If the tool reports a result that warrants a visual inspection, we may follow up with an integrity dig. It involves exposing a buried section of our pipeline in order to carry out a visual inspection and if necessary, make a repair.”

While the report initially filed with the CER says there are unresolved third-party concerns about the dig, this statement was due to a clerical error, according to the company spokesperson. Trans Mountain has since sent an information report to the CER confirming that there are no outstanding third-party concerns about the dig, and to ensure that the rest of the report is accurate.

# Valemount Secondary School Writing Contest results

GOAT STAFF

Congratulations to the winners of the Valemount Secondary School Writing Contest! The first prize winners received a \$25 gift card to the Goat's Bookstore, courtesy of The Rocky Mountain Goat.

## PROSE

- 1st Place: The Queen by Gwenelen Hanson
- 2nd Place: Every Monday by Rozina Shaw
- 3rd Place: Something to Live For by Payton Voth

## POETRY

- 1st Place: Human Foil by Rozina Shaw
- 2nd Place: These Hours by Rozina Shaw
- 3rd Place: I Do by Katelyn Michaud

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### Village Updates

The new stop lines painted on Main Street are in preparation for the change in traffic pattern coming soon.

Please watch for traffic signs and follow the directions accordingly.

### Flush with Care

It is tempting to dispose of things by flushing them down the toilet. Toilets, after all, are designed to accept solid matter and they don't have the pesky screens over the drain.

But before you do, please be aware that Public Works is having to spend increased time cleaning all manner of things from the lift stations, including mop heads, rubber gloves and more.

To keep our system healthy, please empty dirty water into a sink with a screen when you can to prevent inadvertent items going into the toilet, and please never deliberately put anything into the toilet that it is not designed for.

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### Village of Valemount – Job Opportunities

Please visit <https://valemount.ca/village-office/job-postings/> to view job opportunities within the municipality.

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### 2025 Permissive Tax Exemption Applications

Section 224 of the Community Charter, gives Council the authority to exempt certain land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes. Council considers Permissive Tax Exemptions for non-profit organizations that contribute to the well-being of Village residents, make improvements to the quality of life for residents, and/or are an extension of Village Services.

A new application must be completed every year and must be accompanied by all required documentation. The deadline for applications to be received by the Tax Office is **July 31st, 2024**.

To be eligible for a permissive tax exemption an organization must comply with the guidelines and be approved by Council.

Applications are now available at our office located at 735 Cranberry Lake Road or online [www.valemount.ca](http://www.valemount.ca).

### Valemount Museum Children's Program

The Valemount Museum is offering a summer program, for children between the ages of 6 and 12, with themed activities, crafts, games and more. This program runs from July 12<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup>, every Friday from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

Sign up at the Museum, 1090 Main Street, or email [museum@valemount.ca](mailto:museum@valemount.ca).



### Hours of Operation as of July 1st:

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# Tourism Valemount Buy Local Program

SUBMITTED BY TOURISM VALEMOUNT

Tourism Valemount has teamed up with Columbia Basin Trust, and the Valemount Farmers’ Market to showcase Valemount’s vibrant local businesses.

What does this mean for you? Prizes, and Visit Valemount Bucks for you to spend in participating local businesses. How can you win? There are three easy steps for you to be entered.

On Social Media:

1. Post your photo with hashtag #BuyLocalValemount2024
2. Tag @TourismValemount and the local vendor.
3. Make sure your Instagram profile is set to public to do this!

Each submission enters you into a draw to win prizes like the Visit Valemount Bucks, reusable shopping bags and lunch sized cooler bags.

In Person: Coming up in August there will be draw boxes at the participating businesses where after making your purchases you can enter for a chance to win a gift card, cooler bag or shopping bag!

Tourism Valemount will be set up as a vendor at the Valemount Farmers’ Market on July 4th, July 11th and July 18th with a draw for you to enter to win prizes, and to answer any questions you may have! You will also be able to vote for your favorite Valemount Businesses. Look for our Tourism Valemount tent at the market.

Join us in a random act of kindness campaign for the month of July! Locals can be nominated for a gift certificate for their act of kindness. Names will be drawn from those nominated. To nominate someone who helps others, does random acts of kindness by just sending

their name to visitvalemount@gmail.com. They will have their name enter for a draw for a Visit Valemount Bucks gift card to participating businesses.

Thank you for continuing to buy local and support the incredible businesses here in Valemount, BC. This project has been made possible with the support of the Columbia Basin Trust. Executive Director, Marcie Down mentioned that the Columbia Basin Trust Buy Local campaign opportunity was applied for to give a positive boost and support to the community and local businesses. Tourism Valemount was pleased to receive the funding provided to shine a spotlight on the diverse entrepreneurs who work, live and play in this community, and to launch fun and engaging social media campaigns with gift cards to local businesses as prizes. Lunch cooler bags and reusable shopping bags that will feature the partner logos will be given out as prizes this summer.

For those business owners in Valemount who would like to know more about this campaign please contact visitvalemount@gmail.com for more information. To learn about future campaigns and marketing opportunities subscribe to the Tourism Valemount newsletter on the website at www.visitvalemount.ca.

Special thanks to those businesses who are participating in the campaign. Valemount Farmers’ Market, Village Greens, Valemount Visitor Center, Valemount Museum, Three Ranges Brewery, Infinity Office and Health, Rocky Mountain Goat Bookstore, Caribou Grill, Glacier Firer Pizzeria, Vale Coffee, District Bicycle Company, The Funky Goat Eatery, and Mountain Driftwood Gallery.

This campaign is on until August 31st, 2024.

