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For the week of *Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

## CONCERT

Robson Valley Music Society Presents: Jenie Thai live @ Dunster Schoolhouse! Thursday, October 18th. Doors @ 7:00 Show @ 7:30. Tix at the door \$15. Born in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and raised outside of Edmonton, Jenie Thai is rapidly building a musical presence throughout the country with the electric energy she displays on stage and the old soul that's conveyed through her song writing. Vocally, she has been compared to Eva Cassidy, but soaks in the musical influences of Tom Waits, Bonnie Raitt, Memphis Slim, and Nina Simone. A performer, songwriter, singer, and instrumentalist, Jenie Thai combines her love of the traditional piano blues, sixties rhythm and blues, and great American songwriters to produce a unique charm as a roots and blues musician on the national and international scene. <http://www.jenithai.ca/>

## DUNSTER PLAY GROUP

Gather, Laugh and Learn at the Dunster Play Group. We welcome families with children from 0-6 years old and their siblings on non-instructional days. Here are the dates for the Play Group sessions this fall. Monday, Oct. 15th, Monday, Oct. 29th, Monday, Nov. 12th, Monday, Nov. 26th and Monday, Dec. 10th. The sessions will go from 10:00 a.m. until noon and are held at the Dunster Schoolhouse. Please bring a healthy snack to share. Parents and caregivers are required to remain on site to comply with licensing. This year parents are asked to volunteer to coordinate the sessions. There will be a sign up sheet in the playroom with the expectations for the bi-weekly sessions. Many hands make light work! We are grateful for Early Years funding that allows us to continue offering this popular service. Thank you to our local Success by Six and Children First Table that supports the fun we have in Dunster! For information contact Nancy at 250-968-4358.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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On behalf of Healthier Communities~Northern Health~Robson Valley Physiotherapy. Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 at the Canoe Valley Rec Centre in Valemount and Thursdays 9-11 at the Fit Pit in McBride. Ask your doctor or call Michelle Read at 250-569-0053 to find out if you qualify for this free program. To find out if you qualify for this program, ask your family doctor, or call Michelle Read at Robson Valley Physiotherapy at 250-569-0053.  
The McBride Community Calendar is available on line at the website <https://calendar.mcbride.ca/>

## SCHOOL NEWS

McBride Secondary Grad 2019 Community Calendar. This year's grade 12 students have started taking orders for the "Community Calendar" for 2019. Each calendar is \$11.00 and must be paid in advance. Due to having such a small graduation class, if you are not approached by a grade 12 student, please stop by the school to place your order and have your name added to the birthday/anniversary list. The Dunster Store will also be taking orders. Deadline to order and pay for your calendar is Friday, October 26th. If you would like to advertise your business, we do have a couple of spots open. They will be filled on a first called in basis. Also, if your club or organization would like to put in your meeting times, e.g. Elks/Royal Purple meetings, or Legion Bingo or if you know of a special event e.g. Grad, you would like listed on the calendar, please call the school at 250-569-2295 by Friday, October 26th.

### McBride Centennial News:

**Strong Start Has Begun!** NEW DAY, same time. Fridays for the 2018-19 School Year (except non-instructional-day weeks when the programme will be on Wednesdays). 8:45 - 11:45 a.m.  
**Kids' Christmas Shopping Day Sale** - Think of McBride Centennial as you clean your house, sort through boxes, etc. We welcome any gently-used or never-before-used-and-want-to-find-a-good-home items for our sale which will take place on Friday, November 30 this year. A box will be available in the front foyer of the school for items. The proceeds from this sale go towards the grades 4/5 swim programme. The smiles go to the students; and the gifts go to their loved ones. Thank you to those who have supported the swim programme in the past with your donations and a big thank you, in advance, for those donating this year!  
**Purdy's Christmas Chocolate Fundraiser** Coming in November. More details to follow closer to the time.

## CHRISTMAS GRAFT FAIR

McBride Secondary School students and the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) invite you to: Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 17, 10am - 2pm in the Robson Valley Community Centre (Community Hall) (NEW VENUE), 441 Columbia St. 40 tables of Robson Valley Artwork, Crafts, Baked Goods, Home Business Sales, Concession hosted by school sports, and much more... Admission \$1 or by donation. The Christmas Craft Fair is PAC's largest fundraiser of the year. Money raised goes towards supporting student activities at the school. Thank you for your support!

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Please contact The Little McBride Paper with all coming events, news, trivia, comments, anything! 250-569-3110, Fax:250-569-0220, 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 inform the public about it! Scott & Susan Glines (Oscar & Broom)  
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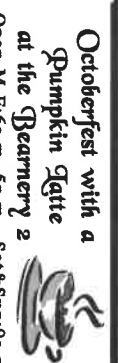
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Don't forget, we've got: Tuesday Night Music Jan. 7-9pm, and Fibre Artists Meet Thursdays at 10am.



