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Have a great Holiday Season from our family to yours! OPEN 7 Days per week 8am-8pm

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We rent nice Porta Potties too!! :) **Robson Valley Septic**

"The Friendly Little Truck!!"

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Dome Creek, McBride, Valemount, Blue River - 250-569-7812





Serving BC's Friendliest Town and Area since 1996!!! For the week of Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

MGBRIDE FIGURE SKATING

Let the festive spirit of Christmas spread all around, the McBride Figure Skating Club's Christmas Skate is back in town! Come on out December 13th to watch the little toy drummers, sugar plum fairies, snowmen, and Santa's elves as they skate the night away to spread some Holiday Cheer! Doors open at 5:30pm and the show begins at 6, admission is FREE, but we encourage a food bank donation. We will have our usual bake sale table with lots of goodies before the show starts and there will also be a small concession with coffee, hot chocolate, and a few snacks. Santa also said he will stop bv!

THRIFT STORE NEWS

First we would like to say a "Big Thank You" to all who have donated and supported us this year again. It is so surprising at how much we've received from our town. And also other places like Alberta and several places in B.C. A big "Thank You" to our volunteers who help by giving their time to us to serve our community. We will be closing for Christmas. Our last open day is Tuesday, December 19th. We will open again on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. We wish everyone a very Happy Holidays, with family and -McBride Anglican United Church friends.

THANK YOU

O.A.P.O. Thank You - We had our lovely Christmas (Dinner) Lunch on December 6 and we wish to thank the following people who made it so special for us. 1. Elks and Royal Purple who provided the Hall and served a delicious meal. 2. Grade seven students who assisted and served beverages. 3. Local businesses who Donated items for our door prizes, McBride TGP, Beanery 2 Bistro, Robson Valley Home Hardware, Pete Amyoony, Pizza on Main, Mountain View Boutique, Welcome Home and to a special person who donated a beautiful Christmas wreath. 4. Lastly we wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

GOMING EVENTS

Please join us at the McBride Curling Club on Friday, December 15th at 7pm for our Ugly Xmas Sweater Bash!! Asking for everyone to bring a little appetizer to share with friends. Let's have fun with a turkey shoot, \$5 per throw, and see those amazing Christmas sweaters! Prizes for both categories. PS. Sweaters must be ice friendly, no glitter or breakable items. Lounge has cash bar available. Everyone is welcome to mingle and jingle with McBride Curling Club!!!

Christmas Hymn Sing at the McBride Mennonite Church on the evening of December 17th at 7:30pm. Everyone Is Welcome! Dec. 17 Christmas Concert. 7pm, Mountain Chapel, Third and

Main Streets. Everyone Welcome.

MCBRIDE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Sunday, December 17, 2023 (or Dec. 16). Our 23 Annual count is part of the North American Christmas Bird Count, started in 1900. North America's longest-running Citizen Science project, the Christmas Count is held in more than 2000 locations throughout the Western Hemisphere. If you would like to help, pre-register to tell your location, and if your count day will be Saturday or Sunday. Feeder Watchers are very important to the count and are encouraged to spend 10 or more minutes outside, or at the window, to get a count number that is as accurate as possible. Any birds seen during your count day may be reported, and anything unusual during the Count Week, Dec. 13-19. Especially needed are watchers who will walk/ride/snowshoe/ski through a territory, so do let us know if you can be included that way. Phone Elsie at 250-569-2596 or glen.elsie.stanley@gmail.com. Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service at McBride Anglican



