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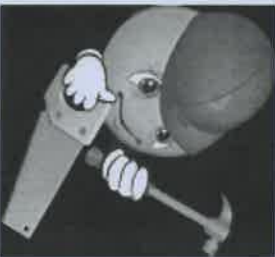
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THANK YOU

I am very grateful for all the love and support we received from so many people during Gareth's illness. Thank you to all the doctors, paramedics & nurses that took care of Gareth in the Valenmount clinic and at the Children's Hospital in Vancouver. Thank you to Karen & Pat Andrews for the prayer chair, collections donations and supplying fuel for Darron and I to make the trip to Vancouver, without them this would not have been possible. A heartfelt thank you to everyone that donated - The Royal Purple and Elks of McBride, Bobbi Ann & Nelson, the Shock family, Croix and Susan, Sonya and Hal and anyone else I've missed. To the people of the Robson and Cance Valleys, as well as family and friends as far away as Hudson Bay Sask. & Likely B.C., who called and were ready to take up collections for Gareth - I am simply overwhelmed that so many were willing to come to our aid if needed. Thank you to Carmen and Auntie Dorothy for your superb first aid skills and to Leona for driving Carmen to Vancouver and keeping everyone calm at the clinic. Even though we are living in a world such as ours in these hard times, I have truly been blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful people who take care of each other. God Bless You All.

Sincerely, Marianne & Darron.
Dance Classes are finished for the Season. Thanks to the Elks & Royal Purple for the use of the Place. See You In The Fall!

-Darrell & Diane Roth and all the dancers

SCHOOL NEWS

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McBride Secondary Community Calendars - We have many copies of the Community Calendar that were pre-ordered and not picked up! If you are interested in purchasing one of these calendars at a cost of \$9.00 each, please call the school at 250-569-2295. The calendars help subsidize the Graduation Ceremony and Dinner expenses. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Ready, Set, Learn, a pre-literacy programme for 3 and 4 year olds, accompanied by a parent or a caregiver, will again be offered at McBride Centennial Elementary. The spring programme will run for 8 weeks on Tuesdays from April 13 - June 1 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Please phone the school sy 250-569-2721 if you have any questions and to register. Ready, Set, Learn will be hosted by McBride Centennial Elementary, Dunster Fine Arts School, and the McBride and District Public Library.

WOMEN'S FAIR

hosted by Robson Valley Support Society, Saturday, April 17, McBride. Registration forms now available at Robson Valley Support Society, 942 - 3rd Ave. Deadline to register is Friday, April 9. Participants must pre register, open to all women 14 years of age and older. Sign up early as spots fill up quickly. Fair and lunch all provided free. Contact Jen Qnam at 569-2266 for info.

MINOR HOCKEY NEWS

McBride Minor Hockey Association Year End Wind Up and Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, at 6pm in the McBride Elks Hall. This event is for all players, parents, coaches, managers, concession managers, and executive. Please plan to stay for the AGM for a chance for you child to win a week long summer hockey school package.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR APRIL 7 - 13

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HST NEWS

The McBride & District Chamber of Commerce Presents a Free Information Seminar: The Proposed Transition to Harmonized Sales Tax Information for Businesses. The Province of British Columbia, administered by the Canada Revenue Agency, will implement the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) beginning July 1, 2010. The Canada Revenue Agency is offering an informative seminar to help ensure that businesses receive the information they need for the transition. This seminar is recommended for anyone that already files GST returns, is a bookkeeper or runs a retail outlet. A seminar will be held Thursday, April 8, 2010 at the E-Free Church, 135 Lonsdale, McBride BC. Doors open 12:30pm, seminar 1pm-3pm. For those unable to attend, please note this is the same seminar, being held in Prince George. There is no charge for any of these seminars.

