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# Chamber projecting \$3.15M loss to McBride economy if Renshaw remains closed

By RACHEL FRASER

While McBride's business community didn't feel the same financial impact as Valemount from the summer's highway closures, the closure of the Renshaw snowmobiling area last January could be an existential threat to their tourism economy.

The McBride Chamber of Commerce put together a report to show the projected economic impact of the Renshaw closure. "It was a report sent to a McBride business to use for a grant," said Justina Trach, Chair for the McBride & District Chamber of Commerce, adding that it was rejected by the board of directors administering the grant as inadequate and/or inaccurate data to show the economic loss specifically to the Renshaw closure, without the grant administrator consulting business owners directly.

Nonetheless, based on conversations with visiting sledders and local businesses, the report projects a \$3.15M loss this winter for the McBride area due to the Renshaw closure. The report assumed an average of 9000 sledders visiting the McBride area in a season, which the McBride Big Country Snowmobile Association (MBCSA) said is based on a 5 year average, and the Chamber estimated that the average sledder spends \$500 per season. They estimated further that 65-70% of sledders avoided visiting last winter specifically because of the Renshaw closure. MBCSA said the 2020/2021 to 2021/2023 season average was slightly more than 12,000 riders. The 2023/2024 season rider numbers dropped drastically to 3500, which they attributed to the Renshaw closure. These statistics are based on daily trail passes sold, according to the MBCSA.

Despite the low snowpack, Trach said these sledders would still have found snow in the Renshaw area and based on their consultations, would still have visited.

Sledders who came out for the annual Bung Bung event, held the weekend of November 22nd, mentioned

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No words were exchanged as young Halo told Santa what she wanted for her first Christmas during the Breakfast with Santa event in McBride on December 8th. /ANDREA ARNOLD  
For more photos of the breakfast, see P22.

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# Bird among 13 Conservative MLAs to sign letter outlining concerns with “cancel culture”

By ABIGAIL POPPLE, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER, RMG

Prince George-Valemount MLA Rosalyn Bird was one of 13 Conservative MLAs to sign a letter addressed to party leader John Rustad outlining concerns over fellow Conservative MLA Elenore Sturko. With 44 members total, the signatories represent roughly a third of the Conservative caucus.

In an interview with the CBC, Sturko said she thought it was appropriate for the Vancouver Police Board to accept the resignation of vice-chair Comfort Sakoma-Fadugba after a series of her Instagram posts on immigration and religion were shared to Reddit. Sturko added that Sakoma-Fadugba’s comments were offensive.

According to the screenshots shared on Reddit, Sakoma-Fadugba wrote that she was concerned about her son’s school holding a celebration for the Hindu festival of Diwali. She also expressed concern that mass immigration has led to the disappearance of a shared Canadian identity.

“It took me some time to realize that the push for secular education isn’t about religion – it’s about erasing Christian values from the lives of our children,” read the screenshots. “The reason Canada is such a tolerant society is because Christianity, the dominant religion here, is inherently tolerant.”

The content of the posts are inconsistent with the Vancouver Police Board’s Code of Conduct, according to a statement from board chair Frank Chong. Sakoma-Fadugba resigned from the board shortly afterwards.

In their letter regarding Sturko’s comments, signatories said Sakoma-Fadugba’s comments reflect values which many BC Conservative members hold. They asked Rustad to request that Sturko write an apology to Sakoma-Fadugba, or write an apology on behalf of the Conservative caucus if Sturko refused.

“Under your leadership, the Conservative Party of BC has consistently denounced ‘cancel culture,’” the letter reads. “It is our view that [Sturko’s] statements caused undue harm to Ms.Sakoma and called into question our commitment to the core values shared by Conservatives.”

The Goat sent Bird’s office a request for comment via email.

“The Conservative Party does not discuss Caucus business publicly,” the response reads. “Rosalyn and the other Caucus Members are focused on addressing the issues faced by everyday British Columbians: cost of living, healthcare, crime, addictions, and homelessness.”

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*Through the Lens with Leon Lorenz*

For those who missed seeing my last week’s contribution, I was filming this past fall in the Muskwa-Kechika wilderness of northern BC when this family of grizzlies advanced ever closer to me. Generally when grizzly bears come into my space I feel less threatened by them than when I come into their space, however this time I was filming from a standing position that I almost always try to avoid. I believe from my experience of filming grizzlies for more than 30 years that the bears feel less threatened when I’m down in a low crouched position. As they approached I was trying to read the mother grizzly’s body language as to me being in her berry patch and it appeared they were accepting me when suddenly the 3 grizzlies paused with their eyes riveted on me. Next week you will see just how unpredictable grizzly bears can be./LEON LORENZ

# Renshaw closure impacts ...

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to Beanery 2 owner Donna Perkins that they probably won't be back this season unless the Renshaw reopens. She said families will still enjoy Lucille, but the real enthusiasts need something more challenging, which they find in the Renshaw.

"We need that bridge. It's affecting business big time," Perkins told The Goat.

She said this November is already worse than a typically slow November, despite the snow that has already fallen. "November is always slow anyway, but we've been deadly slow."

Kilin restaurant owner Raymond Lin remains hopeful that more snow will bring visitors back, though he said the Renshaw being open would really help. "It won't be worse than last year, I hope. As long as we've got snow, people will make it up here."

Trach is concerned about the ongoing impact from the loss of tourism dollars.

"A dollar not spent in McBride from out-of-town guests can't be circulated within and from local McBride residents. The circulation of local money eventually runs out," Trach said.

The MBCSA applied and was granted permission by BC Rec, Sites and Trails, to open up a new riding zone located up the Beaver FSR called Tommy Creek, according to Dave McLeod, MBCSA President.

"We felt it was necessary to have another riding zone in order to entice snowmobilers back to McBride after the closure of the Renshaw Trail and with no clear date of when or if it was to reopen," McLeod said.

"We need that bridge.  
It's affecting business  
big time."

Donna Perkins, Beanery 2 Bistro Owner

The Association says they've received a lot of negative feedback in regards to the Renshaw closure from frustrated riders, many of whom stated the only reason they came to McBride to snowmobile was because of the Renshaw and that it was their favourite riding area.

"Since we announced the opening of Tommy Creek there has been a buzz of excitement from riders about being able to come and enjoy what McBride has to offer but many still say it's no replacement for Renshaw and want to see Renshaw reopen as soon as possible."

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# Editorial

## Cancel culture or accountability?



By Spencer Hall  
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BY SPENCER HALL

Prince George-Valemount MLA Rosalyn Bird, alongside 12 other BC Conservative MLAs, recently signed a letter addressed to party leader John Rustad outlining their concerns after fellow BC Conservative MLA Elenore Sturko called comments made by former Vancouver Police Board Vice Chair Comfort Sakoma-Fadugba “offensive”.

After her son was invited to participate at a school Diwali celebration, Sakoma-Fadugba made a post that in part read “the push for secular education isn’t about religion — it’s about erasing Christian values from the lives of our children...First, they’re participating in Diwali celebrations; next, they’re drawing parallels between Hindu values and Canadian ones. Before we know it, those values will be the new norm, and Hinduism could become the dominant cultural influence.”

The post continues with Sakoma-Fadugba claiming that “mass immigration without considering cultural integration, combined with a growing aversion to assimilation, are slowly transforming Canada into a place where a shared identity is disappearing.”

Despite her apparent stance on immigration, Sakoma-Fadugba herself immigrated to Canada from Nigeria at a young age.

She also alleged that the Christian community serves as Canada’s moral compass and criticized gender transition, claiming it creates a society that “pits children against their parents.”