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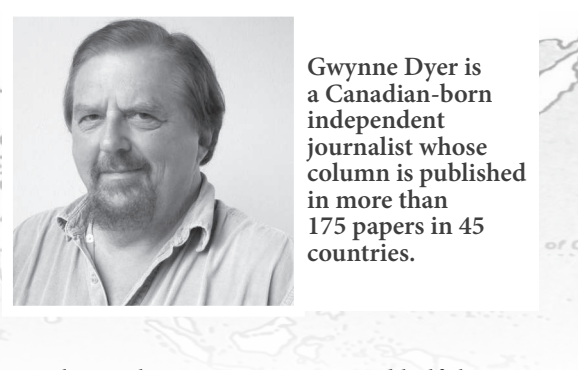
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# Global Thoughts

## France: No Panic

BY GWYNNE DYER



Nothing else in France looks like the 1930s, so why should fascism? There really is a fascist movement in France, although it avoids torch-lit marches and jackboots. This movement used to be called the National Front, and its founders included Frenchmen who had fought for the Nazis. Jean-Marie Le Pen, the party leader for four decades, was a street-fighting ex-paratrooper. When his daughter Marine Le Pen took over in 2011 she started ‘detoxifying’ the party to make it electable. Like most makeovers, however, it was mainly cosmetic. ‘National Front’ sounded too 1930s, so six years ago she changed its name to National Rally (Rassemblement Nationale - RN), which evokes cheerful, positive things like togetherness and brotherhood. It has worked, more or less. The RN used to get 10% or 15% of the vote in national elections, but it went to 34% in last month’s elections for the European Parliament. Cue media hysteria! France is going fascist! How hysterical? Well, here’s an example, from a normally reputable media source. “The French President’s gamble has backfired spectacularly. Emmanuel Macron thought he could stop the far right’s surge in popularity by calling a snap election. It was an act of gross hubris, based on a historical miscalculation.”

“Instead, the far right are on the verge of taking power in France – in what would be the country’s first far-right government since the Vichy regime that collaborated with the Nazis.” Thus spake the editor of a leading London newspaper, and hundreds of other journalists and pundits all over the world agreed with him. It is utter twaddle which deliberately ignores the facts because “The Nazis are coming!” makes for a more exciting story. The National Rally is attracting new members who like the shiny facade, but it also constantly reassures its core voters that it still hates Muslims, Jews, immigrants and foreigners in general. However, the National Rally is not “on the verge of taking power in France.” It got 34% of the French votes in the elections to the European Parliament last month, but the European Parliament doesn’t matter much and there was no election due in France until 2027. So why did Macron call an election to France’s National Assembly three years early? Didn’t he realise that everybody was likely to vote the same way again in a national election in France only three weeks later? The NR got one-third of the votes again, so Macron is an arrogant idiot, etc., etc.,

No, he just knows how to count. You need half the seats in the National Assembly to form a government, not one-third of them. It’s called an absolute majority: 50% plus one. But what if the National Rally made a coalition with some other party? Won’t happen, because no other major party will enter into a coalition with fascists. There is always a second round in French elections in electoral districts where no candidate gets more than 50% of the votes in the first round. If the RN is leading in many districts at that point, all the other candidates except the one best-placed to beat the fascists will drop out of the second round. That’s what happened in France last Monday and Tuesday, and it means that the National Rally cannot get far beyond one-third of the seats. Macron is arrogant, but he is not stupid. He assumed that all the non-fascist parties would come together again (as they have) and freeze the RN out in the second round of voting this Sunday (as they will). Then the other parties will cobble together some sort of coalition in the National Assembly, and Macron will remain president until 2027. There is a worrisome drift towards the extreme right in the big Western democracies, but the only one at risk of going over the edge this year is the United States.

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## Iran’s Rapidly Eroding Theocracy

By GWYNNE DYER

“I have heard that people’s zeal and interest is higher than in the first round [of Iran’s presidential election],” Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told Iranian TV just before the second round of voting on Sunday. “It is wrong to assume those who abstained in the first round are opposed to Islamic rule.” Khamenei is about as old now as Joe Biden would be at the end of a second term (85), so it’s understandable that he might misspeak from time to time, but that was a doozy. Five million extra people voted in the second round of the Iranian election, and they voted for Masoud Pezeshkian, the guy who opposes Islamic rule. Well, not exactly opposes it. Actually calling for an end to ‘Islamic rule’ – that is, total control of the country by a self-chosen group of Islamic scholars – will get you a long time in prison or even a death sentence, so people tend not to do that. Instead, they vote for people like Masoud Pezeshkian. He’s a ‘reformer’ who pledges loyalty to the theocratic system, but manages to signal to the voters that he would ease up on the dictatorial aspects of the system if elected. It’s normal for half the voters or more to boycott elections, because the Supreme Leader always vets the

list of candidates and often only extreme supporters of the theocracy make it through. But once in a while some moderate reformer gets onto the list of candidates, and then the ‘democrats’ (let’s call them that) face a choice. That’s what happened this time. Only one of the four candidates, Masoud Pezeshkian, could be described as a ‘reformer’, and a lot of unimpressed democrats abstained as usual. However, nobody got more than 50% of the votes, so the two leading candidates went through to a run-off round – and Pezeshkian, to most people’s surprise, was in the lead. He was still doomed to lose in the second round unless a lot more voters showed up, because his surviving opponent in the second round, hard-line conservative Saeed Jalili, would inherit the pro-regime votes of the ones who dropped out. But five million extra voters decided Pezeshkian had a chance, showed up at the polls, and gave him a victory. What does all this mean? In a 45-year-old system in which the Supreme Leader always has the last word, can it really make a difference? What makes Iran so hard to read is that it is an oligarchy, based not on wealth but on religious knowledge, which at the point of delivery turns into a kind of democracy. The candidates are vetted for

religious orthodoxy, the media do as they are told – but nobody knows who is going to win the elections. Assuming Pezeshkian is allowed to take office, it might even extend the theocracy’s lifespan for another term or two. He doesn’t necessarily want that, but that might be the effect if the changes he wants really happen. He calls for “constructive relations” with the West. He wants to revive the no-nukes deal with the United States (which Donald Trump cancelled in 2018) in order to end the crippling sanctions and salvage the Iranian economy. He opposes the use of force to make women cover their hair. He promises to try to ease internet censorship by the state. Nothing too radical, then. Just more evidence that the majority of Iranians dislike the existing system. No indication of when that dislike will again erupt into outright defiance (although it does so fairly regularly), or of when that defiance might finally succeed. But if you can plausibly say that ‘this cannot go on forever’, you are also saying ‘some day this will come to an end’. This cannot go on forever, and it is probably a great deal closer to its end than its beginning.

