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This Sunday's hike will be a second try at Boulder Mountain (rain not welcome)! Meet at Koenehan Park at 8 a.m. to carpool from there. Bring lunch and water. All are welcome. For more information contact Al Birnie at 569-4101 or Glen/Elise Stanley at 569-2596.  
 The rest of the "summer" schedule will be: Sept. 21 Groeneveld Trail; Sept. 28 Whitehorn (Kinney Lake trail); Oct. 5 Tom's Cabin behind Dunster.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES SEPTEMBER 10-16**

Marlene Caron, Dave Jeck, Gerald Moore, Rob Pepper, Seth MacDonald, Don Hampson, Janelle Lamming, Jennifer Bosley, Sandra Mills, Kenton Bressette, Michelle Wolney, Sylvia Melnychuk, Warren McLennan, Pati Lintick, Amber Godfrey, Irene Berndsen, Jesse Trask, Wanda Lamming, Aiden Roth, Heather Littlechild, Mike Mills, and to any one 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 is now closed for the summer. Will reopen Sept. 2. If you have any needs, call Terri 569-2479 or Carol 569-4031. • **Foodbank** contact number is 569-3186 • **Seventh-day Adventist Church**-Meet Saturdays at 9:30 & 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Phone: Ph:569-3370 • **Mennonite Church**-Meet Sundays 11am and 7:30pm & Wednesdays at 7:45pm Ph:569-7297 • **Mountain Chapel (PACOC)**-Sunday School & Adult Classes-10am, Services-11:10am. Ph:569-3350 • **Anglican United Church**-441 Dominion Street. Meet Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Phone 569-3206 or 569-3386. • **Evangelical Free Church**-Worship Gathering at 10:30am. Ph:569-2378 • **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.

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**YARD SALES**

Moving & Multi-family Yard sale at 665 Lamming Pit Road on Saturday, September 13th from 10am - 2pm. \*Assorted Household goods, \*Fabric and sewing notions \*Roh's famous Popcorn and Hamburgers.  
**YARD SALE - St. Patrick's Church, 197 Dominion Street, Saturday, September 13 from 10:00am to noon, weather permitting. Yard Sale - Saturday, September 13 from 9am to 4pm at #8 - 1095 Dyke Road (Dorval Trailer Park).**

**THANK YOU**

**THANK YOU** who all participated in the Caring Communities Expo on Saturday, Sept. 6th at The Robson Valley Community Centre. Thank You to our sponsors: McBride Community Forest Corporation, Village of McBride, Regional District Fraser-Fort George, Robson Valley Home Hardware, Robson Valley Support Society.

**MINOR HOCKEY NEWS**

McBride Minor Hockey Registration Thursday, September 25 6:30-8pm at the McBride Curling Club.  
**FREE TO GIVEAWAY - NEW HOCKEY GEAR!!!** (see details below).  
 Come register your child for the 2014/2015 season. Hockey is open to boys and girls aged 3-17. \$200 per player for the season, \$75 for Tykes (ages 3-6), **SPECIAL OFFER** to any new players (never registered with MMHA before) \$50 for the whole season and an **ENTIRE SET** of new hockey gear provided for **FREE!!!!** Dues paid in full on September 25 will be entered into a draw to have the entire amount reimbursed! \*\*\*Financial Assistance is available to ensure every child who wishes to play can play\*\*\*  
 Season starts October 6. For more information contact MMHA President Brady Knezacek a 250-569-4429.

**ELKS/ROYAL PURPLE NEWS**

**Need Funding?** The McBride Elks and Royal Purple are applying again for the 2015-16 Community Gaming Fund. If your club, organization or group needs additional funding to support an activity, event etc. please submit in writing separately to the McBride Elks #247 and McBride Royal Purple #112. Your application must explain in detail what you will be using the funds for, how much is required, who will benefit in the community, information about your club etc. **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS OCTOBER 1, 2014.** Call either Al Birnie 250-569-4101 or Kathy Molendyk @ 250-569-3239 for more info.  
**We meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 pm.** Anyone is welcome to attend. For any Hall Rental please contact Brenda Molendyk @ McBride AG Foods 569-0140.

**COMING EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER 11TH - REMEMBERING 9-11 13TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY.** Emergency Services will be marching down main street at 9:11am on September 11th ending at the train station for a brief silence and remembrance of all the emergency responders who lost their lives on 9-11.

**The Open Gate Garden** invites community gardeners, volunteers and their families to an end-of-the season bar-b-q on Sunday, September 14th from 12:00 until 2:00 in the garden. Local burgers, pot luck salads and roasted potatoes from "you-know-where". R.S.V.P. by emailing [opengategarden@gmail.com](mailto:opengategarden@gmail.com) or call Nancy at 250-968-4358. Happy Harvesting!

**Down Town Thrift Store** will be having 2 days in September to sell craft items and material in our kitchen. Tuesday, September 16 and Friday, September 19 from 1pm to 3pm on both days, when shop is open. Hope to see you there. -McBride Ang/United Church.  
**From Robson Valley Support Society -** Calling all Robson Valley Residents!!! Plan to attend a Kidsport Presentation in McBride on Monday, September 22 for a meeting at 3pm to discuss a local chapter that would provide funds for children living in the Robson Valley to have the opportunity to participate in organized events. We are looking at a Robson Valley Kidsport Chapter that would benefit youth from Dome Creek, McBride, Dunster, Tete Jaune Cache and Valenmount. We would love to have representation from all these communities at this meeting. Any question contact Jen Quam at RVSS 250-569-2266.

