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## LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

Dear Readers,

Thank you everyone who continues to take the time to read our weekly online magazine. We received valuable feedback and engaged in some great conversations surrounding our recent article on the bitcoin mining operation in Canal Flats. For those inquiring minds who want to know more, stay tuned for another article in the coming weeks.

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# FACEBOOK GOES DOWN

**ON MONDAY, FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, WHATSAPP, AND SNAPCHAT EXPERIENCED OUTAGES FOR A MAJORITY OF IT'S USERS WORLDWIDE.**

Around 9:30am on Monday, users around the globe were unable to access popular social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp with some users reporting issues with Snapchat as well. Taking out the vital communication platforms used by more than three billion people worldwide and adds even more heat to a company under scrutiny.

Users began to experience error messages when attempting to access the social media platforms on Monday morning. Within five minutes, Facebook had completely disappeared from the internet with the remaining sites going down right after. While outages with software applications are not uncommon, however what is strange here is that every one of their apps went down at the exact same time. Facebook's previous outage had a significant impact on users as it was out for 24 hours, though only impacted Facebook alone.





The cause of the outage still remains unclear with the Chief Technological Officer of Facebook citing networking issues for the cause of the outage. However, [The Academy is reporting](#) large sections of routing has been removed. This means Facebook, as of this writing, is gone and does not exist.

Many users have taken to other social media platforms such as Twitter and TikTok to voice their frustrations towards the outages. This is also a hit to small businesses who use social media as a means to promote their business online. Outreach and advertising through platforms such as Facebook and Instagram connects businesses to millions of users from around the world. With the platform down and users unable to access, small businesses have no way to connect with their social media audience.

Industries that utilize Facebook as a means to make a living are now also looking at alternative platforms for their content. One of these industries is the gaming industry that relies heavily on live streaming while playing which can't be done on a platform that's down. Any industry that relies heavily on streaming may be looking at different options other than Facebook to house their content going forward.

As [reported by the NY Times](#), Facebook employees were scrambling when their internal systems stopped functioning. The global security team at Facebook was "notified of a system outage affecting all Facebook internal systems and tools," according to an internal memo sent to employees. The entire network of Facebook has been impacted with employees unable to make phone calls from company cell phones and receive e-mail communications from outside the company. Many have turned to other platforms such as LinkedIn, Zoom, and Discord as spaces to communicate with each other during the outage.

The chief technology office of Cloudflare, a highly reputable web infrastructure company, shared that these problems are most likely attributed to a misconfiguration of Facebook's servers. Computers convert websites to numeric internal protocol addresses through a system similar to an address book on your phone. The issue Facebook is experiencing is the equivalent of removing those phone numbers from under the names of the address book. You still have their name, but it's impossible to contact them because you don't have their number.

Facebook and its family of applications started to come back up in the late afternoon on Monday. There is still no word from the company on what the cause of the outage was.





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# MANDATORY MASKS FOR K-3

Students in kindergarten to grade 3 will be required to wear masks.

The B.C. government has put an additional health measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Effective Monday, October 4th, 2021, students in kindergarten to grade 3 will be required to wear masks which builds on the pre-existing guidelines for students in grades 4 to 12. A new monthly report will also be released later this month by the Provincial Health Officer that will provide details on the virus and its effect against children.

In a statement reported by [myeastkootenaynow.com](http://myeastkootenaynow.com), Minister of Education, Jennifer Whiteside had the following comments on the new mandate,

"In-person learning is crucial for the social and educational well-being of students. The health and safety guidelines in our schools were developed under the guidance and direction of the Public Health Office (PHO) and BC Centre for Disease Control to allow children to safely attend school on a full-time, in-person basis. We know there is a high level of concern among some parents, students, teachers and boards of education, especially in regions of B.C. where transmission rates are higher. We are listening to the concerns of people and, on the advice of the provincial health officer, taking further action so that families, students and staff feel secure."

A statement from Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry was also reported,

"This pandemic continues to evolve and so do we. We need to make changes to fit the situation as it's arising. We know the COVID-19 virus is being transmitted more rapidly, particularly to those who don't have the protection that vaccination offers. This extra measure adds another layer of protection as we navigate this phase of the pandemic."

