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For the week of Wednesday, May 14th, 2025

MEMORIAL SOGIAL Charlie Leake Memorial Social, Sunday, May 18, 2025, 3pm at Charlie Leake Airfield, McBride, BC. Lt. Col. Charles Henry Leake, CD, RCAF [ret'd] died December 8, 2024. You are invited to join the family to honour the life of Charlie (Snarly) Leake. Light refreshments will be served as we raise a glass to Charlie. We look forward to your presence as we celebrate his life and legacy. Per ardua ad astra. (Note: Parking is limited at the Airfield.)

IN LOVING MEMORY

It is with sad hearts that our family shares the passing of Roger Wiltsie, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. Roger passed away peacefully on May 5, 2025, at the age of 87. His family was able to sit with him, hold his hand, speak to him, and let him know how much he was loved. He is survived by his loving wife Sherry, his children Cathy, Brenda

(Bryan), Russ (Kelly), Brian (Caitlin), and Jasmine, 8 beautiful grandchildren (Zach, Logan, Mark, Dana, Cole, Scott, Clementine and Pepper), his sister Thelma Molendyk, and brother Ned Wiltsie. Roger was predeceased by his first wife Iona in 1975, his parents (Allen and Dorothy), sister Heather, and brother Fred Watkins. We were truly blessed to have Roger in our lives. He had a great knowledge of the local Forest Industry, he enjoyed farming and fishing, and he made beautiful handcrafted wooden ornaments and furniture for his family. His witty sense of humour kept us all laughing right until the very end. We will miss him more than words can say, but we take comfort in knowing that his family and his boundless love for his kids and grandkids gave meaning to his life. They were the axis that his world turned on, and he was the rock that we could lean on. He was the strength and the foundation of our family. The family wishes to thank the staff at Cerwydden Lodge in Duncan for their love, care, and friendship that they showed Roger during his time there. A memorial will be held at a later date.

BINGO NEWS

Bingo-McBride Legion: Wednesday, May 14th. Early Bird 6:30p.m. Everyone Welcome!!

GOMING EVENTS

McBride Big Country Snowmobile Association has our end of season meeting on May 14th in Welcome Home at 6:30pm. Please join us for the latest updates.

Yellowhead Ski Club AGM. Please join us for the Yellowhead Ski Club AGM on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 in the McBride and District Public Library meeting room from 4:00 to 5:00PM. We welcome new and old members, new ideas, and volunteers who are interested in helping on our ski trails. Thank you!

Join the McBride RCMP and McBride Centennial for a BIKE RODEO at McBride Centennial School, Friday, May 23, 2025, from 1:00-2:42p.m. Come join us for fun and safety! Please bring your bike and helmet. Bicycle Safety Presentation, Prizes, Bike Rodeo. Bike Inspections.

Save the Date! Hospital Auxiliary Strawberry Shortcake Tea on Friday, May 23rd at the Elks Hall 10am-3pm. Pre-orders gratefully accepted for \$7/cake by calling or texting 250-569-7916. E-transfers can be made to hospaux2020@gmail.com. Please add names in the comment section of your e-transfer and number of shortcakes requested. Delivery available within McBride townsite. Fund raising to purchase equipment for the Valley's hospital!

Bob and Hazel Balcaen Memorial Parade - The annual Bob & Hazel Memorial Parade (hosted by the McBride Elks/Royal Purple), is Saturday, June 7, 2025. No Theme. Meet and register at 10:00 a.m. at Post Office. Parade starts at 11:00 am. No entry fee. Note: Due to insurance reasons, candy can't be thrown from floats. It now must be handed out. Categories are Best Children's, Show & Shine,



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Overall Float and Horse(s). Call Rosemary Hruby at 250-569-2264 for more details.

Colour Fun Run/Walk/Wheel on Friday, June 13th. 12:15 start at McBride elementary - all ages all mobilities. 2km, 5km and a 10 km route. No entry fees. Volunteers and colour station helpers needed call 250-230-8035 if interested. A fun community event. White tshirts available \$10 Pre order.

McBRIDE ANGLICAN UNITED CHURCH 15 June, 2025 Celebration day of becoming an Affirming congregation invitation to the public to join in a worship service and celebratory time of fellowship and snacks afterward.

NEW VIA Rail Schedule viarail.ca Ph 1-888-842-7245 Westbound train #5 Sun., Wed., Fri.: 12:44 pm Eastbound train #6 Mon., Thurs., Sat.: 12:18 pm Dome car included! Visit McBride Station for more info.