ROBSON VALLEY COMPANY TELE PHARMACY We are open Monday-Friday 9-5 Closed Saturday & Sunday www.robsonvalleyidapharmacy.com	Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service at McBride Anglican United Church, 459 Dominion Street, on Thursday, December 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Christmas can be a hard time. We gather on the long night to be in community, to share music and prayer, for silence and words. Call Rev. Kim McNaughton at 250-968-4467 if you would like more information. Christmas Eve Service at 2 pm on December 24 at McBride Anglican United Church. All are very welcome. Rev. Kim at 250-	TOLL FREE: 877.926.7099 LOCAL: 250.569.7099 SERVICE@HIGHCOUNTRYREPAIR.CA ATV DIRT BIKE SNOWMOBILE LAWN & GARDEN WWW.HIGHCOUNTRYREPAIR.CA
250-569-8811 #3 - 411 Main Street, McBride	968-4467. Free Community Christmas Dinner 4pm, December 25, 2023 at	Sunday & Monday - 10 am - 9 pm
Robson Valley IDA Holiday Hours	churches and community members are offering Christmas dinner for those who would like to share a meal with other community members. Looking for volunteers to help on Dec. 24 and Dec. 25	Tuesday - CLOSED Wednesday - CLOSED Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 10 am - 9 pm For after hours text Elliott at 250-569-7099
Closed:	for several different tasks such as preparing vegetables, serving, clean up, etc. We are also looking for donations of desserts. For more information or to volunteer, contact Pete Amyoony at 250-968-4334 or peteam@telus.net	Alaina Chapman RMT Registered Massage Therapist Monday, Wednesday & Thursday Ph: 250-566-1040 To book an appointment
Saturday, December 23-Tuesday, December 26. <u>Closed:</u> Saturday, December 30 - Monday, January 1.	Please contact The Little McBride Paper with all coming events, news, trivia, comments, etc!! Phone: 250-569-3110, email: contact@fpas.ca, 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! And check out our website www.fpas.ca.	Hearfland 250-569-0032 RESTAORANT
Regular Hours Resume January 2, 2024. <i>Happy Holidays!</i> !	Scott & Susan (Oscar & Broom) All articles and ads are not the expressed opinion of this paper or it's owners. Take a Break in McBrideB.G.s Friendliest Town!!	HELP WANTED - Waitresses & Cook Please Apply with Resume Attention Lori or Phone 250-319-2613

Grass fed beef for sale or trade

Beef Ribs \$5.75/Lb Stew \$7.50/Lb Roasts starting at \$9.95/Lb Other cuts available. Wild Flower Honey with comb. 125 ml Jars \$6 250 ml Jars \$15 The following available for sale or trade - delivered Fire Wood, quality hay, vegetables, Garden seeds, etc. Jersey milk cows, commercial cow/calf and bulls that are quiet & gentle. *Shop tools & Farm equipment *German Shepherd & German Shepherd, Pyrenees Maremma cross Puppies. Contact Melanie: 250-793-4742

Mountain View Boutique

265 Main St., McBride, BC



HOURS Tues. 10 am to 4pm and Wed. to Sat. 10am to 8pm

Equipment for Hire M4 Construction





Mini Excavator - Landing Clearing, Tight Spaces, Water Lines, Hydro Lines, Septic Lines, Trenches

Skid Steer - Landscaping Leveling, Debris Removal



GOMMUNITY ANNOUNGEMENTS

The McBride and District Hospital Auxiliary wants to remind you that raffle tickets are still available at McBride AG Foods, Welcome Home, Beanery II Bistro and McKale House. Buy tickets - 3/\$5 and get a chance to win our wonderful Christmas food hamper which includes a turkey (sponsored by McKale House and McBride Self Storage). Second prize is a turkey (sponsored by Thunder Valley/Gigglin' Grizzly). The draw will happen Fri., Dec. 15 at 2pm at McKale House. The Auxiliary Angel Tree is displayed at the library where you can sign up for an in memoriam angel and make a donation till the end of December. See Pat at McBride AG Foods to donate for the Community Christmas Card. Thanks again for supporting our Christmas fund-raising!

Community Calendar - If you didn't get a chance to pick up your calendar they are available at Main Street Pizza/Mountainview Boutique starting Tuesday after 10 am.

Covid & Flu Vaccinations available at McBride Community Health Services, 1126 - 5th Avenue. Please call: 250-569-2026 to book an appointment.

RVGS NEWS

McBride RVCS: For more information call or email: 250-569-2266/events@rvcsbc.org. All events are located at 942 3rd Ave. McBride, and no registration is required, unless otherwise stated. MONs Family Place Drop-In is on Mondays from 9am-noon at RVCS. Join for connection with other families, parenting resources and fun for you and your 0-6 year old children. No registration required. For more information call 1-844-324-2004 or email: events@rvcsbc.org. December 18 Christmas crafts. December 25 STAT Holiday No FPDI.

