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MARCH 5th & 6th, 2011

SATURDAY, MARCH 5th: 1. 8:00-9:30 McBride vs. Jasper. 2. 9:45-11:15 Hinton vs. PG Hurricanes. 3. 11:30-1:00 PG Eagles vs. McBride. 4. 1:15-2:45 PG Hurricanes vs. Vanderhoof. 5. 3:00-4:30 Jasper vs. PG Eagles. 6. 4:45-6:15 Vanderhoof vs. Hinton. **SUNDAY, MARCH 6th:** 7. 7:00-8:30 2nd in "A" vs. 1st in "B" SEMI-FINAL. 8. 8:45-10:15 2nd in "B" vs. 1st in "A" SEMI-FINAL. 9. 10:30-12:00 3rd in "A" vs. 3rd in "B" CONSOLATION GAME. 10. 12:15-1:45 - Losers of games 7 & 8 - FINAL FOR 3rd & 4th. 11. 2:00-3:30 - Winners of games 7 & 8 - FINAL FOR 1st & 2nd. (*3:30 - PRESENTATIONS*). **DIVISION "A" MCBRIDE MANIACS, PRINCE GEORGE EAGLES, JASPER RUSTERS. DIVISION "B" PRINCE GEORGE HERRICANES, HINTON MUSTANGS, VANDERHOOF.**

MCBRIDE MUSTANG NEWS

"Thank you to all those who were involved with North Central Championship Zones 2011!!! We had a great weekend!!" Congrats to the Mustangs for getting 2nd place and a birth to Provincials!!
MUSTANG BASKETBALL PROVINCIAL FUNDRAISER DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION
Date: Sunday, March 6, 2011
Place: E-Free Church
Silent Auction at 5:30pm
Dinner at 6:00pm

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MINOR HOCKEY NEWS

McBride Minor Hockey now has a website.

Check out: <http://www.mcbriedminorhockey.info/index.html>

COMING EVENTS

The next meeting of the McBride Big Country Snowmobile Association will be held Wednesday, March 2nd @ 7:00 pm in the Heartland Restaurant Meeting room. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

The McBride Medical Clinic will be starting a Physician supervised weight loss group beginning in April. If you have chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, or high cholesterol or need to loose 30+ pounds, and are interested in working with our team in a group setting please contact Jenny or Val at 250-569-2251 ext. 245 or 220 for more information.

You and your family are invited to a series of Gospel Services every Friday until March 25 from 7:30-8:30pm at the Legion Hall. Monty Wood, Dwayne Powell.

VALLEY PIECEMAKERS: A draw for the quilt will be held in May at our biannual Quilt Show. Come and join us and have some fun while learning the age old siff of quilting. Our next meeting is March 2 at the high school at 7:00pm.

MCBRIDE CURLING CLUB NEWS

•March 4, 5, 6 - Bonspiel Weekend. All Men, All Women or Mixed Rinks. Open Skins \$200.00 per rink. Want to put in a team? Want to Curl and need a team? Call Kevin Taphorn - 250-569-7434, he can help you out.

Sunday March 13th. - Family Fun Speil. Wednesday Junior Curlers Invite Family & Friends to come out and play. \$1 Registration per player. 2 Adults, 2 kids per team. Call Kevin Taphorn for more information and to register. Great way to spend a Family Day Together.

The 50/50 ticket from the Ladies Bonspiel was unclaimed. So prize of \$120.00 was donated to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation. Proceeds go to the Neonatal Intensive Care Units. We Invite all to come down to the rink to watch and cheer on the teams this weekend.

McBride Figure Skating Club

McBride Figure Skating Club Presents: Cirque De Patinage (Circus of Skating). Doors Open at 6:30pm. Show starts at 7:00pm. March 12, 2011. Tickets for sale at the Door or Advance Tickets for sale at Stehmans and Advantage Insurance. Tickets \$3.00 for Seniors and Children under 12. \$5.00 Adult and Children Over 12.

BIRTHDAY WISHES MARCH 2 - 8

Carol Hammar, Ella Mills, Logan Crichton, Duncan Taylor, Jennifer Ford, Rose Lucius, Caleb Reimer, Faalon Wildeman, Kobe Pavlovich, Nigel Jestic, Rick Thompson, Trayton Royer, Christopher Rejman, John Pavlovich, Carla Trask, Mathue Miskie, Chantelle Jaxson, Lacey Blouin, Michael Savarella, Logan Jacques, Melissa Wiltsie, Tobi Orth, and to anyone else we missed. Happy Birthday.

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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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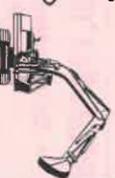
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The staff and students would like to recognize and thank Mrs. Jodi Littlechild for her dedication each day as she celebrates her 10th year in her position at McBride Secondary. Our school looks and feels like new because of her commitment and devotion to the details and extras that she supplies as routine tasks. Thank you Jodi!
Dry Grad Class 2011 will be fundraising for the Dry Grad Trip, need an odd job done, please contact Brian Taphorn 569-2406.