The mandate comes after seven schools in the East Kootenay and Creston Valley areas reported potential outbreaks. The five schools with reported outbreaks in Cranbrook are:

1. Mount Baker Secondary School with an exposure reported between September 22nd and September 24th.
2. TM Roberts reported a potential exposure from September 15th to September 27th.
3. Kootenay Orchard has two possible exposure times with the first ranging between September 15th to September 24th and the second is estimated to have occurred between September 24th, 27th, or 28th.
4. Kootenay Christian Academy reported potential exposures on September 15th, 16th, 17th, and 20th.
5. Creston Valley Secondary School also reported an active exposure ranging between September 22nd to September 24th.

The mask mandate for students in K-12 is expected to remain in place until the end of the school term



## **Learn About Your Lake**

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Join us on to take a look at the  
2021 Lake Windermere Water  
Monitoring results

**October 22nd 4pm at  
James Chabot Provincial Park**



# MEADOWLARK

Submitted anonymously

A meadowlark cries silently  
Hidden among the grass and trees  
He sees me, I see not him  
Not where he sits on what small limb

It doesn't matter that he's hid  
Only that I can't be rid  
I care not why he sings for me  
I only wish that I could see

See him watching the meadow so  
See him come, and see him go  
As if it makes me a small part  
Of his ever beating, living heart.

Yet does the lark know what I pose?  
Does he puzzle and fret on why I chose  
To stand right here beneath his perch  
Truly content on playing Birch

Does he pray I'll go away  
And let him on his merry way?  
The lark sings silently his song  
I'm sure he hopes I'll move along

Confident I turn and stride  
Let not the mongrel steal my pride  
As each step taken then is gone  
I begin to long to could hear his song





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# VALLEY PROMOTIONS



# NEW STRAIN OF KENNEL COUGH

Even dogs vaccinated can be infected with this new strain.

Local veterinarians are warning dog owners of a particularly virulent strain of kennel cough that is making the rounds throughout Cranbrook and Kimberley. An increase of cases presented itself at Tanglefoot Veterinary Services where the Practice Manager, Jeff Cooper, had the following comments as reported by [Cranbrook Townsman](#),

“Unfortunately, the test results from this strain have come back inconclusive,” Cooper said. “So we have this strain running around that we can’t identify. We even tested the dogs for COVID-19, since it is a respiratory infection. All results are negative so far for known respiration pathogens.”

“The other thing to note is that dogs who have been vaccinated against kennel cough can still get this strain,” Cooper warned. “It is more likely to develop under stress, and it seems that dogs may be getting it from other dogs who have been in a kennel. Be wary until we can figure out just exactly what’s going on.”

While veterinarians are trying to determine the cause of this outbreak, pet owners are advised to avoid areas where other dog you don’t know may be present. Settings such as kennels and dog parks should be avoided from the time being according to Cooper. This particular strain of Kennel Cough is identified as highly transmissible and severe with some dogs getting pneumonia as a result.

Symptoms of Kennel Cough are a distinctive dry cough and symptoms of lethargy. Thankfully, Kennel Cough can be treated with antibiotics and if you suspect your dog is infected, call ahead to your vet clinic before bringing in your dog.



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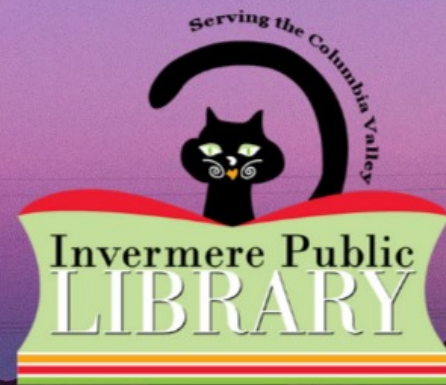
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# TODAY IN CANADIAN HISTORY

## WHAT HAPPENED TODAY IN 1982?

Mount Everest is the highest mountain above sea level on earth. It's located in the Mahalangur Himal sub-range of the Himalayas and regarded as one of the most impressive feats any mountain climber can make. With an elevation of 8,848.86 meters, it's no wonder why reaching the top of Mount Everest is regarded as the ultimate accomplishment for mountain climbers.