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# Jasper National Park developing management plan as visitation increases

SCOTT HAYES, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

With visitation to Jasper National Park increasing every year, the issue of managing all those people and their activities is a growing concern for Parks Canada. That is why Parks Canada has taken its first step to develop a Visitor Use Management Plan. Of course, managing visitors is not a new concept. “Parks Canada has been managing how visitors use Jasper National Park for many, many, many years,” said Emily Goldney, planner with Jasper National Park’s planning team. Only formalizing it with this plan is new. In managing Jasper National Park, Parks Canada must balance providing visitors with opportunities to discover and enjoy this national natural treasure while maintaining or restoring the ecological integrity. Facilitating high-quality visitor experiences that are sustainable is no small task. Visitor use management refers to all the ways that Parks Canada manages visitors’ activities: what they can do, where, when, and with how many people, etc. Parks Canada estimated that Jasper National Park received more than 2.48 million visitors in 2023, an increase from 2019 when the park had 2.46 million pre-COVID visitors and an overall jump of 20 per cent from figures a decade ago. That amount of human traffic is bringing about a rise in issues such as congestion on the roadways, crowding, human-wildlife conflict and other negative impacts to ecosystems. Anyone who enjoys those waterbodies during the summer can easily recognize that popular areas come with serious downsides including vehicle jams, littering and wildlife habituation. During the last week of July 2023, a female grizzly bear with two cubs approached picnickers at both Lake Annette and Lake Edith, scaring off the people so that they could eat the food they left behind. The recent traffic congestion measures at Lake Annette and Lake Edith is one example of how visitor use management is evolving with the times. “It’s also things like closing trails in the early season to protect sensitive vegetation, or allowing bikes on some trails but not others, and closing certain areas seasonally,” Goldney said. Everything is on the table to develop this plan, and Goldney and her team are following what’s happening in national parks elsewhere including Banff and even in the United States. “Tourism destinations all over the world are grappling with these problems of seeing more people and trying to see how they can keep visitation sustainable long-term,” Goldney said.

“Myself and my project team are really looking at all these different examples from around the world to see what actions might make the best sense for our local context here in Jasper. The pressures we’re experiencing here are different than the pressures we’re seeing elsewhere. What works well in one place might not work well in another.” This is a perfect opportunity for that planning team to look at what’s working well and what could be tweaked to work better. Parks Canada is asking people to contribute their thoughts and feelings through a survey that is available until Sept. 13. The survey is available at [letstalkmountainparks.ca](https://letstalkmountainparks.ca) or sending an email to [opinion-jasper@pc.gc.ca](mailto:opinion-jasper@pc.gc.ca). The Visitor Use Management Planning focus areas include Lake Annette and Lake Edith, Maligne Canyon, Mount Edith Cavell, Old Fort Point, Pyramid and Patricia Lakes, and Valley of the Five Lakes. The feedback will contribute to helping Parks Canada meet its commitments in the Jasper National Park Management Plan 2022, focusing on the May to September period when visitation is at its peak. After the survey ends, Jasper National Park expects to have its Draft Visitor Use Strategies and Actions developed for consult by Summer 2025. The Visitor Use Management Plan should be published and implemented in 2026.



The parking lot at Maligne Canyon was full last weekend, so visitors were parking illegally on Maligne Road. Just inside the entrance to the parking lot, people were getting out of their vehicles and approaching a black bear that was foraging nearby. /SCOTT HAYES

## Barriere RCMP investigating attempted boat theft

BY ABIGAIL POPPLE, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER, RMG

The Barriere RCMP are seeking information on an attempted boat theft that resulted in serious injury of the boat owner. Officers responded to the attempted theft on July 6th, near the Adam’s Lake boat launch. Two men attempted to steal the boat before the owner successfully stopped the theft. The boat’s owner sustained serious, but not life-threatening, injuries after having been dragged behind the boat when he intervened. It is still unclear how this happened, and investigators believe it may have been unintentional, Corporal James Grandy told The Goat. Grandy hopes residents who have spotted the suspect’s vehicle – a grey-blue, flat-deck truck with wood panelling on the side – will contact Barriere RCMP. Witnesses of the incident, or people with information about the suspects, can reach Corporal Kyle Camalush at (250) 672-9918.

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# “Buy Local, Burn Local:” experts warn not to move firewood to prevent invasive species



Native to east Asia, the emerald ash borer is an invasive species that has recently been found in Vancouver. It was first discovered in North America back in 2002 and has since killed millions of ash trees in Southwestern Ontario, Michigan and surrounding states, according to Natural Resources Canada. The organization says the beetle "poses a major economic and environmental threat" to both urban and forested areas in Canada and the U.S., partly because the beetle has no natural predators in North America. /NATURAL RESOURCES CANADA

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After a population of the invasive emerald ash borer was found in Vancouver, invasive species experts are advising B.C. campers not to take firewood from park to park in an effort to avoid spreading the pest.

Native to east Asia, emerald ash borers are “highly productive and destructive,” says the Invasive Species Council of British Columbia’s Executive Director, Gail Wallin.

“Not all non-native species are bad: crocuses and daffodils aren’t native, but they’re fine because they don’t take over ecosystems,” Wallin told The Goat. “But the emerald ash borer doesn’t have a predator that keeps it in check here in Canada and North America.”

This enables the beetle to wreak havoc on ash tree populations once they take root: according to Natural Resources Canada, up to 99 per cent of ash trees in an area are killed within eight to 10 years of the emerald ash borers’ arrival.

Ash trees are not a native species in western Canada. However, they are a common choice for urban horticulturists, so emerald ash borer populations can damage a city’s greenery, said Wallin.

“When you get communities where thousands of ash trees have been planted to help green the community and the emerald ash borer arrives, that’s a real concern,” she said.

Megan Evans, Executive Director of the Alberta Invasive Species Council, echoed these concerns.