GRAFTS FOR WEE ONES

Following our primary event on February 22, 2011, there will be 4 weeks of fun crafts for your 2 year old. **Date:** Thursday, March 3, 10, 17 and 24th **Time:** 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Place:** McBride Health Unit *Follow ups are drop in only. *Siblings welcome
•Snacks provided *An event bringing together families with 2 year olds for crafts, snacks and activities. •Funds Provided by: Children First Community Grant.

CHAMBER NEWS

Opportunities for Business - Youth Skills BC Program. YSBC is offering BC employers a \$2000 hiring incentive (up to 3 employees at \$2000 each) to hire eligible youth between the ages of 15 and 29. The Youth Skills BC program, funded by the Ministry of Regional Economic and Skills Development has been specifically created as easy-to-use for employers and employees. There is also an additional training allowance, of up to \$1000, available should an employer wish to train their new employee externally. To learn more about the program, please visit <http://www.bowmanemployment.com/ybsbc/>.
Thank you to all our members who have paid their 2011 membership - Gentle reminders to those who haven't!

ELKS ROYAL PURPLE NEWS

YOGA CANCELLED - Katrina Molendyk's Yoga Class will be cancelled Thursday, March 3rd and will resume on Thursday, March 10th, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Elks hall.

FREE DANCE LESSONS Sponsored by the Elks & Royal Purple every Thursday from 7p.m. to 9p.m. at the Elk Hall. Learn to Foxtrot, Box Waltz, Old Time Waltz, Jive, Polka and Various novelty dances. Come out to learn, practice, or just for the fun of it!!! Bring the Whole Family!!! See you There!!!
Elks / Royal Purple Monthly Garage Sale is Saturday, March 5th 10:00 - 2:00p.m. at the Elks Hall. Soup & Sandwich special will be available while you are shopping! Book a table for \$10.00 each through Odds & Ends by calling 569-2645.

BUY, SELL, RENT & MISC.

Lost-Large multi-colored wool hat. If found please call 250-687-1706****For Rent**-5 Bedroom - close to town - Pasture available - References required - \$750/month. Available April 1st. Ph:569-0426****For Sale**-2002 Chev Venture Van. New Winter tires, shocks, struts, also has summer tires. 176,000 km, Runs Good, \$2,500.00 obo. Phone 569-0393 or 569-7759****FREE**-Looking for lots of room to run around - 2 1/2 year of Roddy w/Shepard Cross. Comes with a large indoor metal kennel. Phone Lenny at 569-0443 or 569-7051****House For Rent**-Westlund Road, 4 bedroom, double garage, \$750 per month. Separate negotiation for shop, barn and land. Phone 569-0334****For Sale**-1 pair Viking Black Trusk Carlked work boot. Size 11 used 1 day. New \$190.00 plus tax sell for \$140.00/ 1 pair Dickies work boot. Size 11 used 1 day. New \$170.00) with tax sell for \$120.00, Both pairs bought locally. Ph:250-569-2425****For Sale**-18" Fluorescent Drafting Lamp \$40, 2 size M Snowmobile Suits \$20 each, Mens Winter Jacket w/ur collar, size L \$40, Phone 569-2234****For Sale**-Husqvarna 394, good shape, comes with 28" bar and an extra new chain. \$500, Phone 569-2618****For Sale**-2008 5th Wheel 34.5 Citation Platinum, 3 large slides, totally loaded, has everything. Excellent condition \$65,000.00 obo. Ph:250-569-8825****For Sale**-Farm Fresh Eggs \$3.50/ doz. Can bring to town on certain days. Ph:250-569-0252****Rooms for Rent:** Duntwn McBride \$20/ night/person. Includes use of kitchen, living room, internet. NS. 569-8807 Sun.-Wed. / 569-0005 Thurs.-Sat.****For Sale**-14 yr. old thoroughbred/warmblood mare. 16.1 Dark Bay, beautiful mover trained in dressage and jumping, \$1500.00. Ph:569-7406****For Sale**-1 Norton 20 KWT Electric Furnace, New \$1,100.00. Ph:569-2350****For Rent**-1 Bedroom Apartment, across from the Hospital, F/S, N/S \$500.00 Ph:569-0208****To place an ad call 569-3110, Fax 569-0220 or drop info at 455 King St.**

CHURCH NEWS N' THINGS

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Congratulations to everyone!!!

Village of McBride

Margaret Graine - EDO
Economic Development Office
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Fax: 250-569-0432
E-mail: edo@mcbride.ca



July 31, 2011

A day of celebrations and a ribbon cutting ceremonies are being planned for the Raven Rd. Project!
We will be inviting people from all over Canada..
Mass Media coverage is expected.
We hope to see you there!
Look for more details in The Valley Sentinel- one of the event sponsors .