Sakoma-Fadugba told CBC News she resigned from the Vancouver Police Board for personal reasons.

Sturko said the Vancouver Police Board was right to accept Sakoma-Fadugba’s resignation as her comments were “offensive” and eroded the public’s trust and comfort in their police system, making it harder on frontline police officers.

However, Bird and her fellow signatories say Sturko should have to apologize to Sakoma-Fadugba, who they believe to be a victim of cancel culture. In their letter, the MLAs say Sturko’s comments undermine the beliefs many conservatives hold when it comes to parental rights, religious faith, and the shared values of Canadians.

In their letter, they urge Rustad — who has previously denounced what he believes to be cancel culture when islamophobic comments surfaced from BC Conservative MLA Brent Chapman earlier this year — to defend Sakoma-Fadugba by inviting Sturko to write an apology letter and encourage the Vancouver Police Board to “advance conciliatory discussions” with the former vice chair.

If Sturko declines, the MLAs believe Rustad should write the letter on behalf of the BC Conservative caucus.

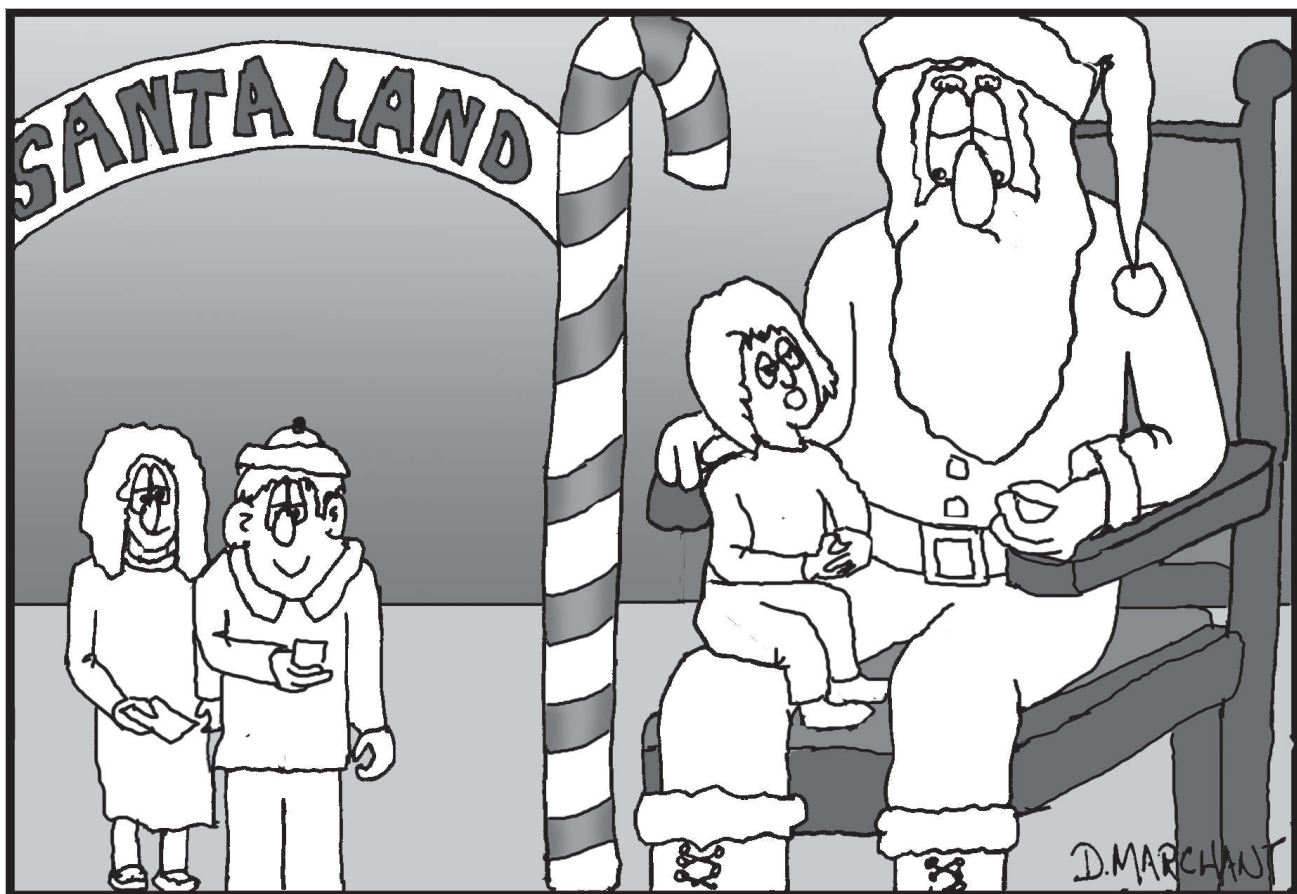
The irony here is that these MLAs decry cancel culture, yet demand an apology for a comment they disagree with.

When The Goat asked Bird about her thoughts on cancel culture, she declined to provide a comment.

So I’ll share my thoughts instead: there is a difference between cancel culture and being held accountable for what one says and does. Sakoma-Fadugba’s comments singled out vulnerable minorities and insinuated it is they who are at fault for what she perceives to be a downfall in Canadian society. While we have freedom of speech in Canada (she is not facing any legal repercussions such as fines or jail time for her statements) she is not free from the consequences of her statements.

Sakoma-Fadugba held a position of power at an organization that is meant to serve all citizens — not just cisgender Christian people who were born in Canada. Regardless if one sees truth in those comments, her position on the Vancouver Police Board is a major factor of why her resignation was necessary.

Public officials have a responsibility not to spread harmful and divisive rhetoric. When a public official makes posts such as Sakoma-Fadugba did on her social media pages, it’s impossible to differentiate if she’s speaking as a private citizen or from her position of power. Part of being a public official is that those two identities are intrinsically tied together. By making the comments she did, Sakoma-Fadugba violated her responsibility to the public and the Vancouver Police Board code of conduct, and that is why she had to resign.



“MOM SAID I SHOULD ONLY ASK FOR ONE THING, SO I GUESS I WOULD LIKE A BITCOIN FOR CHRISTMAS.”

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## Playing favorites

Dear editor,

Playing favorites is not a new habit for Presidents of the United States.

It shouldn't surprise anyone that Joe Biden pardoned his own son ... although the aftermath of that behavior on Joe's part is not going to bode well for him ... or for his son Hunter.

Last time Donald Trump was President he issued 238 pardons and commutations between 2017 and 2021. These included a pardon of Charles Kushner, who is the father of Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner.

Bill Clinton issued approximately 450 pardons and commutations between 1993 and 2001 (176 were issued on his final day in office). These included a pardon to his half-brother, Roger Clinton.

Abraham Lincoln issued approximately 340 pardons and commutations during his 1861 to 1865 presidency. These

included granting amnesty to his wife Mary's half-sister, Emilie Todd Helm, whose Confederate general husband was killed in the Civil War.

The moment Donald Trump becomes President again ... he plans to pardon lots of people and that includes the renegades that Donald encouraged to attack the United States Capitol ... that in turn ... Donald vowed to protect when he first became the President.

If we had the same power as do the Presidents of the United States ... should we not be honest and just admit that we always have favorites we would want to protect ... to impress ... and to pardon?

June Vandermark

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# Global Thoughts

BY GWYNNE DYER

## South Korea: What Did the Army Do?



Gwynne Dyer is a Canadian-born independent journalist whose column is published in more than 175 papers in 45 countries.