“Ash isn’t a native tree species, but there’s a lot of ash trees in Alberta,” Evans told The Goat. “They are where the people are, so the potential impacts to the (urban) ash forests and the ash canopy that we have are really going to be felt by people.”

Before the recent discovery of emerald ash borers in Vancouver, emerald ash borers were confined to eastern and Atlantic Canada – now, Evans and Wallin worry that the beetle may spread through western Canada.

“Preventing invasive species is the best way to manage them, period,” Evans said. “Everyone’s got a role to play

in preventing the spread of invasive species... the way a lot of these forest pests are spread is through firewood, so the messaging here is ‘buy local and burn local, don’t move your firewood.’”

Evans added that species of all types, from insects to fungi, can spread when people take firewood to a new location.

Back in B.C., Wallin and the rest of the Invasive Species Council are also promoting a “Buy Local, Burn Local” campaign to remind residents not to move their firewood. On top of that, Wallin encourages downloading iNaturalist, an app that allows people to upload photos and observations of flora and fauna.

“There’s a program (on iNaturalist) called ‘I spy and identify invasives.’ So sign up for that, it’s free. Report anything – plants, insects, animals – that you think is out of place,” said Wallin. “Emerald ash borer, like many other things, has been found that way. We had an alert citizen who said, ‘This looks odd, let me report it.’”

It’s good that the species was caught early, says Wallin – but B.C. residents should be on high alert to make sure it doesn’t spread further. In that vein, the B.C. Invasive Species Council has a program called “PlayCleanGo,” reminding residents to clean their recreational equipment before moving it to a new area.

“The emerald ash borer is of concern to all of us in B.C. and Alberta,” Wallin said. “Firewood is one way to move forest pests. The other way we can move invasive species accidentally is when we’re using our ATVs, going camping, or hiking... make sure your tires are clean and your boots are clean so you’re not moving seeds or plants to a new area.”

Everybody in B.C. can do their part to prevent invasive species, Wallin added.

“We’re really strong on recognizing that everybody can be a leader,” she says. “So we have ‘Clean, Drain, Dry,’ for boaters. We have PlayCleanGo for our hikers and people using the land. And we have ‘Buy Local, Burn Local’ for firewood. Those are three simple things that we can do to make a difference in helping prevent the spread of invasive species.”

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As always, I loved the Dunster Ice Cream Social and Canada Day in Valemount and McBride . . .

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The Long-billed Curlew is the largest shorebird in British Columbia. An adult weighs about 800 to 900 grams and measures 50 to 60 centimetres from the tip of its bill to the tip of its tail. The bill itself is about 19 cm long. Females have longer bills and slightly larger bodies than males.

Preferred habitat during the breeding season (late March-late July) includes extensive, flat areas of short native grassland. Curlews feed primarily on grasshoppers and beetles. By late June and through to August, large groups of curlews often feed together, usually in native grasslands. Most Long-billed Curlews have left Canada by the end of August. / SANDRA JAMES



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### Annual General Meeting

- **Date:** Thursday July 18th
- **Location:** Valemount Community Hall, 201 Gorse St.
- **Time:** Valemount Community Forest AGM will begin at 5:30pm, followed by the Valemount Industrial Park AGM at 6:15pm
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## Family & Youth

Magic Show - World of Curiosities  
Valemount & McBride Sat. July 6th Starts at 10:15 at the McBride Library and 2pm at the Valemount Public Library.

Valemount Museum Kids Summer Program  
Fridays 2-3pm. 1:30pm drop off. July 12th to Aug 23rd. Ages 6-12. Themed activities, crafts, games and more. Sign up at the museum or email [museum@valemount.ca](mailto:museum@valemount.ca)

Mindfulness Camp - Valemount & McBride  
Join RVCS Staff for this years Mindfulness Camp for 5-10 year olds! This camp includes, snacks, mental health education on topics such as big emotions and senses, games and crafts, story telling, walks, and more! At the end of the camp, children will receive a take home goody bag with information and tools on the topics we have explored! Registration is required and spaces are limited. McBride: July 15-18 9am-12pm at Steve Kolida Park Valemount: July 22-25 9am-12pm Centennial Park.

Summer Book Bingo McBride - Library  
Book Bingo is back in 2024 at the McBride Library, with 9 challenges for you to complete by August 24th. If you complete the challenges, you will be entered into a prize draw for a grab bag of goodies, and you will be awarded 100 house points for your Summer Reading Club house. Pick up your bingo card next time you visit the library, or download it online.

Dungeons & Dragons - McBride Library  
For ages 12-18, the classic fantasy storytelling game. Join us on Tuesdays from 3.30-5.00pm at the McBride Library. Bring D&D dice if you have them!

Wacky Wednesdays - McBride Library  
Wacky Wednesdays is our old "Fun Fridays" summer program for kids, but on a different day! Kids aged 5-8 are invited to join us on Wednesdays from 1-2pm, and kids aged 9-13 are invited to come along from 3-4pm. We have three special Science Camp sessions that will be a combined group (starting at 1pm). Please contact us for more details or to register your child. Starts July 3rd! (see Wacky Wednesday Science Specials below for these special events which interrupt regular programming).

Wacky Wednesdays Science Specials at the McBride Library  
We are offering three special Science workshops from 1-2pm for kids aged 5-13. Spaces are limited for these three science workshops, so please sign up soon. See details below:  
Wed 17 July: Science Snippets  
Be a chemist & discover the difference between baking soda & powder. Create a fantastical creature while investigating genes. Make a pompom launcher to explore physics. Discover aeronautics by building & testing a plane.  
Wed 7 Aug: Magical Science  
Discover a magical force that will levitate particles. Scatter light & create illusions that will thrill your audience. Experiment with colourful teas & unusual potions on this magical science adventure.  
Wed 14 Aug: Discovery Zone  
Join us for an action-packed adventure where you'll explore colour chromatology, investigate why trees are important to engineers & create an

Sunshine Stories July - McBride Library  
10:30-11am. An early literacy program for children ages 0-5 and caregivers. Songs, rhymes, stories and fun! In partnership with Decoda Literacy. Runs each Thursday until September 5th!

