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The DUNSTER SCHOOLHOUSE. 10:00am - 2:00pm. Burgers will be available! No charge for vendors, just bring your own table. Blank 8x8's are available now to pick up at the Dunster General Store, McBride Museum and Infinity. Any medium is accepted as long as it is an 8x8 size. We can't wait to see what you will create and thank you for supporting this fun Schoolhouse fundraiser! AUGUST 1st-3rd DUNSTER SCHOOL REUNION! 50+ years of students, teachers, parents, and community members who have participated in the Dunster School in any capacity, come and celebrate this historic place over the weekend! All welcome. More details coming soon!

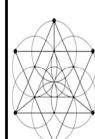
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LIBRARY NEWS

Need technology? Ipads are available to borrow with your library card. Use at home for learning, entertainment, shopping, and video calls. Use to access to ebooks and audiobooks. Ask staff for help downloading materials using the Libby App in the library that you can listen to/view later without internet. Miniature Painting - Saturday, January 25, 1:30-3:30. Ages 10+. Anyone is welcome to join this drop in workshop facilitated by Jeff Nadwdny. Regular Weekly Programming - check our website - https://mcbride.bc.libraries.coop/.

BINGO NEWS

Bingo-McBride Legion: Wednesday, June 4th. (last one till fall.) Early Bird 6:30p.m. Everyone Welcome!!

THANK YOU

Big shout out and thank you to Derrek and Karen Shaw for printing and donating the McBride Men's Shed t-shirts. Now we will be "styling" when we are out working in the community. Thanks for your support. -McBride Men's Shed

BIRTHDAY WISHES MAY 28-JUNE 3

Corey Schock, Beth Frederick, Fiori Mercuri, Gabe Bressette, Meagan Ryan, Cohen Hruby, Marlene Davis, Braden Martin, Brice Littlechild, Renato Caputo, Colton Taphorn, Ethan Melnychuk, Leighton Barnes, Ayla Smith, and to any we have missed, Happy Birthday.

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.

McBride Elks and Royal Purple Need Members! We are a national charitable organization promoting and supporting community needs through the voluntary efforts of local members. Our support focus is on McBride and the surrounding area. The Elks Lodge was instituted in 1933. The Royal Purple was instituted in 1948 and in 2000 McBride Elks and Royal Purple became a joint lodge. The Lodges continue to play an active role in the community. They meet at 172 Holdway Street, McBride every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (ex. July/Aug.). We **do not** have a membership fee and it's not necessary to attend all meetings!

A LITTLE THINKER...

One night a Deer, a Skunk and a Duck went out for dinner at a restaurant. When it came time to pay, the Skunk didn't have a scent, the Deer didn't have a buck, so they put it on the Duck's bill.

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 28 Aboriginal Awareness week, stories, toys and crafts.

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.

BUY, SELL, RENT & MISG.

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-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.

GHURGH NEWS N' THINGS

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



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GOMMUNITY ANNOUNGEMENTS

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

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 Small-group 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. • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

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Scott & Susan (Oscar & Broom)

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McBRIDE THRIFT STORE

We will be having 2 days for \$1.00 bag days. To be on May 30, Friday. We will give you 2 bags, when you come into the store, you can fill with clothes, shoes and material only. Hope to see you there. Thank you again everyone for your donations.

-McBride Anglican United Church.



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Small Town, Big Impact: McBride Project Wins BCEDA Award

McBride, BC - In late March 2025, Integris Credit Union nominated its McBride Branch initiative for the BC Economic Development Association's (BCEDA) Community Project Award, which honours economic development efforts in communities across BC. Their nomination was officially supported by the McBride Community Forest Corporation, the McBride Chamber of Commerce and the Village of McBride.

At the BCEDA Summit held in Penticton on May 15, 2025, the Integris McBride project was announced as the winner of the Community Project Award - Population <10,000.

Jim Rivett, former Board Chair of Integris and past Mayor of Clinton, BC, accepted the award on behalf of Integris at the banquet. In his remarks, Rivett recounted how McBride lost its only bricks-and-mortar financial institution after 67 years - an event that significantly impacted the community's economic stability and future.

"From the moment we were invited into the conversation, it was clear: McBride residents and businesses weren't looking for charity," said Rivett. "They were looking for a partner. A partner who would help co-create a sustainable solution rooted in local ownership, accountability and trust."

Throughout 2024, Integris collaborated with the McBride Chamber of Commerce, the McBride Community Forest Corporation, the Village of McBride, and numerous other local businesses and residents to develop a shared, community-led business case which they presented to their Board of Directors in late July. Given the positive response from people in McBride and the west Robson Valley, the Board approved the business case.

The result: within just over a year, the new Integris McBride branch became a reality. On March 5, 2025, the permanent location officially opened its doors. Prior to that, Integris rented space at the McBride & District Public Library, where their staff began connecting with residents and businesses, onboarding members and providing early services. By May 15, the branch had been open for 70 days and had already achieved some key annual growth targets. "In this, the Year of the Cooperative, we can think of no better example of what a successful partnership and community ownership truly means," Rivett said.

Integris McBride enables residents and businesses to complete their banking and investment needs locally - no longer requiring a perilous 5-hour roundtrip to Prince George on the highway. It has also created new job opportunities both within Integris and through increased economic activity in the community. According to Integris CEO Alison Hoskins, the project has helped strengthen collaboration between community groups and residents. "The success of this initiative demonstrates how community-driven financial solutions can address service gaps in rural areas while providing a model that can be replicated in other communities facing similar challenges," said Hoskins.

Hoskins also emphasized the importance of local ownership in the cooperative model. "Integris, like all credit unions, has a requirement to build and hold capital through profit accumulation to retained earnings to serve members and communities. Integris profits remain in our region by being shared with all members through annual dividends, reinvested through our Community Enrichment strategy and growing our capital holdings, which in-turn enables us to better Life Out Here for all who call 'here' home," Hoskins said.

As a demonstration of its continued commitment, Integris will host the McBride branch grand opening during Pioneer Days on June 7, 2025, at noon. The Integris Board of Directors, Executive Leadership Team, and senior management will be in attendance to participate in the festivities.

Additionally, Integris is supporting the McBride Elks No. 247 with the popular 'ICUBBQ' - a four-barbecue trailer that has fundraised over \$300,000 for local causes throughout the region over the past decade. Additionally, Integris has contributed \$1,000 to assist the Elks and Royal Purple to feed Pioneer Days' volunteers throughout the weekend.

Both Rivett and Hoskins stressed that the establishment of the McBride branch is a direct result of grassroots effort and determination. During his acceptance speech, Rivett concluded, "To the people of McBride thank you! You've proven that small communities don't need to wait to be saved. You can take control of your own future; we're proud to stand beside you as a partner in your financial wellness. This award is a recognition of what's possible when cooperatives and communities work together."

About Integris Credit Union

Integris Credit Union respectfully acknowledges that we operate on beautiful and unceded Dakelh and Secwepemc Territories. Integris is a financial cooperative with \$1.8 billion in assets under administration, offering banking, insurance (including ICBC Autoplan), Financial Planning, and Group Benefits to over 27,000 members in the North Central BC region. As a living wage employer, Integris continues to be a leader and community enriching organization. For more information about Integris, visit: www.integriscu.ca

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