In addition to the challenge the elevation brings, the air is also very thin which slows down anyone trying to climb the mountain. Thin air also has impacts on the mind such as weakening judgment, dulling thirst and appetite, further making the journey a risk. Despite the risks and threats the mountain poses, it doesn't stop determined mountain climbers from making their attempt and reaching their goal.

On this day in Canadian history, Laurie Skreslet became the first Canadian to climb the tallest mountain in the world, Mount Everest. Skreslet and 19 other mountaineers set forth to climb Mount Everest in the Canadian Mount Everest Expedition. The journey took them five years to plan along with \$3 million in funding and 27 tons of equipment.

During the expedition, four team members died while navigating the treacherous Khumbu Icefall, an area of the mountain dreaded by every climber of Mount Everest. Skreslet suffered three bruised ribs and six of the original climbers turned back.

Laure Skreslet was born in Calgary, Alberta on October 25th, 1949. He was first introduced to climbing in 1970 and by 1972 was a member of a successful expedition to Huascaràn which is Peru's highest mountain. Skreslet was also part of the 1986 Canadian Everest Light Expedition, in which team member and fellow Canadian Sharon Wood became the first North American woman to reach the summit.



# BC is Wildlife Country



## Stay safe and help keep wildlife wild.



**Avoid surprise encounters.** Make noise by clapping your hands and using your voice. Watch for scat and other signs of wildlife. Avoid walking alone, carry bear spray and know how to use it.



**Keep pets on a leash in wildlife country.** Not only can dogs displace wildlife, dogs that chase after bears can bring them back to their owners or be killed. Wolves and coyotes can perceive dogs as a potential threat or prey.







**Keep a safe distance.** View and photograph wildlife from a safe and respectful distance of at least 100m for bears and at least 30m for other large non-predatory animals. If you cause an animal to move, you are too close.



**Respect wild animals.** Never feed wildlife and always keep attractants secure and out of reach. Feeding wildlife can lead to conflicts and tragic consequences.

### If you encounter a bear:

-  Stay calm, do not yell or run. Speak in a low voice. If you have bear spray, pull it out and remove the safety.
-  Move away slowly. If the bear charges, stand your ground and discharge the bear spray.
-  Leave the area slowly and report the encounter.
-  Bear attacks are rare but be prepared. Learn more about bears, bear spray and other wildlife safety at [www.wildsafebc.com](http://www.wildsafebc.com)



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# INSTALL THOSE WINTER TIRES

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Effective October 1st, 2021, winter tires are mandatory on all highways in the Interior and North regions of the province and many other highways across British Columbia. Winter tires are categorized with either the M+S (mud and snow) or mountain/snowflake symbol on the tires. They must also be in good condition with a minimum tread depth of 3.5 millimeters.

Winter tires that bear the mountain/snowflake symbol have proven to provide the best traction for winter driving where tires marked with M+S have shown less effective in severe weather conditions. At the end of the day, it is up to the driver to make a decision on which tire to use based on the region they're driving through.

Commercial vehicle operators will also now be required to place chains on their tires through most routes across the province. Routes will be marked with road signs to indicate chains being required with the Lower Mainland and most of Vancouver Island not requiring chains on commercial vehicle tires.

These requirements are put into effect to provide a safer driving journey for everyone during the winter season. Some cities or municipalities in the province may have their own bylaws or rules surrounding the use of winter tires. Be sure to educate yourself on what you are required to do should you be driving through the province during the winter season.

The requirements for winter tires are in effect starting October 1st, 2021 and will continue until March 31st, 2022 with some select highways possibly being in effect until April 30th, 2022.

Village of Radium Hot Springs

# ZONING BYLAW UPDATE

*The Village of Radium Hot Springs is in the process of updating its Zoning Bylaw and we want to hear from you!*

We encourage you to participate in the upcoming opportunities to share your thoughts on key zoning issues within our community and how we can make the bylaw more user friendly.