Board Teens - McBride Library  
Board Teens is a new program aimed at teens (ages 12-18), who are invited to come play some of the library's many board games every Thursday from 3-5pm. Have a favourite game you like to play? Bring it with you!

Summer Reading Club - Valemount Library  
At the Valemount Public Library Ages 6-12. Join us at the library every Wednesday at 1:00pm for crafts & activities during the months of July & August. Start date July 3. To register, call 250-566-4367.

Summer Weekly Challenges - Valemount Library  
Complete weekly challenges and enter to win prizes at the Valemount Library! Fun for the whole family to do together.  
Week 1 - Play outdoor games in library yard  
Week 2 - Have a picnic  
Week 3 - Decorate sidewalks with chalk  
Week 4 - Go on a bike ride  
Week 5 - Build a sandcastle  
Week 6 - Go on a nature walk  
Week 7 - Look for constellations on a clear night  
Week 8 - Find a new recipe and cook it together with your family

Read to Me Club - Valemount Library  
Ages 0-5. Come to the Valemount library during the months July and August and receive a reading log. Keep track of your weekly reading for a chance to win prizes.

Teen Summer Reading Bingo - Valemount Library

Ages 13-18 Come to the Valemount Library during the months July and August and receive a bingo sheet. Keep track of your reading for a chance to win prizes.

Adult Summer Reading Bingo - Valemount Library  
Come to the Valemount library during the months July and August and receive a bingo sheet. Keep track of your reading for a chance to win prizes.

Summer Reading Club McBride & Valemount  
Valemount Library - join us at the library every Wednesday at 1pm for crafts and activities at the Valemount Library. Ages 6-12. Register at the library. You will also receive a reading log to Keep track of your reading this summer and enter to win prizes.  
McBride Library - Reading logs, stickers and bookmarks are available for kids at the library now, and this year all the family can join in, with a series of weekly challenges! Each participant will be in one of four houses: House of Unicorn, dragon, mer or griffin. Completing your reading logs and weekly challenges will earn house points, and the winning house at the end of the summer will have the medal ceremony party decorated in their honour! Call in at the library for more details.

Pancake Breakfast  
Pancake breakfast at the Valemount Legion Sundays 8 to 10:30 am. By donation!.

Oldtime Music & Dancing  
WED Oldtimers band and music night at the Golden Years Lodge 7pm. All welcome! Play music, listen or dance.

Family Place Drop In Program - Valemount & McBride  
If you have questions, are looking for parenting resources, or just need to chat, you can join us in person 9am-noon every Monday in McBride or Friday in Valemount. Our weekly targeted programming is a great way for kids ages 0-6 (with their caregivers) to play, connect, explore, and learn!  
McBride on Mondays  
July 1- No drop-in; statutory holiday  
July 8- Dinosaur dig  
July 15- Making ice cream sundaes for National Ice Cream Month  
July 22- Bouncy castle fun  
July 29- Painting with marbles and salad spinners  
August activities TBA  
Valemount on Fridays  
July 5- Obstacle course at Centennial Park  
July 12- Fire hall and truck tour with Chief Lalonde  
July 19- Bouncy castles at Centennial Park  
July 26- Sing along at Centennial Park  
August activities TBA

Sprouting Memories with our Families with RVCS - Valemount  
Aug 22nd Let's harvest the plants we've been nurturing all summer long. No registration required for this activity for families and their young children. Further harvesting details to come later.

Infant Massage - Valemount  
Come learn about the benefits and techniques for infant massage at 99 Gorse Street, RVCS on Wednesdays starting July 10 to August 28 from 10:30-11:30am. This program is subject to date changes. Registration is required as there are limited spaces available. Ages 0-12 months with an adult only (no siblings). Brought to you by the RVCS Infant Development Program. To register, please contact the office at [events@rvcsbc.org](mailto:events@rvcsbc.org) 250-566-9107 (Valemount) 250-569-2266 (McBride).

Robson Valley Music Festival - Dunster  
Aug 16th-18th 2024. A family-friendly celebration of music, art and community, in Dunster BC, the heart of the Robson Valley. Huge line-up of local and international artists. Festival located on River Road. Weekend passes available for pre-purchase. Visit [www.rvmf.ca](http://www.rvmf.ca) for more info.

Puzzle Piece Pioneers – McBride  
August 29 Come do a puzzle of the world and brush up on your world geography at 942 3rd Avenue, McBride from 1-3pm. Everyone is welcome. Drop in event. Bring your questions or technology you need support with also. 250-569-2266 / [events@rvcsbc.org](mailto:events@rvcsbc.org) for more info.

Valemount Marina Fishing Derby  
Aug 31-Sept 1st 2024 Valemount Marina Association Annual Fishing Derby. Camping available at Griffin Sawmill, Yellowjacket and Horsey Creek.

### Senior/Adult Programs

Cornhole Game McBride  
Let's have a blast with a game of Cornhole on Thursday, July 11 at 1pm-3pm at RVCS 942 3rd Avenue, McBride. Adults/seniors are welcome to join.

Coffee House Valemount  
Free Drop-In/Coffee House at the Golden Years Lodge the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month 10 am -2 pm. It's open to everyone regardless of your age. If you currently have mobility issues, call CARE-A-VAN 778-915-8550 for a ride in the accessibility bus.

Donkeys n Donuts for Seniors – McBride  
This popular event will now happen on Friday, August

2nd between 1-3pm. This is a drop in event for seniors/ grandparents only. Due to the nature of the programs, it is for seniors to connect with animals as a therapeutic session.

Tech Café – McBride & Valemount  
Are you looking for some basic tech help with your gadgets? We're here to help! Join us in McBride on Thurs. July 4 from 11am-12pm and 1-3pm at 942 3rd Ave McBride. Adults/seniors welcome. No registration required. In Valemount Drop in at #16 - 1295 Gordon Road every Wednesday 10-noon. Any questions, contact Regena Bergen 250-566-4601.