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Please contact The Little McBride Paper with all coming events, news, trivia, comments, anything!! Ph:569-3110, Fax:569-0220, email:sglines3@telus.net, P.O. Box 441, McBride, B.C. V0J 2E0 or drop off at 455 King St. If we don't know about it, we can't write about it!! -Scott & Susan Glines - Oscar & Broom

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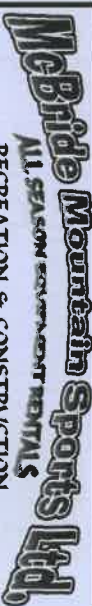
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Friday Dinner - Steak & Ribbit
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Saturday Lunch - Chipotle Chicken Wrap
Saturday Dinner - Spaghetti & Ribs

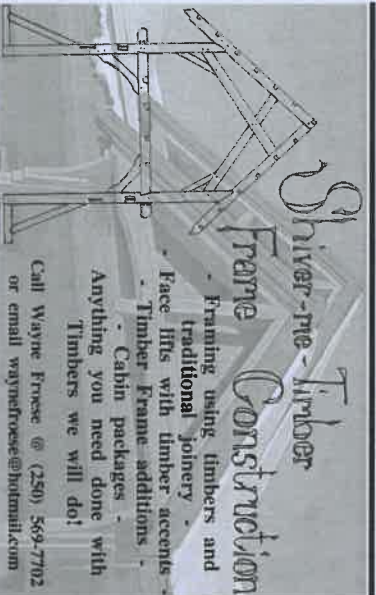
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

McBride and District Hospital Auxiliary congratulates our Easter Basket Winners: 1st Leah LaMarsh, 2nd Terry Pallagi, 3rd Meisje Groeneveld. Thanks to the community for your continued support! Our spring projects will be announced soon.

The Public Health Unit will be hosting a 3 yr. old Fair April 27, 2010 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you child is born between May 1, 2006 to April 31, 2007 please give us a call at 569-2251 ext. 226 and we will gladly book you an appointment. Our theme will be based on Health and Safety with the emphasis on the Provincial Vision Screening for this age group and much more. There will be prizes and refreshments along with lots of fun events.

HOMESCHOOL INFORMATION MEETING - Did your school close down? Are you looking for another schooling option? Do you think you might like to homeschool? Or are you just curious about how homeschooling works? There will be a Heritage Christian On-line School (HCCOS) information meeting along with a several information seminars about the grad program, on-line schooling questions, and how to manage a good home education at the Evangelical Free Church in McBride on April 16 from 9-12 AM. Everyone is invited. For further information contact Wendy Lowe 250-569-7810.

Baby Shower - Come out and meet the newest "Littlest Molendyk" Payryn Jamie Molendyk on Saturday, April 10th at 1:00 p.m. downstairs at the "Giggin' Grizzly". For more info call Nicole or Kathy Molendyk.

Downtown Thrift Store - Don't forget about Dollar Bag Days. Fri., April 9, Tues, April 13 & Fri., April 16. Hope to see you there.

GARAGE SALE - Anglican United Church Women will hold a Garage Sale April 30, 2010. Donations of good used items appreciated. Drop off at Molendyk's - 1125 McBride Cres. **after** April 15. Thanks for all donations.

FORM FOR LIFE "BOOTCAMP" Come and do a one week workout booster with me for only \$70 for 7 days! You can also do drop in for \$15. Starting May 3 - May 9/10, Mon.-Fri. 6pm-7pm and Sat. and Sun. 10am-11 am. It will be outside rain or shine at the highschool top field. With summer around the corner this is a great way to get yourselves back into shape! All you need is proper workout clothing, water bottle and lots of energy! Please call Jenny to sign up @ 569-8853 or 7053.

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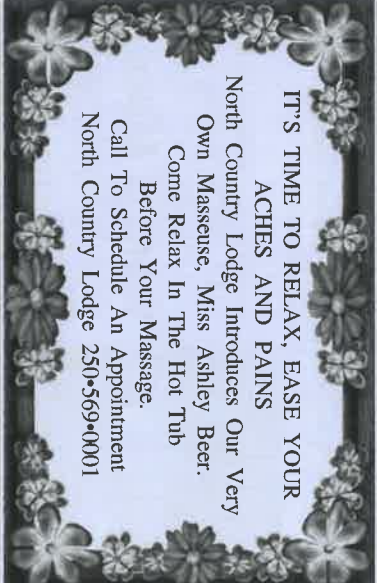
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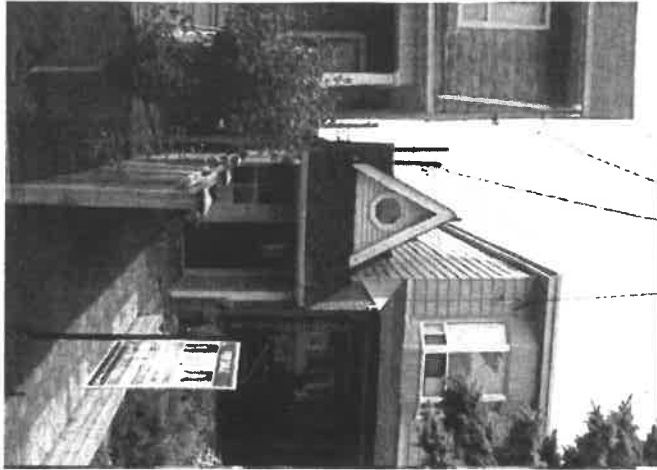
VILLAGE OF MCBRIDE