## What Is A Zoning Bylaw?

A Zoning Bylaw is a set of specific rules that regulate how land can be used and what can be built. The Zoning Bylaw is made up of two parts – the zoning map and regulations. The map divides the community into different zones and the regulations identify what uses are permitted in each zone, as well as the rules that buildings and structures must adhere to such as height, setbacks, and density.

## How To Get Involved

### Online Survey

An online survey is open from September 21st to October 11th to collect feedback from community members.

### To participate, visit:

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RadiumZoningBylawSurvey](https://ca.research.net/r/RadiumZoningBylawSurvey)



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# FEELING DANDY, ACE?

**THE LATEST ROGUE-RPG TO HIT XBOX  
GAME PASS IS A SMASHING SUCCESS.**

Have you noticed an abundance of rogue-RPG games being released lately? I know, it's awesome right? The latest game to hit Xbox Game Pass in the sub-genre is Dandy Ace, a colourful fast-paced world full of fun and constant death. The premise of the game is you play a magician named Dandy Ace who must clear the rooms to defeat the Green-Eyed Illusionist who has imprisoned him in a cursed mirror.

Like any rogue-RPG, you start the game off with absolutely nothing. They provide you with three cards to start your journey, which are the different attacks you can cast. Each card can be assigned to a specific slot giving you the freedom of building your character the way you want. From the moment you walk through the gold shimmering doors, you'll immediately be thrown into swarms of enemies, learning very quickly how fast-paced the game is. Your goal is to make it to the end of the room and enter through a cursed mirror into the next room. Each time you clear a room, you'll have the opportunity to upgrade your character with shards found in the previous rooms. However, your shards will disappear after each run so make sure to spend them when you can. The game also provides you with trinkets to equip on your character. These items grant your character special abilities that normally would not be available otherwise.

I personally have not made it past the art gallery room. The game provides you with enough progression that the challenging gameplay feels extremely rewarding. Once you've cleared a room, the sense of accomplishment can be overwhelming, especially if it took you 10+ runs to complete. The more rooms you clear, the more shards you will have available to upgrade your character. While your shards and other items such as trinkets disappear after your run, any upgrades purchased with shards continue on with you. This allows you to continue upgrading your character each time you clear a room despite the number of times you bite it.

If you're looking for a vibrant and fun rogue-RPG, Dandy Ace is the game for you. With its off-the-wall combat mechanics and vibrant colours, it's an absolutely fun game to kill a little time.

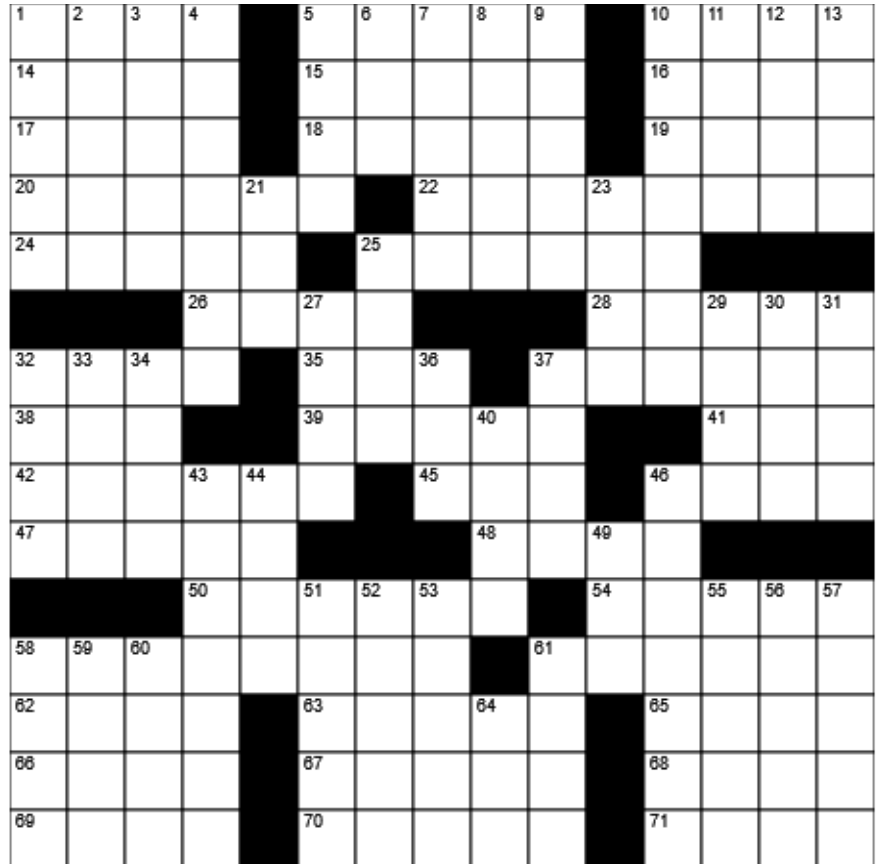
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# A LITTLE FUN