Transit Feasibility Study - Robson-Canoe Valleys

In 2009, BC Transit has commissioned a Feasibility Study to determine the sustainability of the public transportation service between McBride and Valemount. Existing transportation resources in the region were also reviewed for travel times, target markets and coverage.

Guiding principles of the study included:

1. To provide service to seniors, persons with disability, low income individuals and the general public within Valemount, McBride and Electoral Area "H" of the Regional District.
2. To review the need for all residents to access medical and specialist appointments within the study area and beyond.
3. To set service concepts which are in line with the size population and areas served as based upon experience in similar communities throughout B.C. & identify the cost for these services.

To consider all forms of transit including vanpools, taxis, buses, and subsidies for existing transportation networks.

After an extensive background review of the area, transportation methods and estimated ridership, three service op-

"Beyond the Market" Project

The project is designed to expand the market opportunities for northern produce growers, support new opportunities for the local agri-food industry, and provide more northern residents with access to fresh, healthy and affordable fruits and vegetables.

Beyond the Market: Growing the North aims to build, strengthen and diversify the produce industry from Valemount to Terrace, linking growers, purchasers and consumers in the region in an effort to identify the barriers to the local produce industry and encourage collaboration and entrepreneurial development to overcome them.

Coordinators are currently seeking the input of produce growers in the north to create an inventory of local produce supply and to link with commercial and institutional purchasers looking to 'buy local'.

There are many fun and interactive networking and learning events planned, as well as research and guidance resources. So whether you are the producer or prospective purchaser, you can participate.

We encourage interested parties to participate in the project.
Contact Jillian Merrick, project coordinator: 1-800-661-2055

tions were proposed that address the needs and desires of the residents:

1. Regional and in-town Paratransit, two days per week, three trips per day servicing Valemount, Tete Jaune Cache, Dunster and McBride at the estimated cost of \$126,900.
2. Regional and in-town Paratransit, three days a week, two trips per day at the estimated cost of \$120,900.
3. Summer service to Mt. Robson Provincial Park Visitor Centre in conjunction with option #1 for additional cost of \$17,900. (service provided from June to August)

Study showed that annual ridership for option 1 and 2 would be in the range of 2,600 - 3,200 passengers per year. Study also determined that it would cost transit funding partners \$145 or more for every hour of road service (due to the long distances), and it would cost \$38 or more for each passenger carried.

The study concluded that based on the information analyzed, BC Transit at this time does not recommend a transit service for the study area due to relatively low projected ridership, and prohibitively high expected cost for such service.

Full report available upon request—contact village office.

March 2011

Issue 8

"McBride - a place to come back to,
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Village of McBride



FINDING A COMPROMISE

With the announcement of the new grant funding available to the small communities from the "Towns for Tomorrow" program, we were faced with a difficult task deciding where to allocate our scarce capital.

In the last newsletter we talked about supporting the construction of the Village Loop Trail. Many local residents participated in the development of the plan which was funded by the ActNow BC program. Since then, we have obtained an engineering quote to determine the cost of the construction.

To our disappointment the construction cost was prohibitive, putting this project out of our reach at this time.

The Village Council, together with the village administration looked at all

Intake for the Kiosk Advertising is now Closed.
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A BIG "thank you" to ALL participants!

other community needs and were able to identify a number of other projects that could fit the grants' criteria. The decisive factors for the approval of the applications were as follows:

- Contribution towards community greenhouse gas emission reductions;
- Public and environmental health benefits;
- Extend to which the community is advancing the ActNow BC principle of being more physically active; and
- Building seniors-friendly and disability-friendly communities;

We need to remember that satisfying of all of the criteria does not guarantee application approval, merely increases our chances of being approved.

The EDO was tasked with developing an application that will serve the needs of the town residents, fits the grant criteria and stays within our limited, financial capacity. As a result, we have put together a proposal that will include a Phase 1 of the Village Loop Trail Plan and road improvements to Columbia St., 2nd Avenue, Queen St., and Lonsdale St.

Phase 1 of the loop project will allow for building a new sidewalk along Columbia St., creating a short loop

linking Main St., 1st Avenue via Columbia St., to 5th Avenue and the existing walking path on Frontage Rd.

The street improvements will include surface paving to reduce dust. This labour-intense development will create about 2300 man hours of employment.

While developing the proposal our objectives were to:

- Meet the needs of seniors & people with disabilities;
- Provide safe access to the Community Hall, the Sports Arena and the Legion as well as to link various parks with the facilities;
- Further develop our infrastructure; and
- Offer visitors who stop at the train station an opportunity to explore our town on foot and enjoy the amazing scenery.

If approved, the construction will begin this year.

Towns for Tomorrow Program is the only program that has a special, small community 80% - 20 % allocation. For 20 cents of 'our' investment the province invests 80 cents.

For now, we wait for the announcements..

Margaret Graine EDO