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For the week of Wednesday, November 16th, 2011

After the Fire

Sometimes you have to wait for the smoke to clear to see what people are made of... this is what I've learned from those in this valley whom I thought I knew from Blue River to Dome Creek. In the morning after the fire they offered help and support so I could rise from the ashes and start over again. People are generous, almost to a fault, and it makes me feel privileged to be in their midst. I have given nothing and they have been giving their all before the big snow and all I can say is "thank you". The fast response from friends and neighbours, Social Service Emergency Crisis Service, McBride Emergency Social Services, the Red Cross and the Seventh Day Adventist Church is appreciated. Twenty-three days have passed since the night of the fire and over 75 people have been involved in small and big ways to help me set up new accommodation before winter sets in. It is all appreciated, especially the timely effort of the crews who cleared a building site, built a mobile home pad and poured cement to building code standards, dismantled the overhead roof and skirting so the mobile home could be transported to Small River from Dunster-Croydon Road, the preparation of a septic field, the transportation of a new porch, rebuilding the overhead roof and the construction of a new porch, rebuilding the overhead roof and skirting, the supply of new building materials, and trenching for a new hydro line. There are so many people to thank and acknowledge, and I've been told to "keep it short" and not mention names or companies involved, but I'll break the rule a little bit. Coordinating all of the communications by email and phone calls for work crews, volunteers, donations, purchasing, etc. from his home in Dunster has been Pete Amyony. Thank you for your tireless effort. Second, I would like to acknowledge the brave efforts of a young man who ran into the flaming cabin in hopes of saving it, but instead suffered carbon monoxide inhalation and was treated at the Valermount Health Centre. This is a side of Buck most don't see. Thank you. Last, which has made a great deal of difference in the race against the onset of winter has been the generous donation of a 12x50 mobile home from Shane and Lorrie Bressette of Dunster. Thank you. There are so many people to thank from the bottom of my heart, which is an understatement. From offering time of skilled and unskilled labour, time with heavy equipment so I can go back home early, to a greeting of best wishes from someone on the street - it is all heartfelt and will never be forgotten. There are still people working on my behalf behind the scenes with boundless determination and fighting spirit, like that I taught my students so many years ago. These are the same people who have stood not behind me but beside me during this whole ordeal. Thank you. Accomplishment in this life is not what people do. It's what they try to do. It has been proven that this takes a lot more effort. Success is not measured from where you start, but from where you finish. Thank you everyone. Have a safe and warm winter. Sincerely, Dave Ryckman, Dunster BC.

THANK YOU

The McBride District Volunteer Firefighters Association would like to thank everyone who supported our Halloween Fireworks Display. Our 30 minute show cost \$2000.00 and we raised \$451.00 through our donation cans and private donations. This year between our fundraising activities, Firefighters Association Dues, and money received from our Husky Rebate Card we have been able to make the following donations to our community: *McBride Secondary School Year End Barbecue-\$350, *Pioneer Days Parade-\$50, *Three McBride Secondary School Graduation Bursaries-\$300, *Sponsorship for two children in McBride Minor Hockey-\$300, *Halloween Fireworks-\$2000. *We received grant from the McBride Community Foundation and in return we donated to the McBride Elks/Royal Purple in the amount of \$250 for kids games at Pioneer Days and we also donated \$500 to the McBride Centennial Elementary School for their swim program.

CURLING NEWS

McBride Curling Club Ice Breaker mixed-open Bonspiel, November 25, 26, 27 - CASH spiel. Contact Kevin Taphorn 250-569-7434 by November 23rd to register.

LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA

Ladies Christmas Tea at the E. Free Church is on December 8th. Come & Celebrate with us in music, song & scripture. Doors open at 6:00. Refreshments at 6:30, program to follow. Everyone Welcome!!!

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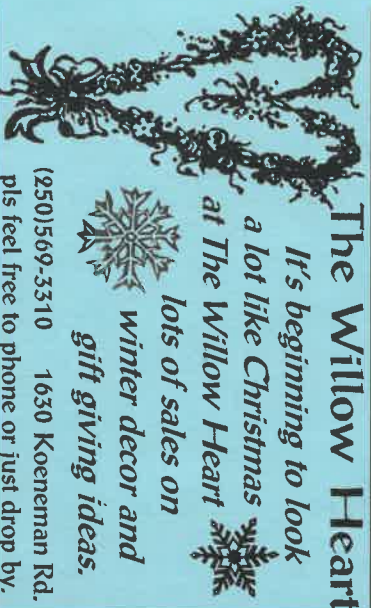
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Annual McBride Secondary School

Craft Fair

Saturday, November 26th 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. If you would like to
book a table for the Craft Fair we have only 3 tables left! Our goal
is 36 tables. Tables are 15% of sales up to a maximum of \$50.00.
Proceeds go to the PAC. Please call the school at 250-569-2295 to
book one of the 3 remaining tables.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come out and cheer on the combined McBride/Valemount Atom
Hockey team this Sunday, November 20th as they play two games
against Prince George at 10am and 2pm at the Robson Valley
Recreation Centre.

