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For the week of Wednesday, March 11th, 2026

THANK YOU

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make our carnival such a wonderful success. To the local businesses who generously supported the event, thank you for your contributions and community spirit. Your support helped make this event possible: McBride Royal Purple & McBride Elks, Little Munchkins, Frenzy Contracting, Crazy Horse Contracting, Beanery 2 Bistro, Horseshoe Lake Ventures, McBride AG Foods, Optimum Resource Management Ltd., McBride Community Forest Corp., Robson Valley Drywall Services, Robson Valley Community Services, Seven Pines Ranch, Whistle Stop Gallery, Robson Valley I.D.A. Pharmacy, Cobrea Contracting Ltd., Kilin Restaurant, Wishbone Productions, Welcome Home Cafe & Gifts, Thunder Valley Towing, McBride & District Public Library, TGP Grocery McBride, Robson Valley Septic, McBride District Volunteer Fire/Rescue, Robert Learie Grading Inc., Gigglin' Grizzly Pub, Yetter Construction, Happy Hooker Contracting Ltd., D&T Industrees, Royal Canadian Legion, Jesse & Liz Trask, JNR Auto, Uncle Mark's, Robson Valley Hardware, Robson Valley Traffic Control, Rich Boyz Mechanical Ltd., Nadine Shovar, Forever Printing & Signs, Main Street Pizza, Olivia & John Vizza, World Financial Group, Profor Management Inc., Farmstead Naturals, Valley Museum & Archives, Village of McBride, Castle Mnt Hydro, Brokeacres Grading Ink, Integris, Royal LePage/Irene Berndsen, Me & Bobby McBee, Brad Martin, Emil Anderson Maintenance/Robson, Four River Co-Op, McBride Emergency Services/McBride Volunteer Fire Rescue/R.C.M.P./B.C. Ambulance Service. To our skaters and coaches, thank you for the time, dedication, and enthusiasm you brought to the ice. Your hard work and passion created an unforgettable experience for everyone who attended. To our incredible volunteers, your time, energy, and willingness to help wherever needed kept everything running smoothly. Events like this simply would not be possible without you. And to our board members, thank you for the planning, leadership, and countless hours behind the scenes that brought this event to life. Because of all of you, our carnival was a truly special celebration for our skating community. We are grateful for your support and proud of what we accomplished together.

COMING EVENTS

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN ROBSON VALLEY CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MEETING AND POTLUCK SOCIAL. We invite individuals living in the Robson Valley, who are interested in joining, ROBSON VALLEY CHAPTER, to attend our first meeting/social of the year March 12, 2026 6pm - 9 PM at the McBride Legion, 805 4th St. Horse ownership is not a prerequisite to join as we always welcome anyone interested in volunteering with trail work, organizing events, administration work etc. This meeting will have a social focus and a short discussion on possible events and workbees planned for 2026. Bring a potluck item if you plan on attending.

PIE Day Friday at McBride Anglican United Church (beside the Thrift Store). Come 3 to 4pm, Fri., Mar. 13 for pie, tea, coffee, and conversation to support and affirm members of the LGBTQ2S+ community in the valley. The acronym PIE stands for public, intentional, and explicit and it defines our intention to ensure people of all gender identities and sexual orientations are supported and embraced.

OPEN GATE COMMUNITY GARDEN. Seedy Saturday. Saturday, March 14, 10-3pm. Dunster School. We are in the planning stage. Volunteers are always Welcome and needed to keep this annual event going. Please call / text Michael and or Barb at 250-569-7892 to add your name to the list.

The Robson Valley Arts and Culture Council is having our annual general meeting Wednesday, March 18 at 6pm in the McBride Library. Everyone is welcome. We are a non-profit group that helps local artists, and we host events like the Fraser River Heritage Festival, Art in the Park, and the Midnight Makers' Market. What counts as arts and culture? Pretty much anything you can imagine! Food, music, dance, theatre, writing, movies, pottery, history, comedy, fibre arts, painting, leatherwork, gardening, photography, crafts of all kinds... We're here to celebrate creativity and community and make fun things happen! We're looking for people to join our board of directors. If you love arts and culture, or have ideas about events and activities, come to the meeting or email us at contactrvacc@gmail.com.

Community Hymn Sing - Everyone Welcome. 2:30pm March 21, and 3rd Saturday of every month at Spyder Controls Main Street Lower floor. Sure cure for the News Blues.

The Dunster Community Association is hosting Community Potluck Lunch at the Dunster Community Hall. March 21st. The Doors will be open at 11:30am and Lunch will be at 12:00 noon Sharp. You are welcome to sell baking, eggs, crafts, veggies, etc. around the sides of the hall! ALL WELCOME!!! For more info. contact: Loretta Simpson 250-968-4453 or Pete Amyoony 250-968-4334.

Spring Fling 2026 - Sunday March 29th, 10a.m. to 2p.m. (vendor set up 8a.m. to 10a.m.) Elk's Hall, McBride. Tables $15.00 by reservation. Crafts, Baking, 2nd Hand, Home Based Businesses, What-Have-You. Royal Purple will be selling soup & a bun. Contact: Karen Ruth Desormeau 250-569-7888 for booking tables.

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Beginning Monday, March 2nd regular hours are 10 am - 3 pm, Monday to Friday at the McBee office, 532 Main Street, McBride. You can text or call Bobby-Jo at 250-569-7319 if you require an appointment outside of regular office hours.
I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Paralympic Winter Games are at the library. The big screen will be set up for the following watch party and personal viewing upon request. Wheelchair Curling - CANADA vs. USA - Thursday, March 12, 10:35am-1:05pm.