Important Phone Numbers

| EMERGENCY 9-1-1 | Gov't Serv. BC .250-569-3760 |
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| R.C.M.P 250-569-2255 | Village 250-569-2229 |
| Hospital 250-569-2251 | Reg'l Dist' 1-800-667-1959 |
| Health Unit 250-569-2251 | RV Comm. Srv. 250-569-2266 |
| K to 7 School 250-569-2721 | Food Bank 250-569-3186 |
| High School 250-569-2295 | Fire Hall 250-569-3117 |
| The Little McBride I | Paper 250-569-3110 |
| BC BUS844-564-7494 Repor | t Forest Fires - 1-800-663-5555 |
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Inquiry B.C.-1-800-663-7867 - For Toll Free Calling to Provincial Numbers ... Dial this Number 1st and ask operator to connect you to provincial department



Services

Services are available year round.

The office is open by appointment only.

Call or text Bobby-Jo Carswell at 250-569-7319.





Handcrafted. Heirloom quality.. You will find it at the Whistle Stop Gallery in the Train Station Home of Robson Valley Artists and Artisans since 2002 Happy 2025!

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For Sale-Fat Tire Bike, Norco Bigfoot. Medium Frame. Hardly used. Bought in Nov. 2024. Was \$1450 new. Selling for \$700. Call 778-258-0334••For Sale-2023 Frigidaire

Selling for \$700. Call 778-258-0334••For Sale-2023 Frigidaire Range. \$300.00. Please call 250-569-4080 for more information.••For Sale-4L glass jars \$3 each. 4L square pails \$2 each. 16L square pails \$4 each. Phone 250-569-0133••For Sale-Stihl 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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LIBRARY NEWS

Chainmail Workshop - Saturday, May 24, 1:00-4:00. Join Jeff Nadwidny for introduction to the art of constructing chain mail. Participants can choose to make a bracelet, key chain, or a dice bag. All supplies are provided. Ages 12 and beyond. Registration is required - stop in, call 250-569-2411, or email library@mcbridebc.org. Games Cafe - Fridays 6:00. Meet up with others to enjoy board and card games. Staff are happy to introduce new games at this time. Hot Drinks and light snacks provided. All ages.

Regular Weekly Programming - check our website - https:// mcbride.bc.libraries.coop/.

BIRTHDAY WISHES MAY 14-20

Jaden Dixon, Jane Houlden, Sherry McFarland, Brad McCarty, Coltan Smith, Kyle Savarella, Melanie Johnson, Susanne Barnes-Muller, Danielle Moore, Lee Gainer, Mike Gray, Garrett Bassani, Taylor Carignan, and to any we have missed, Happy Birthday.

GOMMUNITY ANNOUNGEMENTS

Call for Volunteers! McBride & District Hospital Gardeners are looking for new members to meet Monday mornings to help with maintaining and beautifying the outdoor space that is enjoyed by Residents, Patients & Staff. Please contact Shelly Cousineau (250) 569-2251 ext. 2006 for more information.

ELKS & ROYAL PURPLE NEWS

McBride Elks/Royal Purple Annual Pioneer Days. Make sure you put June 6-8, 2025 on your calendar! The McBride Elks and Royal Purple are starting to organize this year's Pioneer Days! If you have an event you would like to include in the Schedule of Events, please contact Kathy Molendyk at 250-569-7201. We are always looking for different ideas, musical groups etc. Also, without community support we can't have a successful, fun weekend. Therefore, we need volunteers! If you are interested in helping in any way, whether that is setting up/cleaning up for an event, cooking at concession, helping out at dance etc., please contact Kathy.

RVGS NEWS

WED's: Family Place Drop-In for the Month of May is Wednesdays from 9AM-noon at RVCS (942 3rd Ave., McBride), unless otherwise stated. Join for connection with other families, parenting resources, and fun for you and your 0-6 year-old children. Registration is not required unless otherwise stated. For more information, call 250-569-2266 or email events@rvcsbc.org. May 14 Lets meet and play at the Sandbar. May 21 Lets play at Kolida Park. May 28 Aboriginal Awareness week, stories, toys and crafts. WED May 14: In recognition of Victims and Survivors of Crime Week, from May 11 to May 17, our Police Based Victim Services Program is hosting a special Coffee and Conversation event. Wednesday, May 14th, from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM at the RVCS office in McBride, 942 3rd Avenue. Have you ever wondered about the Police Based Victim Services Program? How to access it? When or if it would be the right program for you? This is your chance to find out! Join us for an informal chat over coffee and get your questions answered. This event is a great opportunity to meet and speak with our dedicated Police Based Victim Service Worker. We

look forward to seeing you there! No registration required. **THUR May 15**: You are invited to join us as we take part in the Moose Hide Campaign. Join us for a live workshop hosted on Zoom by the Moose Hide Campaign at the RVCS office in McBride, 942 3rd Ave, followed by a luncheon and then a commemorative walk through the community. This grassroots movement aims to end violence toward Indigenous women and children. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about the campaign, reflect on its powerful message, and stand together in solidarity. Moose Hide pins will be available during the event. Schedule: 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM: Virtual Workshop, 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM: Lunch Served, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Commemorative Walk. All are welcome to participate. Let's come together to support this important cause. This program is brought to you by the Indigenous Literacy Program and Anti-Violence Team Services.