POST ELECTIONS CELEBRATION!! Open House at the
McBride Curling Club Saturday, November 19th starting at 7:30 pm.
The Dunster Winter market resumes Saturday, November 19th
from 11:30-1:00. Come for lunch and enjoy soup, sandwiches and
fresh goodies. Proceeds support the Dunster Community Association.

For more information please contact Karen Shaw at 968-4331.
Scotiabank's Annual Raffle: All proceeds to go towards the
OAPO's luncheon. Tickets are available at the Scotiabank's branch
until December 2nd; to be drawn at 4:30pm. that day. \$1 each or
\$5 for 6. Thank you in advance for your support!

Come help Talitha Rosin celebrate her 90th birthday. Wed. Nov.
23, 2011 from 2 to 4 at Beaverview Lodge. Enjoy a visit over a
coffee and piece of birthday cake. Everyone welcome.
Library News - Please join the board and staff of the McBride and
District Public Library in welcoming our new Library Director,
Naomi Balla-Boudreau, to McBride. Naomi comes to us from
Ontario via Nova Scotia and we are happy to host an open house
event on Friday, November 18, 5-9pm as a chance for library
patrons and members of the public to meet and get to know our new
Library Director. We look forward to seeing you.

Join us at the *McBride & District Public Library* for *Wolves
of the Yukon*, a reading and slideshow by wolf biologist and
author, Bob Hayes, Saturday, November 19th at 1:00pm. Drop by
the library or check out our website for more information.

SCHOOL NEWS

McBride Secondary 2012 Graduation Dinner Caterer Needed! This
year's graduation class will be holding their grad on Saturday, June
23rd at the Robson Valley Recreation Centre. We are looking for a
caterer for approx. 300 - 500 people. Bid to include menu plan, copy
of Caterer's License and references to be submitted to the McBride
Secondary School by Friday, December 9, 2011. If you have any
questions, please call the school at 250-569-2295

Grad Trip 2012 - fund-raisers: Designated drivers, Sand bags on
sale at the Husky. Community points card - swipe grad 2012 at the
Husky. Odd jobs - Please contact Sarah 569-0144 or Dawn 569-
3410.

FARMER'S INSTITUTE

The McBride Farmer's Institute Banquet 2011 will be held on
Saturday, November 19 at the Community Hall. Mocktails at 5pm.
Dinner at 6pm. Tickets are \$22 each and are available at The Farm
Store. Come for dinner and social with fellow farmers etc. Presentation
by Wild Elk Foundation.

MOVIE NIGHT

McBride Secondary will be hosting a MOVIE NIGHT on Fri., Nov.
18th. Admission is \$5.00 at the door. A concession is available. The
4:30pm movie is *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, PG, 1 hr. 34 min. The
7:00pm movie is *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*, PG-13, 2 hr.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The McBride and District Chamber of Commerce is getting ready
to host the Festival of Lights and Late Night Shopping on December
2nd, starting at 6:00PM with the Santa Clause Parade. Anyone
wishing to participate is welcome! Be at the starting point at Robson
Centre before 6:00pm and help bring Santa into town. Give a call
to 250-569-3366 to let Santa know you are coming and enjoy free
hot chocolate at the Elks.

DANCE CLASSES

FREE DANCE CLASSES sponsored by the McBride Elks &
Royal Purple. Thursdays starting November 24th at 7:00pm. at the
Elks Hall. We'll be starting with the Fox trot which covers about
90% of the modern country dances & Wedding dances. We'll also
be learning the Jive, Polka, Old Time & Box Waltz and a few
novelty dances for fun!! There will be 4 classes before Christmas.
Bring the whole Family. Casual & Fun. Young & Old. Great
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THINK ABOUT IT...

