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#### MCBRIDE BANTAM GRIZZLIES WIN QUESNEL HOUSE TOURNAMENT

On the weekend of Feb. 23 and 24 the McBride Bantam Grizzlies hockey team travelled to Quesnel for a 6 team house tournament. McBride played great and didn't lose a game en route to the tournament championship. In the first game McBride took on RBC, a team from Prince George and won 10-1. The Grizzlies dominated from the beginning and Caleb Reimer was a wall in goal allowing the only goal he would let in the whole tournament. In the next game against U.S.W. from Quesnel, Cohen Hickery had to stand on his head to preserve a 4-3 win. Kenton Bressette scored the winner with 57 seconds left in the game. It was a special birthday present for his dad and coach, Shane. That win put McBride in the 1st against 3rd play-off against Coneco from P.G., a team they had beaten in other tournaments. Caleb and Cohen combined for a team shut-out and McBride won 8-0. Once again McBride showed complete dominance and with that win earned 1st place seeding for the tournament championship against the second place team from Salmon Arm. Caleb Reimer started the game and had to make some spectacular saves on several breakaways to preserve a 3-0 lead at the half way marker. Cohen Hickery took over from there and had to be at his best for McBride to win 5-1. McBride showed a lot of class in avoiding needless penalties as the Salmon Arm team started losing it and playing chippy trying to provoke the Grizzlies. It didn't work and McBride took home the championship. Congratulations to the Bantam Grizzlies for doing McBride and the Robson Valley proud in bringing back their second first place championship of the season. After a couple of games this weekend against Valenmount it will be over for another year. Special thanks to Marty Hickery and Shane Bressette for the awesome coaching and to all the players and parents and everyone who supports McBride Minor Hockey. Submitted by Rod Reimer, Manager of McBride Bantam Grizzlies.

## FIGURE SKATING GARNIVAL

The McBride Figure Skating Clubs Annual Carnival on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 7:00p.m. "Just A Click Away". Admissions - Adults \$5.00, Students and Seniors \$3.00. Advance tickets available at Stedman's and Advantage Insurance.

## SMOKE FREE

In the interest in promoting a healthy environment Northern Health is preparing to go 100% Smoke Free on all their grounds and in all their buildings. The start date for the Robson Valley is March 18, 2008. All admitted patients will be offered nicotine replacements during their stay in the hospital. All visitors are asked to please refrain from smoking on the hospital grounds. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Linda McLaren or Jackie Edwards.

## Elks/Royal Purple News

Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - "Easter Egg Hunt" McBride Anglican/United Church 7:00 p.m. for toddler to 4 year olds and at the Elks Hall at 7:30 p.m. for 5 - 10 year olds. Bring out the little ones and have some fun!

Reminder that Exercise classes are going every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 3:00-6:00 p.m. It is drop-in and "free".

## MANIACS

McBride Maniacs 13th Annual Tournament February 29th- March 2nd, 2008. 1st Place - \$600.00 Burns Lake Vortex, 2nd Place - \$400.00 Quesnel Gold Diggers, 3rd Place - \$150.00 Hinton Mustangs, 4th Place - Jasper Rustlers, Most Sportsmanlike Team - Jasper Rustlers, Tournament MVP - Heart & Hustle - Ashley Desormeau (McBride), Tournament MVP - Top Points - Stacey Giesbrecht (Quesnel), Tournament MVP - Top Goalie - Shelly Harnden (Quesnel), Tournament MVP - Top Forward - Janine Dougal (Burns Lake), Tournament MVP - Top Defence - Jaquie Abram (Quesnel), Team Banner Contest - Valenmount Icebreakers, Team Scavenger Hunt - Jasper Rustlers. The McBride Maniacs would like to thank the following for their continued support in making our 13th Annual Tournament a HUGE success: Ride n' Hide Recreation (Denise Yungen), Stedmans (Sue Koldaj), Deb's Dollar Store, Mike Frasier, Christa Barnes, McBride Hotel, Sun Valley Restaurant, Sandman Inn, McBride Curling Club, Elks/Royal Purple, George Norunn, Robson Valley Rec. Center, The Little McBride Paper, Tournament referees (Joey Rich, Kenton Bressette, Ellise Bressette, Shane Bressette, Caleb Bouvier, Marty Kelly, Craig Pryor), Jessica Aspeslet and her crew of timekeepers, Amanda Lipkie, Melinda Monroe, Drenda Ruddick (annual trophy sponsorship). See you all next year!! -Sarah Bressette, Maniacs Manager

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