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For the week of Wed., January 22nd, 2003

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

On December 26, 2002, Boxing Day, my Father (Richard), brother (Danie) and I were on our way to McBride, B.C. for a few days to go snowmobiling. Our trip suddenly got mixed up in a bad situation. We were about 18 - 20 kms. outside of McBride when we struck a moose. The truck came to a halt. As we all sat shook up in the truck, my dad was able to flash his bright lights and honk the horn to attract the attention of a vehicle passing by. It was the Mayor of McBride and his family. They went out of their way for us that night by taking me and my brother to our hotel room and helping us settle in. They wanted to make sure we were as comfortable as possible. When Mike left he went to go get the police, tow truck driver (Len) and went back to the truck to help my Dad. The truck and snowmobiles were towed to McBride. Our ruined truck and our three snowmobiles were locked away safely in Len's Wrecking Yard and guarded by Len's trusty dog.

The next day started to be quite a long day, having nothing to do in the hotel. Mike and Len decided to tow us up the mountain so we could go sledding. Our trip turned out to be pretty good. Still to this day I think God put us in the right hands of the right people. To Mike and family and Len . . . THANK YOU for everything you did for me and my Dad and brother. We appreciate it a great deal. The people from the community of McBride are to be commended for their helpful, caring and friendly manner.

Wrote by Sarah Robar

**"The McBride SDA Food Bank and Dorcas wish to thank the community for their generous support of our programs in 2002. With your help we were able to distribute 61 food hampers, and besides clothing that stayed in McBride, 375 large boxes were sent to ADRA CANADA for worldwide distribution. 12 personal care kits were sent to the hospital and 6 Welcome Baby packs went out with the help of the Robson Valley Peaks Pathfinder Club, who collected over 900 food items door to door on October 31. Another 707 nonperishable food items were collected from the bins at the grocery stores and churches. We also received 158 turkey bucks, hundreds of pounds of potatoes, frozen entrees, and cash donations. A total of 65 people were helped this year. With your continued support we look forward to another busy year. Special thanks to the Pathfinders, Guides Walk For Hunger, the Youth Canada Works Program, and our many anonymous donors of food, clothing and cash."**

**EIKS/ROYAL PURPLE UPDATE**

Reminder that Crib and Card Nights are back on every Friday at 7:00 p.m. Come out and join the fun!

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Children's Theatre Group (ages 6 - 16) Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30pm to 4:00pm at the E-Free Church. All are Welcome.

**OPEN HOUSE**

Gathering Local History: Open Houses January 25 & February 1

The early history of this region will be made accessible on the Internet through an ambitious project called **Settlers' Effects: Environmental, Cultural, and Social Change, 1805 to 1965**. In a regional partnership between: the Valenmount and Area Museum, The Valley Museum and Archives in McBride, the Mackenzie and District Museum, and The Exploration Place in Prince George, approximately 10,000 photographs depicting early life in the region will be digitally scanned and available on the Internet for the public viewing in early April. The museums are asking for people who have historical photographs, or even documents such as old rail passes, train tickets, or store receipts, of their community to participate in the project. People can bring their photos and have them digitally scanned by museum staff at an Open House: **Sunday, January 26 from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at the Train Station in McBride and Saturday, February 1st from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the "Meeting Room" downstairs in the Village of Valenmount Building.**

This is an opportunity for people to share valuable history, yet maintain possession of their old photographs. If you have a collection of photos that you would like to have included in the project, please call and book a time to ensure that museum staff have time to scan your photos. For booking times and more information call: Marilyn Wheeler in McBride at 569-2749 and Penny Osadchuk in Valenmount at 566-8288.

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The session will provide the public with information  
 about Bill 75, which covers the changes to the  
*Forest Practices Code*.  
 These changes took effect in December, 2002.

The information session will be held:

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2003**  
 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON  
 McBRIDE LEGION HALL  
 805 - 4th AVENUE  
 McBRIDE, B.C.

IF PLANNING ON ATTENDING PLEASE RESPOND BY  
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**Old Timers Hockey Tournament** will be held on Friday, January 31st to Sunday, February 2nd at the Robson Valley Arena. 8 teams will be competing. There will be 2 games on Friday night, games all day Saturday, and Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome to come out and cheer the teams on.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES JAN. 22 - 28**

Theo Teering, Sharon Doeksen, Frank Pluta, Alec Garneau, Fitzgerald Plamondon, Franco Caputo, Tanya Hitchens, Kimi Yungen, Cathy MacMaster, Lorna Pollard, Tiara Rich, Richard Quam, Phyllis Toews, Mary Henderson-Bekus, Samantha O'Brien, Laine Molendyk, Ashley Miron, Joshua Laycock, Jennifer Quam, Gibson Meadows, Muriel Learie, Chris Flynn, and to anyone we missed Happy Birthday.

**POLICE REPORT**

**January 11, 2003** - RCMP received a report of a non injury accident involving two moose 18 km west on Highway 16. The vehicle drove between 2 moose causing damage to both sides of the vehicle. Shortly after as the first driver was assessing the damage to his vehicle, a semi trailer unit collided with one of the moose that was laying in the west bound lane. This vehicle also sustained damage.

**January 12, 2003** - Again RCMP received a report of a semi trailer unit with two empty trailers hit a moose 30 km west on Highway 16. The vehicle swerved and ended up in the ditch. There were no injuries and the truck sustained minor damage.

**January 15, 2003** - RCMP responded to a call for disturbing the peace. Subsequently one male was arrested for being drunk in a public place and lodged in cells until sober.

The remainder of the calls were of a general assistance and routine in nature.

**AROUND OUR SCHOOLS**

**Congratulations** to the McBride Secondary Senior Girls Basketball team who competed in Fort St. John last weekend and are now seeded third for the North Central Zones. With only six players, the girls played well, showed outstanding stamina and sportsmanlike play. Best of luck to the team as they move onto the next competition.

The last day of regular classes for semester one at McBride Secondary School is Monday, January 27. School examinations are scheduled from Tuesday through Thursday. Students are expected to be in attendance only if they have a scheduled examination. Friday is semester turn around and a NID. Second semester classes will begin on Monday February 3, 2003.

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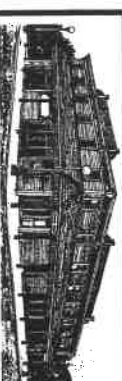


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