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Please contact The Little McBride Paper with all coming events,
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or drop off at 455 King St. If we don't know about it, we
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- TAKE A BALANCED APPROACH: BRING TOGETHER ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS. EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP AND A LONG-TERM VISION.
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- WITHOUT A STRONG ECONOMIC BASE, WE CAN NOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES AND THE FACILITIES THE VILLAGE PROVIDES
- CAREFULLY REVIEW SPENDING. STABLE & DIVERSE ECONOMY.
- RESEARCH WAYS TO MAKE IT EASIER TO DO BUSINESS IN McBRIDE
- GROW McBRIDE'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY, WHILE BALANCING EVENTS THAT ATTRACT POTENTIAL NEW RESIDENTS AND REVENUE

3. HEALTHY & SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY

- CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF THE LESS FORTUNATE, THE DISABLED AND THE ELDERLY
- ENCOURAGE STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE ASSOCIATIONS AND GROUPS
- ASSIST IN SECURING FUNDING FROM THE PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

4. HEALTHY, GREEN COMMUNITY

- SUPPORT THE VILLAGE AND THE COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO CONTINUE MAKING THIS AN AMAZING PLACE TO LIVE. TOWN BEAUTIFICATION IS SO IMPORTANT.
- PROMOTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE AREAS OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES
- SUPPORT ENHANCEMENTS TO TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE

I am passionate about McBride, it's history, it's people and understanding their needs.

I want to hear from you. I will listen with an open mind and analyze the facts before reaching a decision.

I am fully committed to the best possible outcome.

With your support, I will assist to implement policies that continue to enhance our McBride experience.

I would truly appreciate your vote and thank you, in advance, for the privilege of representing you.

JOE KOLIDA FOR McBRIDE VILLAGE COUNCIL



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Who Knows What, When, Where, and Why to Sweep
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on November 19th
VOTE

**ALLAN
FREDERICK**
FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL



Chamber of Commerce News

Thank you to all those who attended the Meet and Greet and/or the Civic Candidates Forum. We urge all to contact the election candidates personally to discuss their position on any issues that have particular interest to you. Please remember Saturday Nov. 19th is voting day. We encourage you to take the time to vote, perhaps you could also offer your neighbour or a friend a ride to the polling booth. The Village has offered special voting opportunities at both those at the Hospital and Seniors residence. Some of our Chamber members are offering to assist those requiring rides to the polling station on November 19th - 9:00 am to 11:00 am contact Linda Fry 250-569-0138, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm contact Linda Monroe 250-569-4460, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm contact Bill Arnold 250-569-3381, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm contact Mary Hooker 250-569-7164. -McBride and District Chamber of Commerce.

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AL BIRNIE FOR MAYOR
Restore Our Spirit... with a Mayor Who Cares
#9 Keep The Community United

The time has come to get out and vote!
The McBride community has united as never before around the election process; candidates and voters spending hours talking and listening to each other, and discussing the issues.

Residents want to be heard, and be included in making the decisions that will get McBride growing again.

Vote for a Mayor who truly will deliver integrity, honesty and open, inclusive involvement.

Vote Al Birnie on Saturday, Nov. 19th.

Re-Elect

RICK THOMPSON

McBride Village Council



On Track to a Brighter Future

I commit to the residents of McBride that I will:

- To work hard on your behalf
- To be accessible to residents and open to new ideas
- To responsibly manage your tax dollars
- To protect our Community Forest as a vital asset to our future
- To create the conditions for private sector investment and new jobs for families
- To invest responsibly in infrastructure improvements that make McBride safe, accessible and a place you want to call home
- To focus on accomplishments that make a better community for all residents of McBride

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Re: Upcoming Municipal Elections: Isn't it too bad we cannot run a political campaign without starting rumors about people's person? We all have to live here and share this beautiful Valley SO tell me what you can do as Mayor? What are you SCARED of that you have to attack with falsehoods on the streets. I ask the present incumbent "what are you & your buddies Covering up?? Shame on you & your political friends for being bullies. I for one am tired of the lies and mudslinging - let's just vote the people in who can best represent us and whom we can trust. We all have to live here in the future so lets vote for the smartest, best representative we have running. DON'T FORGET - YOUR VOTE IS SECRET SO Vote for whoever you like and none will ever know. Let us have people to represent us who we are PROUD of & who have a PLAN for our FUTURE. I for one am Happy to see Volunteer's & Council members refuse to sign papers that they do not agree with. GOOD ON YOU!
Respectfully submitted by Dawna Hickey.

LOOKING FOR TALENT

Looking for Talent - Talent Show on Thursday, November 24th at the McBride Roundhouse Theatre. •Think YOU have what it takes to be in the McBride talent show? It doesn't matter if your talented in dancing or yodeling, we want YOU to be in OUR show! Call Kristine Drader at 1-250-569-0025 by Nov. 21st to sign up. All profits from the show will go towards travel costs for the McBride Secondary snowboard/ski team. Please sign up it will be greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL GRAFT SALE

Annual Craft Sale & Adra Caoncert At Legion Hall - Sponsored by the Seventh Day Adventist Church. •Saturday, November 26th, 2011 •Sale, 5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m. •Christmas Gifts •White Elephant Sale •Crafts •Door Prizes •Concert 7:30 - 8:30 Featuring Gospel Road: Comprised of Brian Bechtold (former resident of the valley) and his wife Denise Bechtold. •Free Conert (donations accepted).