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's declaration of martial law on Tuesday came out of a clear blue sky. His television broadcast made no sense whatever because there was no need to "to protect the country from North Korea's Communist forces and to eliminate anti-state elements."

There was no threat from "North Korea's Communist forces" beyond the standing menace of its swollen armed forces, which has endured since an armistice ended the Korean War 70 years ago. As for the need to "eliminate anti-state elements", Yoon may have been referring to the opposition parties, which were consistently thwarting his policy initiatives.

Even more bizarrely, Yoon cancelled martial law within a few hours of his late-night declaration, as if he was shocked by the unanimous public rejection of military rule. Millions of civilians were in the streets in hours, while politicians of all parties headed immediately to the National Assembly. Even Yoon's own party condemned his actions.

By Wednesday morning enough politicians had struggled through the police lines to constitute a quorum. (The police had tried to force their way into the building but had been repelled by parliamentary officials.) First the members of the National Assembly

cancelled martial law by a unanimous vote, and then they voted to impeach the president.

It was an exemplary defence of democracy, and South Koreans of all political colours should be congratulated for their actions. With the partial exception, perhaps, of the many senior members of the military and police forces who largely obeyed Yoon's orders until he panicked and cancelled them.

You can sympathise with their dilemma. The president is the commander-in-chief of the armed forces and he might have information unavailable to the soldiers that justifies his orders. Even if he does not, disobeying the orders of a lawful superior officer is a fateful and irrevocable step. If you are wrong, you may be charged with treason and rebellion.

What the South Korean military and police seem to have done in practice was to obey all of the president's orders up to but not including the use of lethal violence against the civilian population (which Yoon may not have ordered in any case).

Happily, the rapid reaction of the civilian defenders of democracy made further debate within the South Korean armed forces unnecessary, but what might happen if such a dilemma arose in a democracy with a deeply divided and fiercely partisan population? A democracy like the United States, for example.

Speculation on this topic was

building even before Donald Trump's return to the White House became certain, but seeing such an event play out in a stable country like South Korea sharpens the focus considerably. Which way would the US armed forces jump if Trump gave a similar order?

Like the Korean constitution, the US Constitution strictly subordinates the military to elected civilian authorities, but Trump will be just such an authority. He regularly generates fantasies as far-fetched as Joon Suk Yeol's justifications for declaring martial law nationwide, and the American military authorities would face the same dilemma in deciding whether or not to obey him.

One suspects that the US armed forces would initially respond rather like the South Korean army did, obeying the president's orders in general but stopping short of using lethal force. However, it would be much harder to maintain that stance for more than a few days in the United States, where the population is heavily armed.

Trump's rhetoric is often extreme but his actions are usually much less so. In a weird way, the fact that he now effectively controls both Houses of Congress and the Supreme Court means that a resort to radical measures like martial law becomes less likely, so lying awake worrying about it would be excessive. But the Koreans weren't lying awake either.



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# Valemount Elementary trialling early dismissal programs

By ABIGAIL POPPLE, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER, RMG

Childcare takes a village, as the saying goes. That's why Valemount Elementary School has partnered with organizations like Avalanche Canada and the Valemount Public Library to organize structured activities for students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 during early dismissal days, when it may be difficult for parents to find childcare during the afternoon.

The school scheduled early dismissal 10 times in total this year, according to its website. Four of those days took place in October, when the school held parent-teacher conferences from the 21st through the 24th. The remaining days are being used for teacher collaboration time, where staff discuss how to improve their teaching skills and promote inclusivity in the classroom, Riddell-McKay said.

"It's all about how to meet the needs of our students," Riddell-McKay said of the collaboration time. "We have a variety of needs in our schools. When else do we have the time to actually get together and see what works for this kid? What do you do to get this kid to cooperate or learn, how do you reach this kid or that kid? We have a lot of teacher talk time during early dismissal."

Although the early dismissal time allows teachers to touch base with one another and complete training, Riddell-McKay understands it can be hard for working parents to accommodate.

"Schools are for learning. But let's be honest, schools are also for childcare," she said. "If we don't have students coming here, then that means somebody in the family can't work."

After receiving feedback from the Parent Advisory Council and the ongoing Community Engagement Survey – available in the school's monthly newsletters – staff started brainstorming solutions to the lack of childcare during early dismissal days. Teachers can't take on the burden of looking after kids during their collaboration time, so keeping kids in classrooms wouldn't work, Riddell-McKay said – likewise, taking kids to another location like the library would be difficult to coordinate.

Instead, staff chose to host programs at the school with local organizations, under

the supervision of Educational Assistants. For example, Avalanche Canada organized a hands-on avalanche safety activity for the December 11th early dismissal day. In January, the library will begin its early dismissal program, featuring crafts and other kid-friendly activities.

While Riddell-McKay said she's glad to have programs available for students during early dismissal days, it's not the ideal solution.

"This is a stopgap measure, though – what we would really like to see in the future is after-school care programming provided by a third party," Riddell-McKay said, adding that districts across the province are exploring similar ideas. "In the future, I think there would be a role for the school to play in hosting after-school care, but not running after-school care."

But until another childcare option is available, the early dismissal programs are a neat compromise between the needs of teachers and families, Riddell-McKay added.

"Teachers get to improve their practice because they're having that collaborative time, and families get to have their kids cared for in a familiar, safe environment," she said.

Additionally, staff are looking for information about kid-friendly activities for professional development days, during which class is not held at all. These days are: January 27th, April 11th, and June 2nd. Riddell-McKay hopes to find a Valemount organization which can provide an activity for kids in case parents struggle to find childcare on those days.

While the search for reliable after-school care will likely continue for some time, Riddell-McKay said she looks forward to testing out the early dismissal programs.

"It's a trial basis. We're going to see how it goes," Riddell-McKay said. "We're really, really thankful that the library has gotten on board with this and that they're willing to come into our space. We look forward to seeing how it goes."

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- February 11 & 25, 2025
- March 11 & 25, 2025
- April 8 & 22, 2025
- May 27, 2025
- June 10 & 24, 2025
- July 8, 2025
- August 12, 2025
- September 9, 2025
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- December 9, 2025

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September 23, 2025 – UBCM Conference  
December 23, 2025 - Christmas Office Closure  
The 1st meeting of November falls on Remembrance Day, so it has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 12.*

Meetings are at 7:00 pm at the Village of Valemount Council Chambers, 735 Cranberry Lake Road, Valemount, BC.

The Regular Council Meeting schedule for 2025 will be posted at the entrance of the Municipal Office, and on the Village of Valemount website. Please note that Council may consider changing Council meeting dates and times. Changes will be posted on the front door of the Village Office and at [www.valemount.ca](http://www.valemount.ca).

## Non-receipt of Tax Notice & Late Payment Penalties

Non-receipt of tax or utility notice does not excuse a property owner from payment. Please call the Village office to ensure your tax and utility accounts are up to date. Utility accounts are transferred to tax accounts on January 1<sup>st</sup> and become taxes in arrears. Taxes in arrears begin accumulating interest as of January 1, 2025. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, debit card, internet banking, third party credit card, or e-transfers to [dof@valemount.ca](mailto:dof@valemount.ca). Please call the Village office if you require assistance.

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# Hockey Life



Local hockey players in the Under-7 and Under-9 age groups got to play on home ice during their first home tournament in many years this past weekend. Both McBride and Valemount players faced off against teams from Clearwater, Jasper, and Prince George. From top Left clockwise: McBride's Gabby (orange) goes for the net. Hudson gets a shot. Artur evades a check to shoot on net. Rowan and teammates hustle hard against the competitive Prince George team. Warren celebrates from a goal. John shows off his helmet hair. /LAURA KEIL

# Valemount RCMP Report: November 2024

SUBMITTED BY CPL. NICK THEORET, VALEMOUNT RCMP

During the month of November, the Valemount RCMP responded to 57 calls for service, the following are several notable occurrences.