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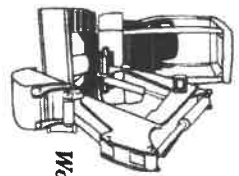
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## COMING EVENTS

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**McBride:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 Evening Session: 5pm - 9pm McBride Library. For more information and to register: 250-562-9622 www.cfdc.bc.ca/calendar/  
**Forest Folk Workshop** Saturday, October 13th, 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Dunster Schoolhouse. All Ages Welcome. All Natural Materials Supplied. Donations for the Dunster Schoolhouse heating costs appreciated! Contact: Nancy 250-968-4358 or Ursula 250-968-4439. Forest Folk are whimsical creations made from nature's bounty. Our wish is that some of our creations can be used as decorations for the Three Valleys Co-op / DCA Harvest Pot Luck on Saturday, October 27th. Please join us for a fun, playful and creative morning at the Dunster Schoolhouse. Everyone Welcome!  
**McBride & District Hospital Auxiliary Raffle:** Prize - Autumn Coloured Quilt. Ticket Price 3 for \$5. Draw is at 2:30pm. October 14th, 2018 at the McBride & District Hospital. Tickets available with Auxiliary members, McKale House and Shops on Main.  
**Robson Valley Caregiver Support Group:** at the Community Health Building, McBride. October 16, 2018 from 2-3pm. For those caring for someone with dementia - spouses, family or friends - a caregiver support group offers the chance to: Exchange information and friendship with others affected by dementia. Access the most current information. Learn and share practical tips for coping with change. Decrease feelings of loneliness and isolation. Express feelings and be reassured that these feelings are normal. Find a sense of hope. Supporting a person with dementia, can be incredibly demanding. People in this situation experience a variety of feelings. The demands of the disease can make it difficult to stay in touch with friends and family, and can lead to loneliness and isolation. Come and join us! Contact for more information: 250-569-2018, Susan Umstot, Primary Care Nurse, McBride.

## BUY, SEEL, RENT & MISC.

**For Sale:** Used items from renovation - all in working condition water softener - offers; hot water tank - offers; oil furnace - reconditioned - offers; furnace fuel tank - \$300; 2 toilets - good condition - \$35 each; double stainless steel sink - \$20; 150 gal. fuel tank - \$100. Call 250-968-4370\*\*Registered Morgan for Sale: "High Country Gypsy" is a lovely, friendly 6 yr. old mare with professional training, goes beautifully in the ring, needs experienced rider and trail miles to build her confidence. Loads well, farrier-friendly, easy to catch, 14.2 HH. \$1500 or trade for solid kids horse. Unique & Gorgeous Desk & Dresser Set by Smed International high end furniture Calgary. Dark walnut with coral tops. Desk 30"x27"x44", no drawers. Dresser has 4 easy-roll drawers. 30"x19"x37" \$100/set. Kids' Easel with white & chalk boards, great shape \$15. Queen Bed with mattress & box spring, brass style \$75. 250-968-4457.\*\*For Sale-Portable Air Compressor \$50.00, Small Floor Jack \$20.00, Electric Power Saw \$50.00, Small Pressure Washer \$50.00, Tires -4 Winter Arctic Claw Studded tires mounted on Dodge 6 hole rims, Like new condition 265/70/16" \$250.00, 4 Nordic Winter Tires, 235/75/15" very good condition \$200.00, Garden Roto Tiller, good running condition. Price \$100.00, Wall Tent for sale, size 14x16, 5ft. walls. Price \$500.00. Ph:250-569-4299\*\*For Sale-Tanned Moose Hide-Hair on \$125 Ph:250-569-2602\*\*For Sale-Weaner pigs, ready to go October 14, \$100 each. Rabbits, butchered or live, \$15-\$25 each. Call Rosy at 250-569-7386\*\*For Sale-2 Feeder Pigs, 75 lbs. each. \$150.00 each. Phone 250-569-7733\*\*For Sale-4 tires R215/60/17 Toyo Ice on Dodge Rims, Low miles, 600 o.b.o. Contact Ron Simanton Ph:250-569-0117\*\*For Sale-2011 Ford Fiesta, loaded, 80000km, includes winter tires, \$7000, excellent on gas. Ph:250-569-8852\*\*For Sale-Fifth Wheel tailgate fits 1988-2000 GMC/Chevy-very good condition \$50.00, 4 tires P235/70 R16 M&S Snowflake good winter tires \$280.00, Cordless Drill Makita 1/2 inch-18 volt-with 1 battery and charger. Works good dont need it \$60.00, Medium power saw case \$30.00, Food Safe Plastic 45 Gal Barrel \$20.00, 10x20 A framed tent, with wood stove and necessary stove pipe etc. Perfect for fall hunting \$350.00, VORTEX Viper rifle scope, like new. 4-12x40 PA with Dead Hold BDC \$400.00 Ph:250-569-0016\*\*For Sale-Steel Frame only for hydrolic wood splitter, \$200. 1985 Nissan Duly, 150000km \$2500. Ph: 250-569-7518\*\*For Sale-Honda 5000 watt Power Chief Generator. Call 250-569-33254 for details or to view\*\*Start your registered herd now! CAA Registered Red Angus cow/calf pair for sale, \$3200, three years old, excellent conformation, good udder, good feet, quiet temperament. We have a small herd and sell one or two animals per year. We also have a registered bull calf who will be for sale next spring. References on our previous bulls available. Call Michelle Read, 250-569-0053\*\*Lots of Beautiful Kittens, Persian/Cross, Greggo & Illona up the Beaver\*\*Wanted: 5-10 acres of land in Dunster area with water access. Willing to make \$500/month payments. Please call 250-968-4370\*\*For Sale-White Maytag dryer works really well, only \$50.00. Ducks Unlimited Joe Butcher Duck Caller, 24 carat gold blue wing teal, Canada, new in box, hand carried and painted - \$80.00 obo. Vegetable grinder, six steel blades, wooden handle, works like new - \$45.00. 250-569-7493\*\*For Sale-3 Western saddles including high end Wade from Cactus Saddletry. Wanted farm disc, 6 to 11 feet wide, large plates, solid build. Phone 250-569-3423 or 250-569-7575\*\*For Sale-Sihl and Husky chain saws, a good selection of bars and chains to get ready for firewood season. Phone Warren Ph: 250-569-7469.