## Across

1- Rebuff; 5- Pier; 10- Lay an egg; 14- Actress Skye; 15- Conger catcher; 16- Autobahn auto; 17- Tailless amphibian; 18- A-one; 19- Futile; 20- Implant deeply; 22- Nobleman; 24- Take exception; 25- Infernal; 26- Dies \_\_\_\_; 28- Burton of "Roots"; 32- King of comedy; 35- B'way hit sign; 37- Methuselah's claim to fame; 38- Used car locale; 39- More bizarre; 41- Sportscaster Berman; 42- Import or export duty; 45- Paris's Pont \_\_\_\_ Arts; 46- Start from scratch; 47- Muscat native; 48- Deep affection; 50- Stupidity; 54- Gut course; 58- Serrate; 61- One engraving; 62- Et \_\_\_\_ (and other men); 63- Eye drops; 65- Sharpen; 66- Vincent Lopez's theme song; 67- Upbeat, in music; 68- Tolkien tree creatures; 69- Aquatic bird; 70- Surround; 71- Chair;



## Down

1- Located; 2- Peter of Herman's Hermits; 3- Render weaponless; 4- Wanderer; 5- Cried; 6- The Beatles' "And I Love \_\_\_\_"; 7- Not dead yet; 8- Pardon; 9- High-school freshman; 10- Privileged; 11- Hawaiian outdoor feast; 12- Thor's father; 13- Pub quantity; 21- Bruins great Bobby; 23- Type of phone; 25- Square; 27- Starting on; 29- Low-lying area; 30- Ripened; 31- "All The Way To \_\_\_\_", song by REM; 32- Singing voice; 33- Rich soil; 34- Gillette brand; 36- Out of the ordinary; 37- About; 40- Hard to hold; 43- First; 44- Rover's pal; 46- Attains; 49- Spot checker?; 51- Little bits; 52- Cheri of "Saturday Night Live"; 53- Pursue; 55- Excelled; 56- Gossipmonger; 57- Give it \_\_\_\_!; 58- Squealed; 59- Baseball family name; 60- Volition; 61- "\_\_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto); 64- Semi;

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RIP boiling water.  
You will be mist.





### Broken Record

If I worked in a used record store, I would tell every customer that 'all sales are vinyl.



### Generational Gap

A mom texts, "Hi! Son, what do IDK, LY and TTYL mean?"

He texts back, "I don't know, love you and talk to you later."

The mom replies, "It's OK, don't worry about it. I'll ask your sister. Love you too."



### Can't Keep A Secret

I'm always struck by the unbridled optimism of conspiracy theorists. They have seemingly never tried to keep a dozen people quiet while planning a surprise party.



### Messy Drinker

A skeleton walks into a bar.

The bartender says, "What'll you have?"

The skeleton says, "Gimme a beer and a mop."



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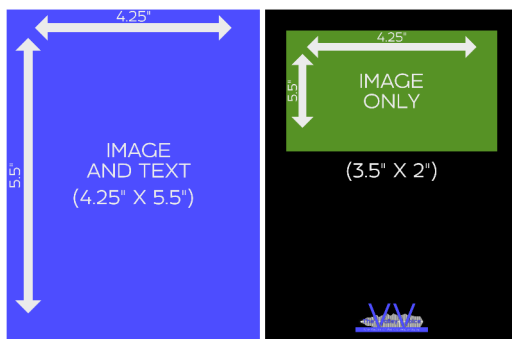
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