On the 8th of November, The Valemount RCMP responded to a report of a single vehicle collision on Whiskey Fill Rd. On arrival a field sobriety test was conducted using an approved screening device was conducted and the driver, who was unlicensed at the time. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and received an immediate roadside prohibition as well as fines under the motor vehicle act for operating the vehicle without a licence.

On the 27th of November, while conducting a routine traffic stop of a vehicle with an obstructed licence plate an officer with the Valemount RCMP located a firearm on the passenger side of the vehicle. The firearm was sized as it was being stored improperly and the driver of the vehicle did not possess a valid licence to possess the firearm. The driver of the vehicle was also issued with a fine for operating a vehicle without a valid licence.

On the 28th of November, the Valemount and Jasper RCMP were both advised of a roll over collision with Semi hauling a load of Lumber near the BC Alberta Boarder. As it was unknown if there were any injuries both detachments responded with lights and sirens. After officers attended and were unable to locate the vehicle on either side of the border officers later learned that the complainant had mistakenly reported the incident on Highway 16 when it had occurred on Highway 2 near Dawson Creek.

On the 28th of November, the Valemount RCMP was advised of a motor vehicle collision involving a train near Moose Lake. The driver of the vehicle had driven into the ditch and ended up driving onto the CN rail tracks where his vehicle became high centred. The driver was able to get out of the vehicle prior to being hit by the train so he was not injured. During the investigation the attending officer observed signs of intoxication from the driver and conducted a field sobriety test. As a result of the test the driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and received an immediate roadside prohibition.

On the 29th of November, twhe Valemount RCMP responded to a report of a break and enter in progress to a residence. The suspect had been removed from that residence in relation to a family disturbance late the previous night and had been advised he was not to return. Officers were able to apprehend the suspect at the residence without issues and found him in possession of items taken from the residence. The subject of this investigation has been charged with multiple criminal offences related to the occurrence and the matter is still before the courts at this time.

The Valemount RCMP would like to thank The Creekside Outreach Society for their assistance in supporting an individual who was stranded in the Valemount area and had no place to stay or money to play for a hotel. The Creekside Outreach Society generously purchased him a bus ticket to Kamloops where he would have access to support services that would be able to assist while he was making arrangements to return to his home in Manitoba.

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## Regional District holds first-ever interagency emergency response exercise

BY ABIGAIL POPPLE, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER, RMG

When it comes to fighting fires, sometimes the best offence is a good defence. To demonstrate how the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) prepares for wildfire, and to give local jurisdictions a chance to test out their emergency operations centres, on December 5th staff organized a tabletop exercise where officials walked through the steps of responding to a wildfire – from receiving the first phone call about a fire to activating the RDFFG emergency operations centre.

The tabletop exercise, held in front of an audience in the RDFFG board room, simulated an emergency affecting three jurisdictions: the Regional District, the City of Prince George, and Lheidli T'enneh First Nation. It began with Andrea Rainey, a Wildfire Prevention Officer with the BC Wildfire Service, receiving a tip about lightning-caused fire in the woods north of Prince George.

What followed was a flurry of phone calls: first from Rainey to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, and then she called officials from Prince George, the Regional District, and Lheidli T'enneh First Nation. Rainey discussed the situation with representatives from each jurisdiction, outlining critical infrastructure and letting them know they should prepare for a potential evacuation order. Later in the afternoon, the three local governments each activated their emergency operations centres for a surprise drill on wildfire response.

The tabletop exercise and drill were a good opportunity to practice interjurisdictional emergency management, Rainey told The Goat. Emergency response can be hectic and messy when just only one municipality is involved, she said – and it gets even more complicated when several governments have to collaborate on the fly.

“Emergency events don’t have administrative boundaries. So with something like this, where you’ve got a fire crossing three administrative jurisdictional boundaries, each of those local governments might have different policies, procedures, plans,” she said. “In an emergency, public safety is at risk – we need to be as coordinated as possible.”

The exercise gave practical experience to officials who are responsible for emergency management, but it also allowed participants to put names to faces and forge relationships that will make collaboration more natural in the future, Rainey added. This is the first time the RDFFG has done a cross-agency emergency response exercise like this, she said, and it allowed every agency to give their staff hands-on experience.

“They can see where they’ve got some strengths, as well as see where they’ve got opportunities to streamline training some of their staff,” she said. “If you’ve got somebody that’s never worked in an EOC [emergency operations centre], they can now sit down, put a vest on and do their job and there’s not real-life repercussions to that.”

That streamlining makes it easier for responders on the front lines to focus on fighting fires, Rainey added.

“Local governments and Emergency Management and Climate Readiness are going to be working very closely to do what they need to do to keep the public safe,” she said. “And then that frees up first responders who are dealing with the actual incident to just do our jobs.”



Emergency Services Coordinator Colby Molcak addresses the Regional District’s emergency operations centre during a practice drill. The exercise is the first time the RDFFG has simulated an emergency response with Lheidli T’enneh First Nation and the City of Prince George at the same time, he said. /ABIGAIL POPPLE



# Merry Christmas / Happy Holidays!

## Christmas Church Services

### McBride

**Anglican United Church**  
Dec 19th Blue Christmas for those grieving or having a hard time.

Dec 24th Christmas Eve Service at 2:00 p.m.

**Evangelical Free Church**  
Dec 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 p.m.

**Mountain Chapel**  
Dec 15th Christmas Service @ 7:00 p.m. Scripture & carols followed by coffee & snacks

### Valemount

**Anglican United Church**  
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# Merry Christmas / Happy Holidays!

## Christmas Fun around the Robson Valley

### Ladies Christmas Tea



Approximately 140 women of all ages attended the Annual Christmas Tea in McBride on December 5th. The event has been held at the McBride Evangelical Free Church for the past several years. This year's attendance broke the previous record of 120. The event began as a small gathering of ladies, hosted in living rooms, and has grown to be a holiday favourite among many of the women of McBride. The evening consisted of friends, food and fellowship.

Left: Attendees were treated to a buffet of appetizers.

Top: The building was filled with harmony as carols were sung./ANDREA ARNOLD

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## Dunster Christmas Market



Food, crafts, art, jewellery, and clothing were on display and for sale at the Dunster Christmas Market. The event was held at the Dunster Schoolhouse on December 7th. One of the old classroom spaces was set up with tables and chairs for shoppers to rest and visit, and another held a bake sale as well as "Chili and Chai." /ANDREA ARNOLD

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## Family activities to

### Tobogganning

In Dunster, the Dunster hill is popular among tobogganners, tubers, as well as skiers. There is a BBQ area with a shelter, bonfire pit and outhouses. It's located at the Dunster picnic grounds. 5-Mile in Valemount is one of the most popular tobogganing spots, thanks to its steep slope, fire pit, and large parking area. It's located a few kilometres up 5-Mile Road (accessed from Whiskey Fill). Other tobogganing spots include Twin Hills (McLennan FSR) and behind the Camp Creek Cabin (Camp Creek Rec Area), among others. In the McBride area, there is a daredevil sliding hill just past the parking area on the Dore River (the fireguard). In Blue River, residents enjoy tobogganing on the old luge hill. Blue River once had an actual luge hill and the community's young people trained for competitions, some that took them overseas to Europe! It's a steep and fun toboggan hill now, says resident and Regional District Directory Lee Onslow, and one that the District recently had brushed for the community to continue to enjoy.