TUE's Come and join us in McBride for ASL Sign Language 12pm-1pm at RVCS office in McBride. Drop in for beginners to advanced. Learning a second language improves cognitive and literacy skills for all ages. Plus it is lots of fun! Brought to you by McBride Family Literacy Program For more information call 1-844-324-2004 or email: events@rvcsbc.org.

WED's Youth ages 10-13 are invited to join the Youth Book Club Starting Nov. 22nd until Dec. 20th Wednesdays 3-4pm at the McBride office. Brought to you by the Family Literacy Program. Registration is required contact RVCS at 1-844-324-2004 or email events@rvcsbc.org for more information.

WED., Dec. 13th Seniors are invited to join us and create a festive Christmas Wreath at the Elks Hall (172 Holdway Street) from 1:00-4:00pm. This is a free program, Funded in party by United Way, and brought to you by McBride Seniors Program. Registration is required please contact the office to sign up, or for more

MON through THURs, McBride RVCS has a FREE FOOD PANTRY that's available to all! Emergency top-up food is accessible to our clients, preschool program and anyone who walks through the door. We share and accept donated foods that are safe and fresh for use, this project is made possible thanks to grant funding from United Way of BC, and the residents of the Robson Valley! Contact RVCS at 1-844-324-2004 or email foodsecurity@rvcsbc.org. The

BUY, SELL, RENT & MISC.

For sale: Full size pick-up headache rack. From an older model Ford, 64-in inside box measurement by 96 in Long. Well built. \$400 obo. Two bedroom, two bath home with shop and firewood storage shed. Basement. Across from the elementary school in McBride. Call 250-569-7504 ·· For Sale: Dining room cabinet with glass shelves and doors. Asking \$395.00. Contact 250-569-4094...For Sale-Frigidaire CFEF3054UWK Range (white) and a NuTone Allure Range Hood. \$350 for the pair. Phone 250-569-3110-For Sale-2 Storage Sheds 10x16 white metal exterior on 2 skids, 60" door. \$4,500 each. Ph: 780-903-9129 ·· Wanted: Fridge, good condition, contact Lee Ph:778-258-7800 ... For Sale-2000 Ford F250 Diesel, 7.3 litre. Runs and drives fine, many new parts. Selling for parts truck out of province, don't want to recertify. \$3,500 Firm. Ask for Lee. Ph# 778-258-7800 .. For Sale-Stihl and Husky chain saws, a good selection of bars and chains to get ready for firewood season.

GHURGH NEWS N' THINGS

McBride Evangelical Free Church on First Avenue at Lonsdale Street. Sunday worship at 10:30am. Phone 250-569-2378. •Anglican United Church - Downtown Thrift Store on Dominion Street is open Tuesdays & Fridays from 1 to 3pm. Clothes and Household Goods-Sunday worship services at McBride Anglican United Church are held at 10am for in-person worship (vaccinations not required.) All are welcome; we welcome all ages, all genders and sexual orientation, all races, all abilities, all are beloved members of God's family. We usually celebrate Communion the 3rd Sunday of



God told Adam and Eve that they would surely die if they ate of the forbidden tree. Satan said they would not surely die. Could he be deceiving many with the same lie? Contact Bible Truth. Phone 250-569-7077. Box 185, McBride. B.C.





Open 10am to 5pm daily in the train station

250 569 7885 (Mitch) 250 569 4109 (Brenden)



Welcome Home for the Holidays

Gift Ideas/Stocking Stuffers/Treat Yourself Scarves, Hats, Wraps, Mitts. Fudge 3/\$16. Hot chocolate Bombs. Chocolate Dipped Pretzels, Licorice, Sour Keys, Marshmallows. Wildly Delicious Preserves & Dessert Sauces 2/\$15. Bath treats - Bubbles, Bombs, Salts & Soap. Dr. Squatch. Ornaments, Art Supplies, Journals, Colouring Pads. Jewellery, Candles, Mugs, Totes & So Much More Pssst... Gift certificates Make A great Gift.

Find-The-Mug Contest

FIND OUR SPECIAL HOLIDAY MUG & ENTER THE DRAW - IT'S HIDDEN IN A NEW SPOT EVERY DAY. ENTER DAILY - NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. WIN A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE AND THE MUG! DRAW DEC 20TH @ 3PM.