**Via-Rail Schedule** [viarail.ca](http://viarail.ca) Phone 1-888-842-7245  
 Going West - Sunday, Wednesday & Friday...2:44pm  
 Going East - Monday, Thursday, Saturday...1:48pm  
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**Important Phone Numbers**

EMERGENCY .....	9-1-1	Gov't Services BC ...	569-3760
R.C.M.P. ....	569-2255	Village .....	569-2229
Hospital .....	569-2251	Reg'l Dist' .....	1-800-667-1959
Health Unit .....	569-2251	Home Support .....	569-2266
K to 7 School .....	569-2721	Food Bank .....	569-3186
High School .....	569-2295	Fire Hall .....	569-3117
School District 57 .....	569-3117	Dental Office .....	The Little McBride Paper
1-800-256-7857 .....	(250) 569-3434		569-3110
Report Forest Fires -	1-800-663-5555		

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8. **Newsletter:** you will receive a free copy of Chamber newsletters with information on local business news, local Chamber news, legislative news, Provincially and Nationally.
9. **Business Resources:** contact our Info Centre for a wide variety of information for people starting, expanding or improving a business.

Visit our benefits page on our [www.mcbridechamber.ca](http://www.mcbridechamber.ca) website to learn more about these and other great benefits.

Join us as we work to improve business in our community!  
To become a member email us [info@mcbridechamber.ca](mailto:info@mcbridechamber.ca)

**McBride Show & Shine Poker Run**



In 2014 the McBride Chamber and Bell Mountain Motel and Thunder Valley hosted a show and shine as part of the Elks Pioneer Days and McBride Adventure Weekend. 38 fabulous rides participated !!

For 2015 we would like to host a poker run to get the participating cars to tour around McBride. In order to make this happen, we are looking for volunteer poker stations. For example, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, when a poker run participant comes into the poker station, you will get to see their cool ride. The driver will present their entry sheet and draw a card from a deck (provided by us to you). The poker station volunteer will enter the card description on their entry sheet and validate the entry. That's it. This will not cost you any money, we will not be asking you for donations for the poker run. If you want to provide treats or specials for the poker run participants, great, we would love that – but that is your choice. We would ask you to thank the driver for showing this car and participating in our poker run.

Once we have participating poker station locations, we will be able to map out the poker run including points of interest for the participating cars.

If you would be interested in being a poker run location, please contact Linda Fry at 250-569-0138 or Lyn Smith at 250-569-0312. The more stations we have, the more we can show case McBride – give us a call by October 15th. We would like to get this organized, mapped out, and start the promotions now.

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*McBride and District Chamber of Commerce Newsletter  
Summer 2014*

You are invited to our general meeting September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the E-Free church. Share with us our accomplishments over the past year and help us plan for the future!

**Motor vehicle access** to the back country is an important issue that has economic impact far beyond tourism.

These resource roads are significant attractions to tour operators, tourists, local recreationalists, miners, IPP's, hunters, trappers, researchers, cattle farmers, secondary forest resources harvesters and more, offering small rural communities diversified economic opportunities at a time when traditional opportunities such as the forest industry are diminishing. Your chamber put forth the following resolution for consideration at the BC Chamber AGM:

*The Chamber recommends that the BC Government work with stakeholders to develop a plan to determine the feasibility of designating certain key forest roads that are no longer required for industrial use and would otherwise be permanently deactivated, as recreation roads and trails and to develop a reasonable structure for ongoing support and funding for development, promotion and ongoing maintenance.*

The resolution was passed with a strong majority and the BC Chamber will be advocating on behalf of our chamber to the BC Government.

**The Horseshoe Lake** recreational area has a new sign and is a popular destination for bird watchers and nature lovers. Take a walk and check it out!

**Canada Day**

Our Canada Day celebrations were a lot of fun and the Canada Day Committee would like to extend our thanks and sincere appreciation to the many volunteers who helped put this fabulous event together.

**Your Chamber partnered with Scotiabank**

to host the well-attended and informative presentation on Wills and Estates. A big thank you to Ray Noonan, Financial Consultant with Scotia Private Client Group for a fabulous presentation.

**Maurice and Isabel Bonneville** were the recipients of the **Cheryl Sansom Award** this year. The Cheryl Sansom Award was created to recognize those outstanding volunteers whose unselfish and dedicated service has made a significant difference in our community.

**The McBride Chamber will be representing our members** at the upcoming Valemount trade show on September 19<sup>th</sup>. If any members wish to send brochures or other information for us to display, please bring it to the general meeting at the E-Free Church, between 6:30pm and 8:30pm or contact the Visitor Centre 250-569-3366.

Help us show our appreciation for the dedicated first responders by bringing a side dish or dessert to the **First Responders Appreciation Dinner** on October 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30Pm 8:00pm in the E-Free Church.

**The Village of McBride, Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and the McBride Chamber**

partnered on the Business Walk program. We visited almost 40 businesses to gather information and identify opportunities for local businesses. More information can be found on

[www.mcbridechamber.ca](http://www.mcbridechamber.ca)

We have also been partnering with Robson Valley Tourism on various initiatives, come to our **September General meeting** on September 17<sup>th</sup> for information on this and much more.

Our meetings are held on the **3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the E-Free Church**. All members are welcome to attend and speak on any issue.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- General Meeting:** Sept 17th
- Valemount Trade Show:** Sept 19th
- First responders dinner:** Oct 7th
- All Candidates Forum:** Oct 29th
- Festival of Lights /Late Night Shopping** Nov 28th
- Shop Local promotion** Nov 28th through Jan 16th
- Chamber AGM** January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015