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2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

REMEMBERING THE LOST

Each heartbeat from each resident, past and present, affects all others here. Each is special, impactful, and worth remembering.

NEWS YEAR IN REVIEW

We, the volunteers, want to extend special thanks to all those who submitted content, images, events and ideas. You helped make this publication what it is.

LOCAL BUSINESS FEATURES OF 2021

Missed some of the amazing interviews and local business features this year?



HOW ARE WE DOING?

The Volunteers of the Columbia Valley Voices Online Magazine are dedicated to providing content that is generated and supported by our valley residents.

We welcome and encourage all communication - we want to know how we're doing!

Send us a note on Facebook or Instagram @thevoicecv

OR

by email to news@thevoiceca.ca



IN MEMORIUM - CANAL FLATS REMEMBRANCE DISPLAY TAKEN BY SYD DANIS

LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

Happy New Year Readers!

As we say goodbye to 2021, it's time to look forward into the new year and what 2022 will bring. This year has had so many highlights, events, and heart-warming moments. It's been an absolute pleasure going back through the year and seeing not only how our community has grown, but how we've grown as volunteers.

Our weekly online magazine has seen some serious growth since it's inception back in March and we're full steam ahead for the new year. Newer readers will notice our previous business features and highlights on organizations and artists in the community. We want to do MORE of these and highlight businesses and non-profit organizations in the valley.

The new year brings change and growth for many. We look forward to providing you great content from our local communities into 2022.

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GAMER'S YEAR IN REVIEW

REMEMBER THOSE WE LOST IN 2021

EACH HEARTBEAT FROM EACH RESIDENT, PAST AND PRESENT, AFFECTS ALL OTHERS HERE. EACH IS SPECIAL, IMPACTFUL, AND WORTH REMEMBERING.

Our volunteers gathered the name and date of passing for as many individuals as we could collect from across multiple platforms and publications across the valley.

We did our best to find EVERYONE who was listed somewhere, though we admit we're not perfect. Please know that if anyone is missed, it was not intentional, and we would still love to include them. The volunteers will edit this edition as many times as needed to capture all of the lost flames so please submit names if you have them, and we don't.

Thank you. We remember you.

JANUARY 2021

2021-01-01 Lyla Mae Sawicki
2021-01-01 Frederick Griffith Stevens
2021-01-02 Katherine Theresa Attree
2021-01-03 John Emerson Miller
2021-01-04 Jens Lund Jensen
2021-01-05 Linda Ellen Krall
2021-01-05 Erich Jacob Mintzler
2021-01-05 Merlin Anthony Velker
2021-01-06 Doreen Hughes
2021-01-07 Mabel Loreen Anselmo
2021-01-07 Gisela Christa Lutzke
2021-01-07 Joseph Ross Newhouse
2021-01-07 Lorraine Mary Poburn
2021-01-09 Barbara Holmes
2021-01-10 William Heathfield
2021-01-10 Scotty Mac Sobey
2021-01-12 William Allan 'Nick' Nicholson
2021-01-13 Andrew Nels Dejonghe
2021-01-13 Ronald Mark 'Ron' Pighin
2021-01-15 Karl Richter
2021-01-16 Beverly Grace Campbell
2021-01-17 Brian Millward
2021-01-18 Charles Lennart Clemons
2021-01-18 Vern McGarrigle
2021-01-19 Michael Riemann
2021-01-19 Gertrud 'Trudy' Tross
2021-01-20 Alan Stewart 'Slim' Carlisle
2021-01-20 Georges Bernard Adrian Perrouault
2021-01-21 Lisa Victoria Ayres
2021-01-21 Robert 'Bob' Michael Cashato
2021-01-21 Victor Raasveldt
2021-01-22 Vicki-Lynn Anne Metters
2021-01-25 Marlene Audette Schwartz
2021-01-27 Gerald Anthony Barre
2021-01-27 Joseph Duane Blanchard
2021-01-27 Kenneth Bruce Burns
2021-01-27 Robert Douglas Stevely
2021-01-28 Alexa Blair Vanoni
2021-01-30 Stanley 'Russell' Eagles