BIRTHDAY WISHES NOV. 16 - 22

Coltan Ryan, Larry MacMaster, Henrieta Sluggert, Kylie Taphorn, Amy vonderGonna, Duke Peterson, Greg Miskie, Megan Sanson, Josef Omega, Kevin Rhoads, Jocelyn Monroe, Nelson DeFrias, Cailey McFarland, Julie Monroe, Kathy Molendyk, and to anyone else we missed, Happy Birthday.

CHURCH NEWS N' THINGS

Anglican United Church - Downtown Thrift Store on Dominion Street. Clothes and Household Goods. Open: Tues. 1:00-3:00 & Fri. 1:00-3:00•**Dorcas** (free clothing and household items) Open Tuesdays 1:00-3:00pm. Lammimg Pit Rd. by the SDA Church. Any needs call Terri Spangler 569-2479, Elsie Stanley 569-2596 or Carol Barnett 569-0083•**Foodbank** contact number is 569-3186•**Seventh-day Adventist Church**-Meet Saturdays at 9:30 & 11am. and Wednesdays at 7pm. Phone: Ph:569-3370•**Memnonie Church**-Meet Sundays 11am and 7:30pm & Wednesdays at 7:45pm Ph:569-0445•**Mountain Chapel (PAOC)**-Sunday School & Adult Classes-10am, Services-11:10am. Ph:569-3350•**Anglican United Church**-441 Dominion Street. Meet Sundays at 10:00 a.m. (starting Aug. 7th). Phone 569-3206 or 569-3386. Hall Rental Phone Theima Molendyk 250-569-0082•**Evangelical Free Church**-Sunday School starts at 9:45 am. Worship service at 11:00 am. Ph:569-2378 or 569-8845 Pastor Dan Carlaw•**Robson Valley Christian Centre**-Meets in home Sundays 11am, Dunster Ph:968-4335•**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**-Meets Sundays at 11:00am. Ph:569-2606. Call to Confirm.

BETTER TO THE EDITOR

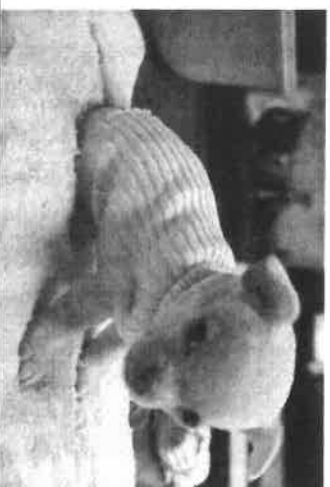
For me, this election is all about community and which candidates are best suited to heal our rifts. Without a cooperative community we have no means to address our economic, social or environmental concerns. Our crippled community has its roots and its entrenchment with our present Council. The establishment of the Corporation Village of McBride as the controlling agency of the Community Forest is not the fault of Council. We agreed to it in the absence of a more inclusive agency necessary to host the community forest. Village Council acted in the best interest of all. The Village control of the forest was, however, meant to be temporary. The community at large was willing to trust the Village to act in the best interest of all of us. Council has moved to entrench the ownership of the community forest in The Village rather than seek ways to be inclusive of its whole community.

Many of us seek a fair solution to the issues. Denying they exist or condemning those who have diligently sought solutions will not make the problems go away. Without change discord and dissatisfaction will escalate.

Presently the constitution of the McBride Community Forest Corporation is morally wrong. It needs to go back to the intent of the original agreement. Claiming legal council as the reason to maintain the status quo reflects a lack of understanding of community, an abdication of the responsibility of a Mayor or Councilor's position and a lack of moral principles on which good decisions should be made.

A newly elected Council can address the problems. Where there's a will there's a way! This is not an issue of money or of legal right. It is a moral question...who should have a say in the management of our forest? Of course, the answer is, all of us should. Any candidate who presses for no change to the community forest mandate is choosing to divide the community further and to escalate the antagonism. Change is needed. That doesn't have to be a change in people but it certainly must be a change in attitude and direction. I'm looking for candidates who embrace needed change.

-Shelagh Foster



Take a Break in McBride...B.G.s Friendliest Town!!

All right, the first person who makes fun of my sweater is going to find a little present in their shoes!



You can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking used to create them.

BY VOTING LORANNE MARTIN FOR MAYOR

The next step
will be a step forward

- Experience and Education
- Accountability and Transparency
- Principled

Unify OUR Community
Elect
Lorraine Martin for Mayor