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Selena Robinson, the new Minister of Housing at UBCM and has sparked further conversations around the opportunities for both seniors housing and affordable housing with the Province.

When election time rolls around -- locally, provincially or federally -- it is your Chamber that organizes and hosts a local election forum to enable voters to meet candidates, pose local questions, and hear the campaign platforms.

Throughout the year we support the development of a community events calendar and host the online version; we provide letters of support to various groups in their grant writing process; we participate in economic development stakeholder conference calls; and for a trial run, we provided twelve sets of solar powered fairy lights for the Main Street trees.

We represented McBride and the Robson Valley at the 2015 Winter Games in Prince George. We represented McBride and the Robson Valley at the official opening of the Chun T'uh Wudujut Park in September 2018. The Chamber sponsors the local show and shine as part of Elks Pioneer Days; bringing a few golden oldies to town to add to the enjoyment of the parade spectators.

We organize the annual Canada Day celebrations in the park complete with presentations, singing O'Canada, cake and evening fireworks. Part of Canada Day in McBride is the presentation of the Cheryl Sansom award to a local individual who, like Cheryl, gives unselfishly to support and promote community activities.

October is small business month. The Chamber works in conjunction with our community economic development coordinator to host a series of small business events which may be of interest to our members and to the community. This helps showcase the significant economic value and impact that small businesses and entrepreneurs have within our community.

Late in November, we help kick off the Christmas season with shop local promotions, a visit from Santa Claus, hot chocolate and goodie bags for the kids. For the adult kids we host a Christmas banquet which takes the onus of organizing a staff Christmas party off each individual business.

There is strength in numbers! Membership in a Chamber of Commerce provides businesses with an influential avenue to voice their ideas for economic improvement in their community. A large membership contributes to a stronger Chamber, and that can affect a more positive impact on decisions made toward retention of local business as well as attracting investment into the area. We all have a stake in seeing businesses in the Robson Valley succeed and we are working hard on your behalf. We are all volunteers, many of us with businesses of our own. We believe in this community and we believe in you.

Membership is affordable, participation is welcome, and all meetings are open. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month except July, August and December; with the AGM in January and a General meeting in September. The business members who attend the meeting drive the conversation. Please contact the secretary if you want to be on the agenda.

So, if someone should ask "why join the Chamber?" the answer is because we are better together.

For more information contact [info@mcbridechamber.ca](mailto:info@mcbridechamber.ca) or Linda Fry, 250-569-0138.



## *Why Join the Chamber? What can the Chamber do for me?*

These are questions that we are regularly asked.

In addition to the numerous benefits programs offered to Chamber Members, the McBride & District Chamber of Commerce offers networking, advocacy and marketing.

The Chamber of Commerce is often the first point of contact for those outside the area who may be anticipating moving into the community or starting a new business or to enquire about existing businesses and services in the area.