### Skating

The Valemount and McBride rec centres will be open during the holidays! The only days they are closed are Dec. 25th, Dec 26th and Jan 1st. Stop by the rinks for an up-to-date schedule of skating times. For outdoor skating, there are a few options if the weather cooperates. The Valemount Fire Hall is putting in a rink right next to its building this year. It is a use-at-your-own-risk facility. After a good cold snap, Horseshoe Lake in McBride is skatable, as is Cranberry Marsh in Valemount, but bring a shovel and be prepared for bumps! In Blue River, there will be an outdoor ice rink that the Volunteer Fire Department will flood and help maintain, but this likely won't happen until January.

### Climbing

The Valemount Climbing Club will have events during the holidays! You can purchase a pass at 10pm, or pay the drop in fee during the hours. In the lead-up to Christmas, they have events on Dec 15th 10-2, Dec. 18th 5-9pm, Dec 19th 2. After Christmas, they plan to be open on Dec 29th, Jan 5 and Jan 12.

### Snowmobiling

The Westridge Family Loop is a low speed snowmobiling loop which is family friendly and runs through the valley and Valemount. According to residents, it's an excellent place for first timers to hone their skills before heading into the steeper mountains located at the far end.



Westridge Family Loop. /PHOTO COURTESY VARDA

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# Merry Christmas / Happy Holidays!

## Family activities cont'd

### Cross-country skiing & snowshoeing

Cross-country ski rentals are available from the Valemount Lions Hall and the Dunster Schoolhouse. There are several track-set areas in the Robson Valley area, including Camp Creek, Jackman Flats, and Belle Mountain. In Blue River, there is a cross country ski and snowshoe trails network that are both maintained and the grooming program should be starting in the next few weeks. Cranberry Marsh isn't track-set, but is a popular area for skiers and existing tracks are often there. Snowshoe rentals are available at both the Valemount and McBride Public Libraries, however the libraries will be closed for a good portion of the holidays so best to get your rentals before!



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Left: Jackman Flats. Above: Belle Mountain

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## On cold days

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1. The snow crystal arch: throwing boiling water into the -30 air can create a gorgeous arc of ice crystals. But if thrown improperly, the water can burn the person throwing it, so exercise caution. I've found that using a long thermos with a smaller opening works well.
2. Build an ice slide (luge track) using compact snow and a watering can or spray bottle
3. Make giant bubbles using a large rope bubble wand!

## After dark

1. Drive around and look at Christmas lights / displays
2. Download an aurora app and try to catch the northern lights
3. Wait for a clear night and gaze up at the stars!
4. Download a craft app and make a craft or a snack together
5. Make an ice candle/ice lantern (gorgeous and practically free! Look up instructions online)

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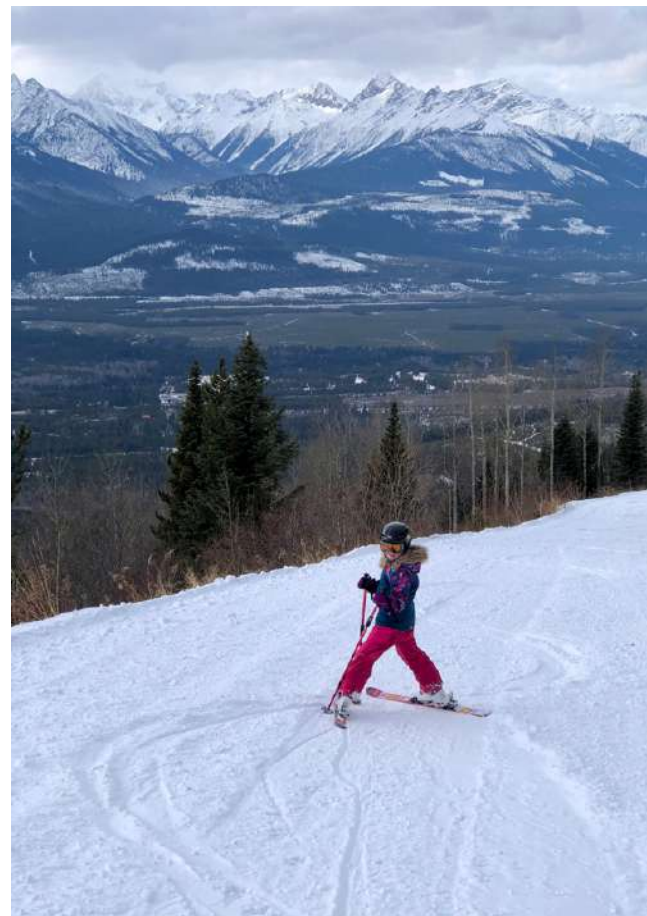
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## Family activities cont'd

### Downhill skiing

With the help of a snowmobile or good old fashioned walking, a person can gain enough elevation to practise downhill skiing at several roads and hills in the area. 5-Mile in Valemount is one of these areas that is great for beginners or those looking for a quick ski close to home. The low-grade elevation road is groomed once there is enough snow and vehicles aside from snowmobiles are not allowed beyond the parking lot. The Dunster Hill (at the Dunster Picnic Grounds) is another slope people sometimes ski on, despite the lack of a motorized lift.



Mia on 5-Mile /RMG FILE PHOTO

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**Thurs Dec. 12th Christmas Skating**

Exhibition by the Canoe Valley Skating Club 4-5:30pm.

**Fri Dec 13th Open mic at Valemount Legion**

Bring your instrument and songs! Starts at 7pm after the regular legion dinner at 5:30.

**Fri Dec 13th Mini German Christmas Market**

at Three Ranges Brewing Co. Enjoy European-inspired food, goodies and drinks by local vendors! 5-7pm.

**Sat Dec 14th Mini Christmas Fair**

10am-2pm at Vale Coffee. Soap, art, pottery, canned and baked goods, consignment, home decor, crafts. 940 Main Street.

**Sat Dec 14th Elf Movie Party**

at the Valemount Library 1-3pm, all welcome. Join us for a movie, crafts and hot chocolate. Wear your best elf costume!

**Sat Dec 14th Old Timers hockey games****Valemount vs. McBride.** First game 5pm, second 7:15pm at the Canoe Valley Rec Centre.**Sat-Sun Dec 14th-15th Christmas Stocking workshop**

at the Lions Hall 1-3pm. \$35, all supplies provided. Drop ins welcomes.

**Tues Dec. 17th Drop-in adult craft time**

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**Wed Drop 18th**The Valemount Secondary School Drama 10-12 class invites you to world premiere of **The Museum of Human History**. Doors at 6pm, show at 6:30pm at the Valemount Community Theatre. In this collective creation, a man wrestles with his regrets as he's forced to re-live the worst memories of his life.**Fri Dec. 20th Christmas Carol/Holiday song Karaoke**

at the Valemount Legion. Music starts at 7pm following the regular Friday night dinner at 5:30.

**Fri Dec 20th The Grinch Movie**

at Valemount Secondary School. Doors 5:30, movie at 6pm. Fundraiser for field trips at the elementary school. Come dressed in holiday-themed attire or PJs! Cost is \$5.

**Sat. Dec 21st Valemount Curling Club Xmas Turkey/Ham Shoot.**

Noon. \$2 per shot. Come down for some lunch and a chance to win ham, turkey and chocolates. Lounge will be open. Cash only.

## Ongoing Valemount

**Pancake Breakfast - Sundays**

Pancake breakfast at the Valemount Legion Sundays 8 to 10:30 am. By donation!