Free Legal Advice session, via zoom Tuesday, March 17th, 2:00pm. These private Zoom sessions will be held in the meeting room at the McBride Library with Jesse Stamm, Barrister and Solicitor. This service is first come first serve, to the maximum of 15 minutes per person. Feel free to let the librarians know you are planning to attend, and we will contact you if there are any schedule changes.

Chainmail Workshop - Saturday, March 21, 1:00-3:00. An introduction to chainmail! Come join Jeff for an afternoon of creativity. All supplies provided. Ages 12 and up. Registration is required.

Critique Group - This month - Wednesday, March 11 & 25 - 5:00-6:00. Connect with fellow writers, build confidence, and gain valuable insights that will help you refine your craft. Facilitated by author David R. Packer.

Contact us by emailing library@mcbridebc.org or call 250-569-2411.

FUNDRAISER

BBQ and Bake Sale Fundraiser. Proceeds for Kelli Parker's service dog from Aspen Service Dogs in Edmonton. Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie dogs, local baking and Mr. Roth's Famous Popcorn. Friday, March 27, from 11:30am to 2pm in the TGP parking lot.

BIRTHDAY WISHES MAR. 11-17

Eli Baumbach, Erich Monroe, Erwin Bend, Paytyn Molendyk, Charles Simpson, Evelynn Roth, Lincoln Monroe, Quinn Barnes, Luella Long, and to any we have missed, Happy Birthday.

RVCS NEWS

FRIs: Family Place Drop-In is on Fridays from 9:00am to 12:00pm. RVCS (942 3rd Ave., McBride), unless otherwise stated. Come connect with other families, access parenting resources, and enjoying fun activities for you and your 0-6 year old children. For more information, call 250-569-2266 or email events@rvcsbc.org. March 13 - St. Patrick's Day. March 20 - Tumble Time. March 27 - Free Play.

FRI. (Weekly): Children ages 0–5 and their caregivers are invited to join us for a fun hour of Mother Goose, offered Fridays at the RVCS office alongside the Family Drop In Place program. The Parent Child Mother Goose Program is a drop in group experience for parents, babies, and young children. It introduces adults and children to the joy of using rhymes, songs, and stories together. Join us at the RVCS office in McBride, 942 3rd Avenue, from 10:30am to 11:30am. Parents gain skills and confidence that help create positive family patterns during their children's crucial early years. Children benefit from enjoyable early experiences with language and communication. This program is brought to you by the Infant Development Program.

THUR., MAR. 12: Our Outreach Worker is here for an Outreach Drop-In session to assist with housing options, financial planning, navigating applications, and connecting you to relevant programs in our agency, the community, and beyond. Join us at the RVCS office in McBride from 10:00am to 11:30am. Refreshments included. No registration needed - come by and connect with us. We are here to support you.

THUR., MAR. 12: Join us for an engaging Brain Health Discussion designed to share helpful information and support lifelong wellness. This session takes place from 1:00pm to 2:30pm at the RVCS office in McBride. No registration required.

MARCH 17 TO 19: Youth ages 11+ are invited to register for our "No Class, All Chill" Youth Camp, happening 10:00am to 2:00pm, at the RVCS office in McBride. Join us for mindfulness practices, games, crafts, activities, and community exploration. Lunch is included! Registration is required. Email events@rvcsbc.org or call 250-569-2266 to sign up.

THUR., MAR. 19: Join us for a community visit to the Valley Museum and enjoy a look at the featured antique toy display. We'll meet at the museum at 1:30pm and explore together. If you need transportation, please reach out and we'll be happy to help.

THUR., MAR. 26: Seniors, come connect, play, and keep your brain active! *Let's Play Some Head Games!* offers light refreshments and a variety of fun mental fitness games as part of Brain Health Month, at the RVCS office in McBride, Thursday, March 26, from 1:30-3:00pm.

MON., MAR. 30: Join us for Tech Day, where this session will focus on exploring tools and music apps that make it easy to find, enjoy, and share your favorite songs. This relaxed, hands-on class is designed to build confidence and help you have fun with technology. The session will take place at the RVCS office in McBride from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.

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VILLAGE OF MCBRIDE

Corporate Corner

Did you know?

Voting rights are granted to citizens based on residency or property ownership. There is no corporate or business vote in local elections.

Resident electors

In order to be eligible to vote in general local elections or by-elections as a resident, a person must:

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- Be a Canadian citizen
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Village of McBride
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The Corporation of the Village of McBride

Advance Public Notice
Load Restrictions

Pursuant to the Province of British Columbia
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Village of McBride
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ADVANCED PUBLIC NOTICE
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Pursuant to Section 66 of the Transportation Act, and to provisions of the Commercial Transport Act, notice is hereby given that load restrictions may be placed on short notice in the near future on all roads within the Village of McBride Municipal boundaries.

The restrictions will limit vehicles to 100 percent, 70 percent, or 50 percent of legal axle loading. Trucking and transportation companies, as well as the general public, should govern themselves accordingly.
If you require a Load Restriction Exemption, please contact the Village office at 250-569-2229. Please note that emergency & delivery vehicles are exempt from the 50% weight restrictions. Your cooperation in adhering to the above regulations is appreciated.

Dated in McBride, British Columbia, this 5th day of March 2026
Brian Taphorn – Public Works Manager

If you have any questions or require more information, please call the Village office at 250-569-2229 or visit the Load Restriction section of www.DriveBC.ca

Happy Easter

Village Office will be closed Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6, 2026

Residential Garbage Collection will be Thursday, April 2, 2026

Regular Council Meeting Schedule - 6pm

Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Regular Council Meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Village Office and can be attended either in-person or via Zoom.

For a Zoom link, please send a request to mcbride@mcbride.ca. before 4pm on the day of the meeting.