Summer Walking Group – McBride  
Join us for a walking group on Tuesdays throughout the summer. Whether you're a seasoned walker or just starting out, our group welcomes everyone. Walking is not only great for your physical health but also fantastic way to meet others. This group runs July 2, 9 and 30, and again August 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 2-3pm beginning from 942 3rd Avenue, McBride. Adults/seniors welcome. Contact 250-569-2266 / [events@rvcsbc.org](mailto:events@rvcsbc.org) for more details.

## Adult programs/events

Men's Shed Meeting - McBride  
Thursday, July 4th at 942 3rd Avenue in McBride. Join the guys at 3pm on the first Thursday each month. Men's Shed Canada is a volunteer based organization that aims to improve the physical and mental health of men by giving them an opportunity to meet together, socialize, create projects, and find ways to help the community. No registration required. Email [mcbridemenshed@gmail.com](mailto:mcbridemenshed@gmail.com) for more info.

FRI July 5 Dunster Film Festival @ The Dunster Community Hall. Doors open @ 6:00pm. Show starts at 6:35pm. By donations for the Dunster Station Museum.

July 13th Christmas in July at Twin Peaks Resort. 11-4 60 Jack Adams Road.

Birch Tree Teachings  
July 15th & 22nd, let's get creative and learn about nature. Enjoy an afternoon of traditional teachings on the birch tree and its uses. Adults and seniors are welcome. Registration is required: 250-566-9107 / [events@rvcsbc.org](mailto:events@rvcsbc.org). Valemount: July 15th from 12-3pm at RVCS 99 Gorse Street. McBride: July 22nd from 12-3pm at RVCS 942 3rd Avenue.

MON JULY 15 12-3pm let's get creative and **learn about nature** at RVCS 99 Gorse Street! Come out and enjoy an afternoon of traditional teachings on the birch tree and its uses. We will also make a craft from the bark. Adults and seniors are welcome. Registration is required: 250-566-9107 / [events@rvcsbc.org](mailto:events@rvcsbc.org).

Northwest Mud Racing Association Mud Races - Valemount  
August 3rd & 4th, 2024, Join us at the Canoe River Campgrounds to watch the side by side 200ft mud drags, junior racers, blown alcohol dragsters, and the mega hill n' hole trucks. Ear protection strongly advised. The front gate does have limited supply of ear protection for sale. Saturday Races start at 1pm. Sunday Races start at Noon. Spectator gates open at 11am on Saturday. Sunday they open at 10am. We race till each truck has made or attempted two passes.

Soapstone carving workshop - Dunster  
August 4 10-5pm Soapstone Carving workshop with Lisa Day (\$40). Limited space. Participants must be 13 years old and older. To register email [dunsterstationmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:dunsterstationmuseum@gmail.com)

Glass mosaics workshop - Dunster  
August 11 10-4pm Glass Mosaics with Rea Chartier (\$20). Limited space. Participants must be 13 years old and older. To register email [dunsterstationmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:dunsterstationmuseum@gmail.com)

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Annual Terry Fox Trek  
August 24, 2024. Trek up Mount Terry Fox in Valemount, BC in support of cancer research! Three different routes available. Register at [terryfox.org/all-events/mt-terry-fox-trek/](http://terryfox.org/all-events/mt-terry-fox-trek/)

Sept.13-15 Fall Bike Fest happening over the weekend. A celebration of all things mountain biking. Shuttles,

mini contests and social events. Please watch for the Valemount Bike Facebook page for a release of more information and ticket sales.

Pine Needle Baskets workshop - Dunster  
September 22 10-4pm Pine Needle Baskets with Heather Zahn (\$20). Limited space. Participants must be 13 years old and older. To register email [dunsterstationmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:dunsterstationmuseum@gmail.com)

## Ongoing adult events

Fibre Artists  
On Wednesdays the McBride Library host the Fibre Artists' group 10am-12pm: come knit, sew or crochet with us! Beginners welcome. Online option available for anyone who would like to join us that way – call the library for info on 250 569 2411.

Crafty Stitchers  
Sundays 1-3 pm Crafty Stitchers meet downstairs at the Valemount Public Library, all welcome! Call 250-566-4367.

German Conversation Club  
Join us on Wednesday mornings at the McBride Library for a fun German language conversational class with Lilly. All levels and abilities welcome, from beginners to advanced. For further details, call the library on 250 569 2411.

McBride Library Writing Group  
Our Writing Group for adults meets every Friday afternoon 1:30-3pm. We tend to chat for the first 30 minutes about what we are working on, then we sit silently for an hour to write. Our writers are working on a range of things – novels, memoirs, poems, short stories, dissertations. Writing something? Come join us!

Tuesday Night Jam is now playing in the CN Station Lobby, 6:15-8:30. It is an open jam; musicians, singers, and onlookers welcome. For more information call David at (250) 569-2569.

MONs ASL Club meet weekly at the EFree church McBride. 12:30pm - 1:30pm. Beginners welcome! Contact Lonnie Lorenz if you have questions 250.569.7657

## Farmer's Markets

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

McBride Farmers Market  
Fridays 11am-2pm. at the Pavilion in Steve Kolida Park. Make it Bake it Grow it or gently used items. Table space \$10.00/ wk Children under 12 \$2.00/wk. For further information contact Jackie Edwards 250 569 7101

Dunster Farmer's Market  
Saturdays at the Dunster Community Hall 11:00 to 1:00. Vendors welcome - no charge for table. Burger Concession. Bedding plants, baking, crafts, odds and ends, etc.. From JULY 6-SEPT 28.

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# PUZZLES



## CROSSWORD

Answers on P13

- Across
1. Heart

4. Former

8. Tally (up)

11. Consumption

12. "Oops!", 2 words

13. Immorality

14. What the goalie guards

15. Bowling alley

16. "Me time" resort

17. Clutch

19. "Yeah, \_\_\_!"

21. Lofty

24. Carhop's load

27. Royal Shakespeare Company's work

30. "Take one!"

31. Rear part

32. Picks up

34. Border

35. Room access

36. Guitar wood

38. Luxury ski resort in Colorado

42. Standing necessity

44. Thing

47. Nautical affirmative

48. Gray, in a way

49. Economize
50. Family pooch, for example

51. Supreme being

52. Broke the limit

53. Some are classified
- Down
1. Exhibited

2. Tech support caller

3. Trial

4. Preacher's place

5. \_\_\_! Caught ya!