NOTICE

March 30, 2010

We would like to advise the community that we will soon be starting construction along Columbia Street (Storm Sewer Improvements). Within the next couple of weeks the contractor will be moving in some materials and equipment, with construction commencing shortly after. There will be periodic road closures during the construction period, please be cognizant of equipment working in the area and if at all possible it would be appreciated if alternate routes could be used during the duration of construction.

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DR. NEWS

I need to go. I shall return. McBride has become home and I expect to become a Canadian citizen in the next six months. Still, I have to go. In August, 2010, I will start a "leave of absence" that will last about a year. I need to go back to Kansas to support my elderly mother. She lives alone, in the house where we moved when I was five years old. She hopes to stay in that home until her last day. I have always promised her that I would do whatever is necessary to let that happen. In recent years, my son has provided much of my mother's in-home care and support. However, Matthew needs to move on in his life. His schooling will leave no one to carry on with what he has been doing. Now, this becomes my job. I have been working with the Northern Health Authority (NHA) to do what I can to see that health care in this end of the Robson Valley continues. If I resign, quit, or retire, then it becomes more difficult to obtain coverage from the Rural Locum Service of BC. There is no precedent for such a leave, but I am confident that we can make it happen. While I am in Kansas, I will be able to pursue a program of support for Robson Valley health care that I have dreamed of for sometime. The local university in Topeka, Kansas offers a one year course in Cardiac Ultrasound. On my return here, I can complete the remaining training required to become an ultrasound technician. I hope that then the NHA will see fit to support an ultrasound clinic in McBride. This would provide a valuable, often necessary, service that has required travel to Prince George, Hinton, or further. I need to go. I shall return. McBride has become home. Still, I have to go to complete this training. -Michael H. Jackson MD

MORE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday April 11 the Fraser Headwaters Alliance will screen the award-winning NFB movie "Finding Farley" (Banff Mountain Film Festival 2009 Grand Prize and People's Choice Award winner). Filmmaker Leanne Allison, her husband Karsten Heuer, and two-year-old son Zev set out to retrace the literary footsteps of Farley Mowat by journeying 5000 km by canoe, foot and sailboat from the Prairies to Mowat's summer home in Nova Scotia. Movie is 63 minutes. Dunster Community Hall, 2 p.m.; admission by donation. Annual General Meeting of the FFA will be Saturday April 24 at 10 am at the Dunster Hall. Bring your canoe as the short meeting will be followed by a paddle (weather permitting) from the Dunster Bridge to Brown Road (approx. two hours).

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THINK ABOUT IT...

Wives of two old men, one a retired professor of psychology and the other a retired professor of history, had talked them into a two week stay at a hotel in the Catskills. They were sitting around on the porch of the hotel watching the sun set. The history professor said to the psychology professor, "Have you read Marx?" To which the professor of psychology said, "Yes, I think it's the wicker chairs."

LOGO CONTEST

McBride Community Foundation Logo Contest. McBride Community Foundation Mission Statement: Dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the Robson Valley through grants to charitable organizations. The foundation is a permanent endowment fund, initially capitalized by the Village of McBride through the McBride Community Forest Corporation & the Northern Development Initiatives Trust. It is an independent organization free from influence by government; municipal, provincial or federal, as well as corporations, associations and their members, or individuals.

To Enter the Contest What we need from you: A logo that will reflect the inclusive and charitable nature of the foundation. We want you to come up with a logo - and we are offering as a prize to the selected submission a \$100 Gift Certificate generously donated by the Gigglin' Grizzly and public recognition of your contribution. Runner up prizes will also be awarded! We are teaming up with the Whistle Stop Gallery who will run the contest and we have come up with some guidelines that we will be using to help us through the selection process.