**Cribbage - Mondays**

Join us every Monday at the Golden Years Lodge for a game of cribbage! 1pm. Everyone welcome.

**Drop-in pickleball - Sun, Mon, Tues, Thurs**

Drop-in pickleball at the Community Hall at noon Sundays, and 8:30am Tuesdays and Thursday. Also 6-8pm Mondays and Thursdays at the high school.

**Crafty Stitchers - Sundays in December**

Sundays 1-3 pm Crafty Stitchers meet downstairs at the Valemount Public Library, all welcome! Call 250-566-4367. Library closed for the holidays Dec. 24-Jan 2nd.

**Oldtimers drop-in adult hockey -Sun & Wed**

Co-ed drop-in hockey 6:30-9pm. Cost is \$20 per game. Seasonal rate available. Sundays 6:30pm and Wednesdays 8pm.

**Personal Tech Help - by appointment**Hosted by the Learning Centre Need help with your ipad, tablet, phone or computer? Schedule your one-on-one appointment 250-566-4601 or email [learn@valemountlearningcentre.org](mailto:learn@valemountlearningcentre.org)**Old-time Music - Wednesdays**

Oldtimers band and music night at the Golden Years Lodge in Valemount 7pm every Wednesday. All welcome! Play music, listen or dance.

**Astronomy Course - Wednesdays**

Drop in and learn about astronomy through the Valemount Library's ongoing astronomy series! 7-8:30 every Wednesday. Library closed for the holidays Dec. 24-Jan 2nd.

**Valemount Coffee House - Thursdays**

Free Drop-In/Coffee House at the Golden Years Lodge the 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays of the month 10 am -2 pm. It's open to everyone regardless of your age. If you currently have mobility issues, call CARE-A-VAN 778-915-8550 for a ride in the accessibility bus.

**Drop-in curling Wednesday & Friday nights**

7pm at the Valemount Curling Club starting Wed. Dec. 11th. \$10 drop-in fee after \$10 membership. Brooms provided, just bring clean shoes!

**Tween Scene Book Club - Every 3rd Friday**

Free book club for kids 9-12yrs. Sign up in library or give us a call 250-566-436.

**Legion dinner and music nights - Fridays**

Dinner at the Valemount Legion 5:30 followed by music at 7pm every Friday. Music varies by week and includes open mic, karaoke, jam sessions and special events. Check under the Valemount events list at right or the Legion facebook page for details about specific dates. No music Dec 6th or 27th this month.

**Family Place Drop In Program - Fridays**

If you have questions, are looking for parenting resources, or just need to chat, you can join us in person 9am-noon every Friday in Valemount at 1444 5th Ave. Our weekly targeted programming is a great way for kids ages 0-6 (with their caregivers) to play, connect, explore, and learn!

Dec 13 – Making Snowflake Decorations

Dec 20 – Holiday Baking with the family

Dec 27 – RVCS winter closure –No FPD!

## McBride

**Thurs Dec 12th**Join us at the Elks Hall in McBride for a **Festive Wreath making workshop!** This is a wonderful opportunity to get creative and add a personal touch to your holiday decorations. Registration is required, please contact the office to sign-up. For more information call 250-569-2266 or email: [events@rvcsbc.org](mailto:events@rvcsbc.org). This program is brought to you by the McBride Adult Literacy Program.**Fri Dec 13 Valley Piecemakers Quilt Guild Meeting**

at 1 pm at the McBride Elks Hall. Interested in quilting? Come and join us

**Sat Dec 14th**Doreen Beck is performing a **Christmas concert on the harp** at the McBride Library 1:30pm.**Sat Dec 14th Auxiliary Extravaganza - McBride**

7pm - 8:30 p.m @ the E-Free Church. Cakewalk, bake sale, silent auction.

**Tues Dec 17th Join us for Let's All Take Part In Art! Children ages 0-6 years**and their caregivers are invited to join us from 10am-12pm making Christmas ornaments at the McBride office 942 3rd Avenue. Registration is required, please contact the office to sign up. For more information call 250-569-2266 or email: [events@rvcsbc.org](mailto:events@rvcsbc.org). This program is brought to you by the Infant Development Program and Family Literacy Program.**Thurs Dec 19th Join us for a Festive Social event**at the McBride RVCS office for a cozy and cheerful gathering. Enjoy a warm cup of coffee/tea and indulge in delicious home baked cookies. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season with friends and neighbors! No registration is required, for more info call 250-569-2266 or email: [events@rvcsbc.org](mailto:events@rvcsbc.org).**Wed Dec 25th Free Community Christmas Dinner!**McBride churches and community members are offering Christmas dinner for those who would like to share a meal with other community members at McBride Evangelical Free Church. We need volunteers to help Dec 24 and Dec 25 for one, two or more hours for different tasks (such as preparing vegetables, serving, and clean up). We're also looking for donations of desserts. For more info or to volunteer, contact Pete Amyoony at 250-968-4334 / [peteam@telus.net](mailto:peteam@telus.net)

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December 16 – Letters to Santa and Craft

December 23 &amp; 30 – RVCS winter closure so no family-place.

**ASL Sign Language Club - McBride**

Tuesday's 3:00-3:30 Basics &amp; 3:30-4:30 Beyond Basics @ the McBride E-Free Church. Great for families, friends and cognitive brain stimulation. Contact Lonnie 250-569-7657

**Fibre Artists - McBride**

On Wednesdays the McBride Library host the Fibre Artists' group 10am-12pm: come knit, sew or crochet with us! Beginners welcome. Online option available – call the library for info on 250 569 2411.

**Book Clubs for Adults - McBride**

The McBride Library holds two monthly book discussion clubs for adults Thursday afternoons 1:30pm. Call 250 569 2411 for info.

**Dungeons & Dragons - McBride Library**

For ages 12-18, the classic fantasy storytelling game. Join us on Tuesdays from 3.30-5.00pm at the McBride Library. Bring D&amp;D dice if you have them!

**Sunshine Stories - McBride Library**

10:30-11am Thursdays. An early literacy program for children ages 0-5 and caregivers. Songs, rhymes, stories and fun! In partnership with Decoda Literacy.

**Board Teens - McBride Library**

Board Teens is a new program aimed at teens (ages 12-18), who are invited to come play some of the library's many board games every Thursday from 3-5pm. Have a favourite game you like to play? Bring it with you!

**Tuesday Night Jam - McBride**

Now playing in the CN Station Lobby, 6:15-8:30pm. It is an open jam; musicians, singers, and onlookers welcome. For more information call David at (250) 569-2569.

**German Conversation Club - McBride**

Join us on Wednesday 11:30 - 1:00 at the McBride Library for a fun German language conversational class with Lilly. All levels and abilities welcome, from beginners to advanced. For further details, call the library on 250 569 2411.

**Writing Group - Fridays**

Our Writing Group for adults meets every Friday afternoon at the McBride library 1:30-3pm. We tend to chat for the first 30 minutes about what we are working on, then we sit silently for an hour to write. Our writers are working on a range of things – novels, memoirs, poems, short stories, dissertations. Writing something? Join us!

## Dunster

**Sat. Dec. 21st & Sun Dec 22nd: Dunster Schoolhouse Christmas Concert and Cabaret.**Saturday show at 7pm includes cash bar and snacks; Sunday seniors show and luncheon at 12:30pm. Featuring music and holiday comedy sketches. Tickets \$20. Bus transport for seniors show available from McBride and Valemount. To book tickets/make inquiries phone Donna 250-569-4026 or email [dunsterfass@gmail.com](mailto:dunsterfass@gmail.com).