THUR May 22: Drop in for a couple of hours of Bean Bag Toss! Thursday, May 22nd, 2025, from 1-3 PM at the RVCS office in McBride, 942 3rd Avenue. Join us for some exciting rounds of bean bag toss, X's & O's style. It's a perfect way to unwind, have a blast, and enjoy friendly competition with friends and neighbors. We will be outside, so please dress accordingly. Registration is not required for this drop-in event. This program is brought to you by the McBride Seniors Program.

FRI May 23: Caregivers and children ages 0-6 years are invited



Submission Deadline: May 29, 2025 at 2:00pm

More information and bid documents (and any amendments) can be found BC Bid website (opportunity ID 214251) https://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca/page.aspx/en/bpm/process manage extranet/214264.

McBride Evangelical Free Church on First Avenue at Lonsdale Street. Sunday worship at 10:30am. Sunday school Sept. - May @ 9:30am - 10:15am for ages 5 - 10. Potluck on the last Sunday of each month, all are welcome. Weekly Bible study in small groups, reach out for more details. 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 each month. Minister Kim's phone 250-968-4467•Seventh-day Adventist Church, Lamming Pit Rd. Saturday mornings. Sabbath School 9:20 to 10:45 Music, Mission and Smallgroup Bible Study, 6 age groups Cradle Roll to Senior. Worship Service 10:45 to 12:15. Everyone welcome. • Adventist Community Service (Dorcas) Open Tuesdays 1-3pm. contact numbers 250-569-2479 Terri, 250-569-2527 Esther.•Foodbank contact number is 250-569-3186.•St. Patrick's Catholic Church 2nd & 4th Sunday - Mass 11:00. All other Sundays - layled Celebration of the Word. Ph: 250-569-2606. •Mountain Chapel (POAC) at Third and Main St. McBride Services Sundays at 11am. Everyone Welcome. Ministers phone 250-569-0291.

to join us for a Free Art morning for children and their caregivers on Friday, May 23rd from 10AM-12PM at the McBride office, 942 3rd Ave. Registration is required, please contact us to sign up. This program is brought to you by the Infant Development Program and Family Literacy Program.

THUR May 29: Join us for Tech Drop-In and stop by 942 3rd Avenue on Thursday, May 29th, 2025, from 1-4 PM for some basic tech support. Come by with questions about using technology, and we will support you to learn more about your device. Registration is not required for this drop-in event. This program is brought to you by the Adult Literacy Program.

MON through THUR: McBride RVCS (942 3rd Ave.) has a FREE FOOD PANTRY that's available to all! Emergency top-up food is accessible to our clients 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 events@rvcsbc.org. The local Food Bank is also available: 250-569-3186.

Scott & Susan (Oscar & Broom)

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MORE GOMMUNITY ANNOUNGEMENTS

The Dunster Community Spring Market will take place at the Dunster Hall this coming Saturday, May 17th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be lots of bedding plants, home baking, and miscellaneous goodies. We will also have our usual "Buy Local Burgers" and hot dogs as well as coffee and juice available for lunch. There is no charge for vendors so all vendors are welcome. We are looking for volunteers to help at the burger booth this summer when the regular markets begin the first Saturday of July and run each Saturday until the end of September. For more information call Pete at 250-968-4334.

McBride Open Gate Community Garden will be holding our Annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, June 7th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at the garden behind the McBride Elks Hall. (Pioneer Days Weekend). We usually have a great selection of bedding plants as well as house plants and cuttings and perennials to fill up your garden and greenhouse. Once again, we are asking for donations of extra plants, cuttings and divisions of your plants on the day before the sale or the early morning of the sale by dropping them off at the garden on Second Avenue. This is our big fund-raiser of the year to help keep the garden going. If you would like to volunteer to help on the day of the sale or need more information, please call Pete at 250-968-4334 or Dorothy at 250-569-3343. Thanks for your support!



McBride Community Forest Community Meeting May 24, 2025 at the Elks Hall

- 11:00 Doors Open
- 12:00 Lunch Served
- 1:00 Presentation from GM

Lunch will be provided! We look forward to seeing you there!



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