Mark Your Calendar - Lunch Specials 🗖

THURS. DEC. 14TH HOMEY BURGERS - THURS. DEC. 21ST TACO-IN-A-BOX

Holiday Hours SAT. DEC. 23RD OPEN TIL 2PM CLOSED DEC. 24TH THRU JAN. 2ND

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy & healthy holiday season!

289 Main St. - Phone -250-569-0215 Facebook - fb.me/youarewelcomehome



The Village of McBride Mayor, Council and Staff would like to wish everyone a Joyous and Safe Holiday Season!

Village Office Holiday Hours

Village Office will be Closed: Monday, December 25th through Monday, January 1st, 2024.

The Village Office will reopen January 2nd, 2024.

Residential Garbage Collection will take place on Friday December 22nd and Friday December 29th. Commercial Garbage Collection will take place on Thursday December 28th

Please call 250-569-7743 for any Public Works emergencies.

Transfer Station Winter Hours

NOVEMBER 1ST, 2023 - MARCH 31ST, 2024

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Statutory Holidays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

(Open Easter Monday, Victoria

Day, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day. Closed on all other Holidays)

It's Snow Plowing Season

Please remember that snow clearing equipment has the right of way. We ask that residents use caution around equipment, choose an alternate route when possible, and please watch for signage.



2024 Business Licence

Reminder to renew your business licence in the new year, as your 2023 business licence expires December 31, 2023.



Robson Valley Recreation Centre Winter Hours

Mon – Sun open 6:00am – 9:00pm Closed all Statutory Holidays Phone Number: 250 – 569 – 3360



left to right - Councillor Frear, Councillor Bennett, Mayor Runtz, Councillor Caputo and Councillor Kolida

Welcome Jeannette McDougall, CAO/CO

Mayor, Council and staff would like to send a warm welcome to the new Chief Administrative and Corporate Office for the Village of McBride, Jeannette McDougall. Jeannette brings over 10 years experience in Local Government Administration, along with extensive experience in the private sector, including forestry, mining, and oil and gas.

Driver's Licence Renewal



Do you have a Driver's Licence that expires during Village Office Holiday closures? Please come in early to renew! Licences can be renewed up to 180 days (6 months) ahead of the expiry date found on the front of your licence.

2023 Utility Charges due December 31st

Reminder that December 31st is the deadline to pay outstanding Utility fees. On January 1st, 2024 any outstanding amounts will have a 10% penalty applied and be carried



Winter Road Conditions

over to 2024 Property Taxes.

We ask that residents please drive to road conditions. Due to weather and slippery conditions, please be extra careful when approaching a pedestrian crossing. Winter tires are required from October 1st, 2023 to April 30th, 2024th. For up-to-date road conditions review DriveBC for more information. <u>https://www.drivebc.ca/#listView</u>





UBCM 2024 Convention

NCLGA 2024 Convention



Presenting to Council:

If Community members or groups would like to make a presentation to Council, delegation forms can be found on the Village website or at the Village office, and must be submitted by 4:30 pm on the Tuesday before the Council meeting.

Planning a Public Event on the Village of McBride Property:

If you are planning a public event that requires road closures and / or beer gardens, an application needs to be approved by Council. Applications can be found at https://mcbride.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/3850

If your event requires the use of power at the Steve Kolida Park pavilion and /or have a porta potty placed on Village property, a formal letter needs to be brought to Council for their approval. Applications and letters must be submitted by 4:30 pm on the Tuesday before the Council Meeting. You will receive a letter to confirm if your application and / or letter was approved or declined. Once approved, you will need to provide the Village of McBride with a copy of your liability insurance with the Village of McBride named as an additional insured.

If you are looking for information that is not currently available on the website, please visit the Village Office at 100 Robson Centre, phone 250-569-2229, or email <u>mcbride@mcbride.ca</u>

WAHOO ENTERPRISES

820-1st Avc. 250-569-0320 I'm starting the 12 Days of Christmas Gift Ideas again this year! Day 1: Badlands Men's Jacket Day 2: Big Chief Smoker Day 3: Gold Pan Kits Check out my Facebook page for daily ideas or check back here next week!