FEBRUARY 2021

2021-02-01 Mary Elizabeth Park
2021-02-02 Philip Fredrick Geiger
2021-02-02 Charles 'Charlie' Manners
2021-02-03 Jason Christopher Edwards
2021-02-04 Howard George Cornick
2021-02-04 Louis Charles Hascarl
2021-02-05 Carol Liane Mazur
2021-02-05 Donald Austin McKelvie
2021-02-07 Noreen Helen Aikman (nee Ryde)
2021-02-07 Ruth Marie Eldred
2021-02-08 Gladys Vera Musil
2021-02-08 Rose Marie Ratcliffe
2021-02-10 Jewel Delaine Shepherd
2021-02-11 William Henry Nightingale
2021-02-12 Matilda Marie Routley (nee Reimer)
2021-02-13 Blake Jose Avelino
2021-02-13 William 'Bud' Henderson
2021-02-15 Carl Russell Colborne
2021-02-15 Eileen Mae Eidsness (nee Ready)
2021-02-15 Peter George
2021-02-15 Agnes Elizabeth Komarevich
2021-02-15 Joyce Annette Rauch
2021-02-16 Verna Charlotte 'Colleen' Blair
2021-02-16 Barry Richard Block
2021-02-16 Mary Williamson Stephenson
2021-02-17 Evelyn Martha Frost
2021-02-17 Sandy Saver
2021-02-18 Richard Stanely Henry Burgett
2021-02-18 Lawrence John Foster
2021-02-18 David Remi Garneau
2021-02-18 Evelyn Joan Gray (nee Prokop)
2021-02-18 Linda 'Janet' Leggett (Nightingale)
2021-02-18 Benny Mangone
2021-02-21 James Weston Mackinnon
2021-02-21 Irene Louise McInnes (Chatten)
2021-02-21 Paulette Marie Cécile Potvin
2021-02-21 Richard E (Dick) Sommerfeldt
2021-02-21 Reinhard Wiens
2021-02-22 Bent Norrelund Madsen
2021-02-22 Horst Massar
2021-02-23 Donald Pierre Rivers
2021-02-23 Richard 'Rick' Joe Wheeler
2021-02-25 Ronald Edward Cameron
2021-02-25 Wesley Grant Grabenhof
2021-02-25 Jacquie Wright
2021-02-26 Dianne Blondeau
2021-02-26 Dana 'Ginny' Virginia Jalava (Peuramaki)
2021-02-26 Sharon Ruth Schnack (nee Bell)
2021-02-28 Donald Stevenson Scott

MARCH 2021

2021-03-01 Linda Jean Cherry
2021-03-02 Melvin George 'Mel' Adams
2021-03-04 Fred Becker
2021-03-04 Dora 'Phyllus' Elisabeth Bower
2021-03-04 Audrey June Hickson (Ames)
2021-03-05 Margaret Lorraine Hatch (nee Chambers)
2021-03-05 Claude Angus Oram
2021-03-05 Lydia Ridke (Renner)
2021-03-07 Shirley Ruth Eileen Harrison
2021-03-08 Margaret 'June' Genevieve Botterill (Johnson)
2021-03-08 Lori Susan Engler
2021-03-09 Agnes Vera Sherritt
2021-03-10 John A Smitna
2021-03-10 Linda Rae Marcella Tuffnell (nee Hern)
2021-03-11 Pasquale 'Patsy' Caravetta
2021-03-11 John Patrick Harrington
2021-03-12 Colin Anthony Hedman
2021-03-15 Barbara Archibald
2021-03-15 Nadine Steele
2021-03-16 Christopher Warrington Agnew
2021-03-16 Giuseppina 'Pina' Dalcanale
2021-03-16 Eliza Mary Hughes
2021-03-16 Donald Edwin Sharp
2021-03-18 Raymond Frank Griffiths
2021-03-19 Pat Sindholt (nee Stollard)
2021-03-20 Amelia Beech
2021-03-20 Donna Phyllis Lynes
2021-03-20 Michael Douglas Vaughan
2021-03-20 Gerrit Veldman
2021-03-21 Minnie Isabel Erickson (nee Howard)
2021-03-22 Edmond 'Ed' Gretzky
2021-03-22 June Kaisner
2021-03-23 Alvin Fay Atwood
2021-03-24 Ruth Helen Walkey
2021-03-25 Sheila Mae Jamieson
2021-03-25 Clair Elaine Pusztay
2021-03-26 Shuanna Lee Buchy
2021-03-26 Sarah Mary Carlisle
2021-03-26 Pieter Pynnaken
2021-03-26 Lillian Ratcliffe
2021-03-26 Ann Louise Richardson
2021-03-27 Terrill Patricia MacDonald (nee Willicome)
2021-03-28 Betty Ann Mellor
2021-03-29 Wilfred Stanley Johnstone
2021-03-30 Robert Reeves Hooper
2021-03-30 Kimberley Anne Simon
2021-03-30 Bill Stefanuk