6. Prince, e.g.

7. People, generally

8. Cheers up

9. Swim

10. Spit contains it

18. Sunglasses

20. Additional ones

22. Alum

23. Courageous individual

25. Dali's work

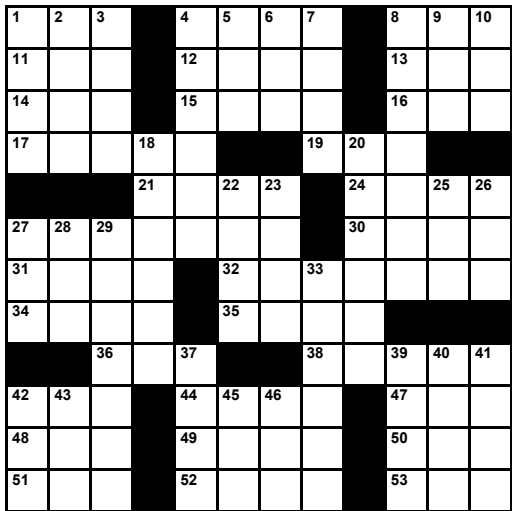
26. Go word

27. Charades' "little word"

28. Concealed oneself

29. Betrothed

33. Drifted



37. Sound from an angry cat
39. One of the three bears
40. Envy monster, with green
41. Hoop attachments
42. Not be up-to-date
43. Self-esteem
45. Bunt the ball
46. Gift-wrapping time, for many

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

In the Flow of Cancer Season

Cancers are called "moon children" because the sign of the crab is ruled by the moon. Many planets have many moons. Whether or not that confuses matters for the inhabitants is unknown, as no inhabitants have weighed in on the survey as of yet. But what is known is the influence of our only moon, producing things like travel, biodiversity and maybe even life itself by moving water from place to place. Birth is change. Death is change. Change is the essence of life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This week, the jobs that seem like an absolute grind may or may not be that, but don't let it stop you from diving in. A grind has its benefits. It sharpens. It informs. It strengthens. The very things that seem like the worst are the things we get better by handling. The only people who should avoid a grind are the ones who have already experienced the grind in question.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Despite your beautiful thought process, or perhaps because of it, you'll find yourself drawn to ignore the reasonable in favor of a different calling. The fanciful, the outrageous, the unlikely -- these are the things that will happen to and for you this week. Next week is all about gratitude for this roll of events.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Relationships produce a host of feelings, including but not limited to envy. You would like to have had certain opportunities that were not afforded to you -- opportunities that others seem to take for granted. But don't let this fact color the vast array of one-of-a-kind experiences you did have that helped mold you into who you are.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are in tune with your emotions and the emotions of others, exhibiting nurturing and empathetic qualities. Your sensitivity and strong connection to home and family will feature in exciting ways. All it takes is a thought to set in motion a powerful process. Receiving that thought will happen in a place of spacious beauty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Finding peace doesn't seem like an active quest, since technically, it's more of a mental state than a tangible item to be uncovered or discovered in a particular location. However, there are locations conducive of the mental state, and that's the beautiful gift of this week. You'll find the location favorable to the headspace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If the choice is between kindness and honesty, kindness is a no-brainer for you. But usually, there's a way of saying the truth that makes it fine to hear. This is what you'll strive for. You'll be teaching this week, in the traditional sense and also by modeling. You might not sense the effects, but you shouldn't doubt

that you make a difference.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This week's emphasis is on family. You'll be curious about history -- theirs, yours, and especially the different takes on what happened. From the way back to the future, these are all, in the end, stories. They are takes. Yours is as valid as anyone else's. This week, you'll very successfully give it your spin.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An auspicious cross-pollination will occur in the form of ideas spawning more ideas, or invitations that lead to your entry into new worlds. You'll meet people who inspire you. Whether or not you were conscious of the hope of this, your talents will emerge and find their ideal expression.

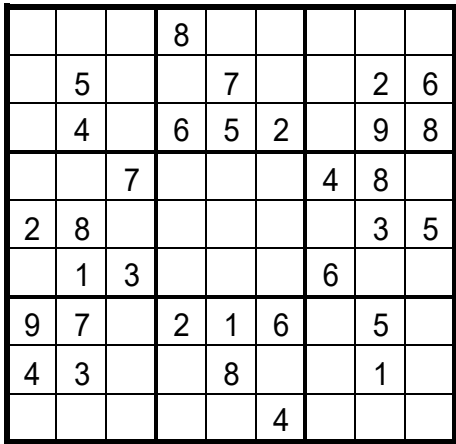
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes, you feel like you don't know what you're doing, but it's more a matter of self-doubt than reality. You do know what you're doing. Or part of you does. There's no one else who would be better at making decisions for your life. Believe this. Stay in the driver's seat. Fake confidence there -- it will send a message to the rest of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your integrity, vitality and humor brighten the world. If only you heard this more regularly from the people who are affected by it. It takes something extra for people to tell you. You have a certain quality, so you think everyone does, but it's actually rare. That quality is initiative. For whatever reason, many do not possess it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being with people takes work, but it's good work to do. You need people more than you think you do. The social aspects of this are a focus of the week. It's easier to be your best self when the essentials are covered. Make sure you've covered the basics: If you're fed, rested and supported, it will be easier to do what you want to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The person pointing out the faults of another implies having fewer -- fun, but usually not true. The real work is not in finding fault in yourself or anyone else. It's about developing a manner of relating yourself that feels comfortable enough to observe the world without judging it or making it mean anything that depletes your energy.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: This solar return sees a new part of your life blossoming to add balance, roundedness and enjoyment to your world. You'll be friendly and inclusive yet careful in casting your inner circle. Because of this social style, you'll be surrounded by people who add to your life and you to theirs, which creates a thrilling momentum resulting in group wins, small differences that culminate into big ones and perhaps even the start of a movement.



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 same line, column or 3x3 box.