SGHOOL NEWS

McBride Centennial 2023 Winter Fundraiser - Purdy's Holiday Chocolates - Pick-up December 12-15th at McBride Centennial. If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Vizza at 250-569-2721.

LIBRARY NEWS

December Events:

Book Discussion - Thurs., 14th Dec., 1:30-3pm (topic: Goodreads historical fiction).

Harp Performance - Sat., 16th Dec., 2:30-3:30pm. Join us for "Music from the Harp": our annual festive harp performance from Doreen.

Elf on the Library Bookshelf! Every day the library is open in December. Prizes for children and adults - pop on by and find that elf!

Weekly programs:

D&D for Teens - Tues. 3:30-5pm. Ages 12-18. Please call for details.

Tuesday Chess Club - from 5-6pm. All ages and levels of ability welcome.

Sunshine Stories - Every Thurs. 10:30-11:00am. For 0-5s and caregivers; songs, stories and fun! In partnership with Decoda Literacy Solutions/Literacy Task Group.

Board Teens - Thurs. 3-5pm. A drop-in session for those ages 12-18 to enjoy some of the library's many board games. Have a favourite game you like to play? Bring it along!

Book Clubs for Adults - We now have two monthly book discussion clubs for adults. Call for details! 250-569-2411.

Weekly Adults' Programs - Fibre Artists Knit & Crochet Group (Wed., 10am) - beginners welcome: in the library, and on-line too. Writing Group (Fri., 1:30pm) - in the library. Call 250-569-2411 for details of either program. Collection/Delivery Service - We are still happy to prepare book/DVD/puzzle orders for you, and deliver to your doorstep. Call 250-569-2411 or email library@mcbridebc.org to place your order.

library@mcbridebc.org to place your order. Winter Hours - Tues. 10-6, Wed. and Thurs. 10-5, Fri. 1-8 and Sat. 1-5.

The library is closed Dec. 24th - Jan. 1st. We reopen Tues., 2nd Jan. at 10am. The McBride Library Board and Staff wish everyone a very merry festive season!

SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER



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

Food Bark News

Friday, Dec. 1 was Food Bank Friday. We would like to extend a big thank you to all who gave and also to The Beanery 2 Bistro, and Hammer Thompson Enterprises, who have sponsored this event for the last 11 years! An assortment of canned goods was collected as well as 425.00! If you missed this event and would still like to make a donation to the local food bank, monetary donations as well as food items may be left at The Beanery 2 Bistro up to Dec. 20th. We also have collection boxes all year long, located at McBride AG Foods, McBride TGP and Canada Post. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the food bank, cheques MUST be made payable to: The McBride Seventh Day Adventist Church. Please send monetary donations along with name, address and phone number to Box 603 McBride BC V0J 2E0 or leave at the Beanery 2 Bistro. Donations may also be made on-line at mcbrideadventist.ca - under the menu tab - On-line giving - Community Service (Food Bank). Cash and cheque donations must be received before Christmas in order to receive a tax deductible receipt for 2023. On-line donations have till Dec. 31.

All donations received will go directly to the food bank program which is operated by volunteers.

If you or someone you know could use some help this Christmas or any time of the year, please give us a call to make arrangements. The contact number for the food bank is Julie 250-569-3186 or 250-569-7436 and Beryl 250-569-7350. We are located at 852 2nd Ave. (Basement entrance at left of building). Because of your many kind donations now and throughout the year our shelves are well stocked as we move into the Christmas season. Thank you for your amazing support of the food bank in McBride.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas!

The McBride Seventh Day Adventist Church Food Bank

BIRTHDAY WISHES DEG. 13-19

Amber Ford, Breanna Barnett, Matt Cousineau, Mohamad Divleli, Jolee Tronson, Carol McClinton, Katherine Martin, Nicky Lafleche, Gary McFarland, Laurie Carmont-Vest, Keith MacMaster, Sasha Miller, Griffey McLennan, Maria Teresa Caputo, Reachelle Goodkey, William McClinton, Ethan Baumbach, Thelma Molendyk, and to any we have missed, Happy Birthday!