We produce and distribute, through the local visitor centre and the post office, a Welcome Package to newcomers to the village that has comprehensive information about the services and businesses in the area. Businesses are welcome to add promotional materials, coupons etc. Please contact the Chamber if you have anything you want added.

We frequently arrange seminars and workshops to bring together members and experts from inside and outside the area to maximize all possibilities to enhance new and existing businesses. We work closely with Community Futures to offer training and support for business of all sizes. We also work with all levels of government and can facilitate meetings with various ministry officials.

Your Chamber of Commerce can be influential in the development of policies at provincial and federal levels. We also play an important part in investigating complaints and advocate on behalf of the local business community.

Your local Chamber of Commerce works with other Chambers of Commerce in BC as well as the BC Chamber of Commerce to stay informed on subjects and issues outside of McBride, so we have the overall "big picture" of businesses to aid local decisions and can drive decision making at the provincial level. One result of our active advocacy is that the BC Chamber has added back country access to its list of priorities in their conversations with the Province. We have been working for the last number of years on keeping access to the South Dore open for recreation users including the Ozalenka Alpine Club.

Prior to 2009, the Chamber held the land use agreement for snowmobiling. The Chamber was to build the profile of this sport, gather data, promote the benefits to the local businesses, and once established, turn the Agreement over to a non-profit organization. The Chamber, with help from the Ministry and McBride Big Country Snowmobile Association, fulfilled its mandate of building up the snowmobiling industry in the Robson Valley. In 2018 McBride was voted Sled Town Champion and the Chamber contributed funds to the marketing advertising in their publication.

Your Chamber of Commerce has organized the Logger's Bonspiel – an annual spring tradition which is currently going through a transition as the industrial make up of the community evolves. The Logger Bonspiel has been the single fundraiser for the Chamber, permitting our small village to be one of the few in British Columbia with a Visitor Centre open to providing service to visitors year-round.

In 2016 the Chamber conducted an extensive senior's housing needs assessment and prepared a report with recommendations as a foundation to what has become the CASE housing project. *This report was presented to*

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APPLES			COZY				ORANGE				SOCKS			
AURORA			DECIDUOUS				PUMPKIN				SWEATERS			
AUTUMN			FALL				RAKING				TEA			
BLANKET			HARVEST				RED				TOQUES			
BOUNTIFUL			LEAVES				SCARVES				TRANSITION			
COLOURFUL			MIGRATION				SEASON				YELLOW			
CORN														

**Take a Break to McBride...B.G.s Friendfest Town!!**

On behalf of the Valley Museum & Archives Society and the McBride & District Public Library, huge thanks to all of the farmers, gardeners, cooks and bakers that contributed to our community harvest supper! Thanks to the many volunteers that gave their time, and all those who came out to sit together and share the season!  
**A huge thank you to Tim Haus and Ken McNaughton.** Words can hardly describe how grateful I am for your help and generosity. Also, many thanks to Leonard Dovich. You all brightened my life. -Nadia

**BIRTHDAY WISHES OCT. 10-16**

Winter Clinton, Bobby Sansom, Chris Wolney, Jonathan Mazereeuw, Niel Marsh, Stanley Keim, Rodger Peterson, Stuart Sansom, Anna Johnson, Brenda Mitchell, Katie Johnson, Matt Rempel, Rod Reimer, Jasmine Bader, Keith Perkins, Kelly Stevens, Renae Westlund, and to any we missed. Happy Birthday!

**A BITTLE THINKER...**

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.  
**LEGION BINGO**

**Reminder Legion Bingo** has started, 6:30p.m. Early Bird. Bingo is every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of the month till June 2019. Everyone Welcome - hope to see you there!!

**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** will be closed for July & August. Will reopen Sept. 4. 250-569-2479 Terri, 250-569-2527 Esther. • **Foodbank** contact number is 569-3186 • **Seventh-day Adventist Church-Meet** Saturdays at 9:30 & 11am. and Wednesdays at 7p.m. Phone: Ph: 569-3370 • **Memorie Church-Meet** Sundays 11am and 7:30pm & Wednesdays at 7:30pm Ph: 569-7297 • **Mountain Chapel (PAOC)**-Sunday School & Adult Classes-10am. Services-11:10am. Ph:569-3350 • **Anglican United Church-441** Dominion Street. 1st and 2nd Sundays in the month - Worship 9:00 am, 3rd and 4th Sundays Worship 11:30 am. Youth Group Wednesdays 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Contact Student Minister Kim McNaughton, phone 250-968-4467 or leave message at 250-569-3206. • **Evangelical Free Church-**Worship Gathering at 10:30am. Ph:569-2378 • **St. Patrick's Catholic Church-Meets** Sundays at 11:00am. Ph:569-2606. Call to Confirm.