Guidelines for the Logo Contest: Reflects the entire Valley. Reflects the mission statement. Images should have a strong visual component. Must be no larger than 8 1/2" by 11". May be coloured or black and white. The Contest is open to all ages and anyone can apply. The contest will run from March 31st through April 30th and all entries must be submitted to the Whistle Stop Gallery no later than April 30th 2010. Images may be submitted digitally or on a physical medium (i.e. paper, canvass, etc.). Artists will retain all rights to the images not selected for the logo and the winning submission will become the legal property of the McBride Community Foundation. The announcement of the winning entry will be made on May 13th, 2010. For more information contact the Whistle Stop Gallery - 1000 1st Avenue, 250-569-8891 or email: whistlestopgallery@telus.net. Applications can be picked up at the Whistle Stop Gallery or the Village office and are to be returned to the Whistle Stop Gallery only.



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Development considers upgraded transmission facilities as the key infrastructure needed to attract business and stabilize existing businesses. The EDO also supports local power projects and alternate energy research initiatives.

Creating and Maintaining Local Employment

The Economic Development Office works to attract new businesses and create an environment that can support them. Our EDO identifies community needs and assets, designs programs and projects, and works to solicit re-location, private investment and grant funding. Businesses and projects, in turn, create employment. Although grant funded projects often provide only short term employment, they contribute positive economic stimulation, helping to sustain our community. During the past three years, the EDO and Council have attained grant funding which equates to \$6000 per Village of McBride resident.

Economic Development focuses on initiatives which provide employment for community members. McBride's EDO is available to provide advice and funding alternatives for cottage industries and small business. Community members can contact Margaret Graine at (250) 569-7556 to discuss ideas to start or expand business in McBride.

Attracting Residents of all Ages to our Community

McBride's EDO understands that our community's scenery, clean air, medical and school facilities are important assets in attracting new residents of all ages. Economic Development works to secure funding for projects designed to make McBride more attractive to families, seniors and disabled persons. Housing and amenities for seniors are priorities, as our own population ages and McBride provides an attractive retirement location for others. The EDO promotes projects to make our streets, shopping and highway areas more attractive to residents as well as visitors.

Promoting Positive Growth, while Preserving and Leveraging Quality of Life

The EDO understands the importance of preserving McBride's natural environment, and has responded by working to attract industries which employ modern "green" technologies and make use of materials and sites that are currently unused. For example, Economic Development has worked to employ "green thinking" in the planning of sewage treatment; securing a free lease on unused space, applying plant based waste remediation techniques and adding value to the site with recreational green space. The expanded sewage facility has the potential to accommodate business and residential growth, and protects the Fraser River.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR MCBRIDE



A Message from Mayor and Council

McBride's Mayor and Council would like to thank our community members for participation in the 2009 Economic Development Survey. Your feedback provides Economic Development with the essential tools to work on your behalf, and direction for McBride's 2010 - 2015 Economic Development Strategy.

McBride's Economic Development Officer and Village Council have carefully reviewed the feedback and comments provided. Some of the comments raised issues outside of the local jurisdiction, and these have been shared with the Regional District of Fraser - Fort George.

Since 2007, McBride's Economic Development Office (EDO) has been targeting work initiatives in response to community concerns. We would like to express our appreciation and support for this challenging work effort. The following are areas of concern most frequently raised by community members.

Increased Communication

McBride's EDO has responded to the community's request for increased communication and access to information. The EDO has created the Economic News - McBride Newsletter, which is now available on the EDO website www.mcbride.ca/edo. In addition, the EDO is holding regular monthly public forums. The forums, which allow for open communication in a relaxed setting, take place on the first Thursday of each month at the Sun Valley Restaurant from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Share your ideas and listen to other community members. Use all these resources to find out what has been accomplished and what projects are "on the go".

An important part of the EDO's role is to attract and meet with potential investors who may start or re-locate business in McBride. Keep in mind that an Economic Development Office is bound by usual confidentiality agreements, and that business development projects normally involve a long time period. (The results of Economic Development efforts may not be publicly realized for up to 5 - 10 years.)

Reliable Electrical Service

McBride's Mayor, Council, the EDO and the McBride & District Chamber of Commerce are continuously working with BC Hydro, BC Transmission Corporation and BC Energy Ministers to address the problem of reliable electric power for the community. This work includes numerous meetings, petitions and correspondence. McBride's Economic