## The Toughie

Answers on P13

- Across
1. Pottery oven

5. Breeding horse

9. A sentence starter

12. Aussie greeting

13. Pitcher's perfect game

15. Orchard fruit

16. Hospital facilities

17. Love, in Roma

18. Himalayan holy man

19. Hurricane center

22. Brace

23. "\_\_\_ will be done ..."

24. Markedly masculine

28. Hollywood headliner

34. Farm measure

35. Orange outside

36. Third in a family

37. Raves very critically

42. Place for a swing

43. Beehive, e.g.

44. Gawk at

45. Tallinn natives

48. Long-eared beasts of burden

49. Alphabet segment

50. "I knew it!"

52. Like oceanfront houses, often

59. Hoedown area

60. Fencing swords

61. Head cover

63. Bit of kindling

64. Blood and sweat companions

65. School for a future ens.

66. Emirates, for short

67. "Can I get you anything \_\_\_?"
68. Worry

- Down
1. Cold war grp.

2. \_\_\_ fixe

3. Gaga or Godiva

4. Wall Street Journal subject, abbr.

5. Mix-up

6. Indian drum

7. "Here comes trouble!"

8. Threatening

9. Spree

10. Retired soccer star Mia

11. Unforgettable time for historians

14. Screening

15. Tactics

20. \_\_\_meter

21. Actress Bara

24. Dull

25. Has a yen

26. Salad oil holder

27. Egg protector

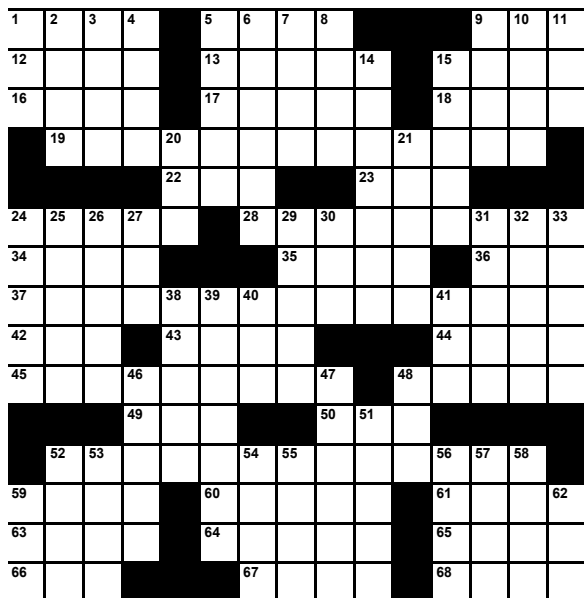
29. Director Welles

30. Itinerary word

31. Metallic sounds

32. Bridal path

33. Marriage and others



38. Actress who plays Spiderman's love
39. Disparaging nickname
40. Nutritionist's fig.
41. Aegean Sea island
46. Ape
47. Fencing swords
48. Auto insurer with roadside service
51. Steppenwolf writer
52. Trumpet sound
53. Large lake
54. D'Artagnan weapon of choice
55. Palpable
56. As follows
57. N.C.A.A. tournament division
58. Front or back in golf
59. A.C. letters
62. Like sushi





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# How to stay safe with all the wild animals around

SCOTT HAYES, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

One of JasperLIFE’s most recent presentations was a wild chat about how people can best get along in bear and elk country.

Human Wildlife Co-existence Specialist Jake Jagodkin offered a wide-ranging talk on some basic tips to stay safe while out and about in the town of Jasper and around in Jasper National Park.

“We just try and facilitate a healthy environment for both humans and wildlife to interact – or not interact – on the landscape around the townsite and all over the Park,” he said.

Bears and especially elk are animals that are encountered in and around the townsite and the trails.

The first tip is to be noisy.

“If you’re out on a hike, let’s say you’re hiking up on the bench. You’re out for the day. It’s nice to go in a group couple of people: two, three or four is great. Typically, when you’re walking with that group of people, you might be talking, laughing, having a good time. That’s perfect,” Jagodkin said.

“You want the bear to hear you, probably before it sees you. That way, you’re not going to surprise it.”

Ideally, you’ll have bear spray with you for those encounters when you do surprise the bear and it charges you. If it doesn’t charge but still approaches you, you can face it because it likely has no real interest in you. Just back away slowly, keep eye contact with it, talk calmly to it and, if necessary, make yourself seem larger. Let the bear know that you’re not food, Jagodkin said.

If you’re in your vehicle and come across a bear by the roadside, then stay in your vehicle.

For bears, a good rule is to keep a distance of at least 100 metres. For elk, it’s more like 30 metres.

Elk are a little bit different. They generally come and go in the townsite without problem except for two periods during the year: the fall rut and the spring calving seasons.

Some things are the same though.

“Don’t approach them. Give them lots of room. Face them and let them know you’re there,” Jagodkin said.

“Be confident. They read a lot into body language. Don’t run is a great piece of advice. They don’t corner very well so if you’re able to find a tree, you can kind of tuck in behind there as well.”

Doing so can help calm the situation down a little bit. At the very least, it can give you a little bit more room.

Elk sometimes charge as well, especially during those two special seasons when their emotions are running high. The male elks called bulls have been known to puncture the tires and the sides of vehicles with their antlers.

Make sure to bring your mobile phone with you. Lots of areas around town and the campsites have cell service.

“Whenever you see an animal acting a little bit strangely or maybe worrisome, or anything at all, it’s great to call it into Jasper Dispatch,” Jagodkin said.



Two black bears graze on the succulent ditch dinner buffet completely unbothered by their human audience. /ANDREA ARNOLD

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Freya giggles uncontrollably as she helps Leif stuff his mouth full of tissue paper as he sets up for his next stunt. /ANDREA ARNOLD



Berci bravely holds the balloon as Leif pokes his lightsaber into and all the way through it without popping it. /ANDREA ARNOLD



Milo gives it everything he has to blow on the flower to help it recover from its wilted state. /ANDREA ARNOLD



Anna lies floating in mid air as though suspended after Leif removes the board and chair that had been holding her. /ANDREA ARNOLD

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