## Blue River

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## Tete Jaune

Sat Jan 11th Tete Jaune "Malanka" (Ukrainian New Year) at the Tete Jaune Community Hall 5:30pm. Advance tickets only available at Infinity Office and Health. Meal includes perogies, cabbage rolls, sausage, borscht, bun and dessert. Adults \$30, Seniors \$25, Children \$18.



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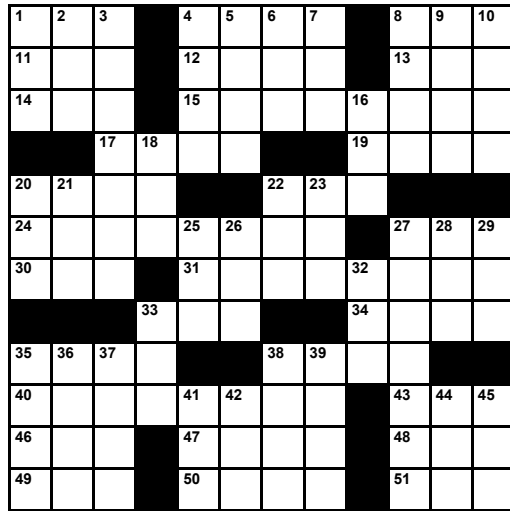
# PUZZLES



## CROSSWORD

Answers on P20

- Across**
- Senate vote
  - Quitting time, often
  - Duet number
  - Medic, familiarly
  - Correct
  - Unfinished
  - Twosome
  - Nuclear adjective
  - Pop's mom
  - King Kong, and others
  - Beneath's opposite
  - First \_\_\_ kit
  - Seek office, perhaps
  - Represented
  - Crack
  - Screenwriter's creation
  - Blue shade
  - \_\_\_ the torpedoes!
  - Davenport
  - Yellow jacket, for one
  - Emotional adherent
  - Court instructor
  - Wore away
  - Fair sight
  - Sound processing unit
  - Article seen in many places
  - Thickens
- Down**
- Kick in
  - Golden Rule conclusion
  - Resource management
  - Non-flowering plant
  - Concept
  - By means of
  - "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
  - Excursion
  - 3rd base gesture
  - Is in the red
  - Wee one
  - Online store offering
  - Pretense
  - Deck hand
  - Life measurement
  - Holiday, as one
  - Plead for
  - Inimical
  - All done, as a movie
  - Objective
  - Arlo to Woody
  - Times Square features



- Used an armchair
- Run-in
- Promise
- Complimentary
- Lack
- Hill dwellers
- "\_\_ my turn"
- Catch on
- Goofy cook, Rachael
- Unrefined rock

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

## Venus and Mars in Opposition

The opposition of Venus and Mars brings to light the differences in gender roles and offers a chance to deepen understanding and awareness of the cultural, political, biological and psychological aspects of femininity and masculinity. This theme will extend through all areas of life. There will hardly be an experience that doesn't resonate with new information, changes and adjustments to accommodate what we learn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your quiet beliefs are like compass points steering you forward. If they're aligned with your highest hopes, they'll lead you to promising horizons. But if you doubt you can make your dreams happen, confirmation bias can pull you toward what you fear. So stay optimistic and let your beliefs work in your favor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone will try to impress you this week, but you'll see straight through any display of possessions or privilege -- it's not what resonates with you now. You're drawn to those with depth and quiet assurance, people who stand strong in who they are without needing to announce it. You'll encounter more than one who fits the bill.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be the voice you once longed to hear, offering words you needed back then. You'll provide the support you wish had been there and give the help you once went without. In this way, you're not only healing yourself but creating a path for others, lighting the way with your own experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Most people are blind to their own mannerisms, the behaviors of familiar people and the culture they are steeped in. When someone new enters the scene this week, they'll hold up the mirror of fresh perspective. Patterns will jump out. You'll be charmed, surprised and amused by the uniqueness of what's been in front of you all along.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes you're inspired, sometimes you're inspirational, and quite often you're both at once. A group will form around you. It doesn't mean you have to be the leader -- you're lucky when you take as much or as little responsibility as you wish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). This week, you'll let go of rigid ideas about how things (SET ITAL) should (END ITAL) be to open yourself up to the reality of how things (SET ITAL) are. (END ITAL) And when you get to the parts that feel messy or uncertain, don't turn back. Step on through, sending love the whole way. Love will soften the edges, bridge the gaps and mend the misunderstandings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You do what you feel like doing and let the world off the hook for delivering any kind of result. This way, action is its own reward, so you don't care if the situation gets tedious. You surrender to the ridiculous, too, and still somehow come away much more fortunate than had you tried to control the outcome.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If people are not responding to you the way you'd like, just hold on because there's a better fit coming your way. You'll do your part by seeking new communities, exploring groups and trying different organizations. The more you know, the better you'll appreciate that moment it all clicks into alignment.

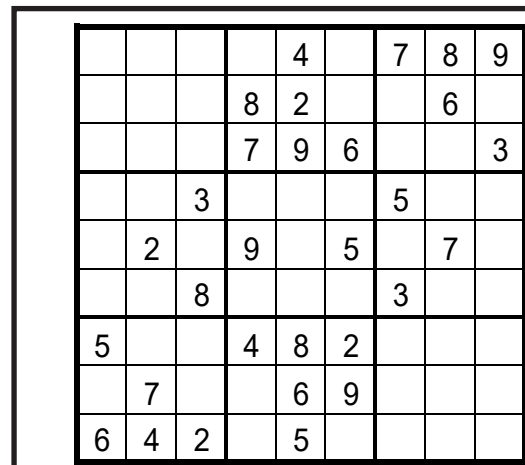
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Ease up on the controls and give yourself some room to breathe. It's perfectly fine not to understand everything all at once. In fact, it's often better that way. Knowledge finds its place in you at the right time, settling in when it's most relevant and when you're ready to act on it. Trust that each insight will reveal itself in due course.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's only human to say the opposite of what you mean. You're no stranger to the rub of sarcasm, the poignancy of smiling through tears and the excitement of creating conflict out of nothing. However, this week brings something refreshingly straightforward -- a chance to be direct with people who actually love that style.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Whatever is misaligned will not function properly, whether it's gears in a motor or the mind, joints in the body or the hinges of society. You'll notice what's out and put it into a state of congruence. Intentions will match words, words will match deeds, commitments will match outcomes, and love will flow beautifully through all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're almost exactly where you want to be, productivity-wise. It's that final 10% that can feel like a mountain. But before you chalk that up to the law of diminishing returns, know this: The effort you put in now, though it may seem the hardest, could yield some of the most satisfying results yet.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Once you make your mind up about what you want to do, the rest is just an act of submission -- to your desire, to the process and to the universal tides that will bring you there. The more you accept and love yourself, the better you attract the people who assist your journey, and the better you gravitate to the circumstances conducive to your evolution. More highlights: You'll give several stellar presentations for pay and applause. You'll travel in a wonderful, tight-knit group. An investment funds several more.



## SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY Answers on P20

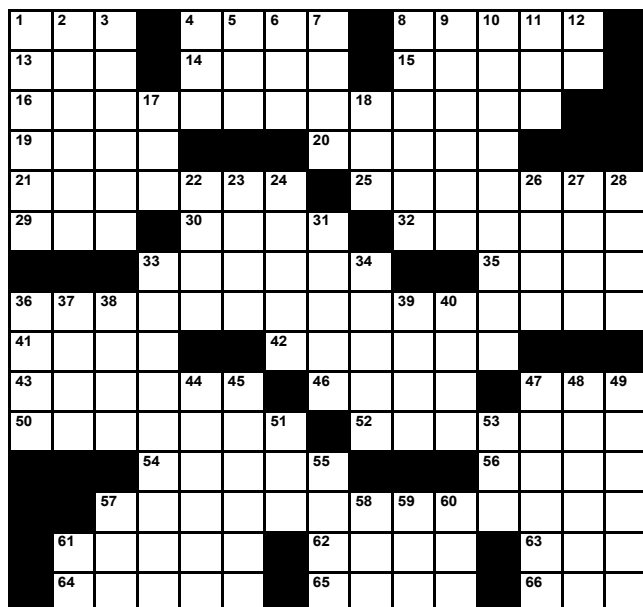
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember. You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column or 3x3 box.

## The Toughie

Answers on P20

- Across**
- Tide action
  - Alien space crafts
  - Battery type
  - Obey, with "the line"
  - Zilch
  - Pleasant way to walk
  - Small restaurant which sometimes has really good food
  - Pancake maker
  - African beast
  - Like an ice-cream holder
  - It may be trimmed in a haircut
  - Soak thoroughly
  - Beauty products provider
  - Fought
  - Dark suit
  - On \_\_\_ with
  - Japanese kind of restaurant
  - Needle case
  - David, e.g.
  - Musical composition types
  - Lee of Marvel Comics
  - Detective Spade
  - Feeler
  - Basis
  - Wine region
  - Picnic hamperer
  - They provide an assortment of foods
  - Two-time U.S. Open winner Fraser
  - It is sold by the dozen,
- Down**
- Govt. issuance
  - Time off
  - Bridge feat
  - Coll., e.g.
  - Personal codes of conduct
  - Bawl
  - Appertain
  - Action film staple
  - Quagmire
  - Crumb
  - Area in Manhattan
  - Fuhgeddaboutit!
  - All worked up
  - Set, in a way
  - To be under the weather
  - No or Pepper
  - Prefix with dermis
  - Get by
  - Nightclub of song
  - Alda or Ladd
  - \_\_\_ slipper (orchid type)
  - Resembling thick cords
  - 440-yard shape, often
  - Used to be
  - "The Second Coming" poet



- Parker, part of the time
- Glide
- Trillion, prefix
- Top school in the UK
- Fourth-down option
- "Take \_\_\_ a sign"
- Stars
- Shelved for now
- Dormitory annoyance
- Boxers' warnings
- Biting
- Good guy
- "The Ice Storm" director Lee
- Renaissance, for one
- Headset, to hams
- Swell
- Roman sun god
- Big inits. in camping
- Original manufacturer's item
- Close to, for short

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# Memories of Christmases past

By Isis Hiroe

When Carol Bustin was growing up, her family didn't have much money and the only time anything new came into her home was at Christmas. As a kid, it was a time of year to dream of all the possibilities.

Bustin couldn't give her parents a list of presents she wanted. She'd ask for one thing, and she would always put great thought into it. She'd carefully go through the Eaton's catalogue, page by page.

"Looking back," says Bustin, "if someone were to hand me that catalogue today, I'd look at it and wonder why on earth anybody would want any of that stuff!"

As much as Bustin poured through the attractions in the Eaton's catalog, it was her mother's homemade presents that stuck with her more than any of the purchased gifts. "I found myself following in my mother's footsteps, making many presents all throughout my adulthood."

One year, Bustin remembers making nine Holly Hobbie dolls, each of their clothing pieces matching the rooms of the girls she was giving them to. She'd sew little dresses, pinafores and pantaloons. She curled yarn for hair and stitched it all into place.

When Bustin went into teaching, she was thrilled to share her love of Christmas gift crafting with her students. Soon enough, other teachers asked if she could teach theirs too, and Christmas crafting with multiple grades became an annual role. Most of Bustin's favorite Christmases were filled to the brim with teaching and craft making and Christmas craft stories.

One year, while Bustin was teaching, straw wreaths were a popular thing.

"I wanted to teach my students how to make straw Christmas wreaths, but there wasn't any money to spend on supplies. So, I contacted a local farmer and went to his place with my students. I showed up with around two-hundred kids," Bustin said.

Each child had arrived with a hanger and a ball of yarn. They collected heaps of straw and sat on the ground, shoving it into bags, adding pine cones for decoration.

While the straw bags sat in the classroom, waiting to be braided and decorated, a little mouse decided to live amongst the straw. Bustin and her students called him George. "We'd all talk to him, almost as if he were a class pet," says Bustin. "The kids truly loved that he was living there."

Unfortunately, George was a short-term resident. Bustin remembers being in a teachers' meeting and hearing the principal being called to her classroom over the loudspeaker. George had emerged while the Home Economics teacher was supervising.

George was history. But to this day, when Christmas is around the corner, you can be sure that Bustin is still making crafts.



Carol Bustin says when she was a child, she would pour over the Eatons catalogue to figure out what she wanted for Christmas, but she found that the more meaningful gifts were handmade by her mother. She told The Goat that her favourite gift of all time was her childhood dog, Nippie. /ISIS HIROE

# Soil management workshops coming to northern B.C.

By Abigail Popple, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, RMG

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food is organizing a series of soil workshops throughout the province, two of which will be held in the northern region of B.C. The Ministry has not announced the dates and locations of the workshops, but they will take place from January through March of 2025.

Participants will get the dirt on how to analyze their soil and improve their soil management practices to increase productivity, said Ahmed Lasisi, a soil carbon specialist for the Ministry.

"Soil, on a large scale, is so diverse," Lasisi told The Goat. "We hope that when farmers come, they have the opportunity to ask questions that are relevant to their own environment, and the message delivered in the workshop itself is relevant to that particular environment."

For example, large swaths of northern B.C. have a soil moisture deficit due to drought, Lasisi said. He hopes the northern-based workshops will discuss how to conserve soil moisture.

Soil management is crucial for efficient food production and developing economic resiliency, said Lasisi.

"If you are able to improve the organic matter in your soil, it's an aid to the productivity of your soil and also creates an environment so the soil is resilient to any environmental changes," he said. "The overall goal is to increase productivity... but part of it is that we want to develop soil health for resilience, especially to events from climate change."

To that end, the workshops will also teach producers how to use tools to assess their soil health, improve resiliency, and improve economic return, he added. Healthy soil provides a strong foundation for agriculture and increasing B.C.'s food sovereignty, according to Lasisi.

"Part of our responsibility [in the Ministry] is to support producers with our expertise," Lasisi said. "Being soil scientists, we feel that if we're able to improve the resiliency in their soil, their productivity will definitely be improved."

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Silas and Otto can't wait for Baby Owen's first Christmas



Brody loaded up his pancake, and topped it off with chocolate syrup.



William (left) and Finley(right) were the lucky kids drawn to have breakfast at Santa's table.



A highlight for Freya was a hug from the Grinch.

# Opinion on the Street: What is your favourite Christmas gift you've ever been given?



Anne McKirdy says her favourite gift was a large check from her husband that was put towards building a cabin /ISIS HIROE



Sherry Tinsley says her favourite gifts are homemade or flower arrangements. /ISIS HIROE



Kai Reid says she loves big fluffy blankets, especially if they're blue /ISIS HIROE

## Christmas Light Up



Valemount residents gathered under a Christmas tree in Centennial Park to take photos with Santa, alongside carolers organized by Michael Peters. The crowd dispersed after a few minutes to participate in the village's annual late night shopping. /ABIGAIL POPPLE



After disembarking the fire engine that brought him through town, Santa greeted a couple young residents outside of The Goat's office. /ABIGAIL POPPLE

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