APRIL 2021

2021-04-01 Brenda Carolyn Rauch
2021-04-02 Melvin Earl Hillier
2021-04-03 John Alexander 'Alex' Martin
2021-04-03 Barbara Ann Stone
2021-04-04 Audrey Alton
2021-04-04 Beverly Sharon Dolce
2021-04-05 Lucille Winnifred Gredzuk
2021-04-06 Marjorie Joyce Dunn
2021-04-07 Doris Mostyn (nee DeRosier)
2021-04-07 Minnie Turyk
2021-04-08 Rosalie Marie Augustine (nee Cheramy)
2021-04-08 Einar Allen Corneliuson
2021-04-09 Lilio Eric Colonello
2021-04-09 Dorothy Ann Ivanco
2021-04-11 Solveig Alice Ekman
2021-04-11 Phoenix Anthony Glenn Larsen
2021-04-14 Lindsay Rachel Anderson
2021-04-14 Roberta Lorraine "Bobbie" Heuscher
2021-04-16 Bill Shkwarok
2021-04-17 Herman Richard Charette
2021-04-19 David William Coupland
2021-04-19 Wesley Russel Whitehead
2021-04-21 Marva Rene Black
2021-04-22 Kenneth Ray Carter
2021-04-22 Moen Jue
2021-04-24 Grace Louise Verge
2021-04-25 Glenn Gordon Wesche
2021-04-26 Frances 'Fran' Lawrenow
2021-04-27 Alfred Gerald 'Jerry' Wills
2021-04-29 Bobbie Heuscher
2021-04-29 John Eldon Shaw
2021-04-30 Charles Speta
2021-04-30 Kevin Webster

MAY 2021

2021-05-02 Victor David Wiens
2021-05-03 Alexis Stedroy Francis
2021-05-04 Esther Mae Petty
2021-05-05 F. Ann Brochu
2021-05-05 Sister Joyce Evelyn, SSA Kennedy
2021-05-05 Erna May Reuther
2021-05-05 Doris K. Woods
2021-05-06 Josef Gex - Collet
2021-05-08 Margaret Evelyn Howie
2021-05-08 Bernice Stone
2021-05-08 John Joseph Strong
2021-05-09 Karen Marie Arif (Hatalcik)
2021-05-10 Henry Hutchinson
2021-05-11 Daryl Lorne Wert
2021-05-12 Seth Taylor McKelvie
2021-05-13 Sheila Steele Gorrie (Methven)
2021-05-13 Maxine Thompson
2021-05-14 Brian Earl Merrett
2021-05-14 Phyllis Patricia Rader
2021-05-16 Alan Wells Askey
2021-05-19 Randall Stewart Allison
2021-05-19 Roberta Jurczak
2021-05-19 Donald George Konschuh
2021-05-20 Angus Archibald Macaulay
2021-05-20 Kelly Gene Wright
2021-05-21 Rose Elizabeth Tanner
2021-05-25 Harvey Ross Travis
2021-05-27 Sandra Jane Rahal
2021-05-28 Barbara Oddie
2021-05-30 Shannon Marie Sirosky
2021-05-30 William 'Bill' Sleightholm
2021-05-31 Douglas Elkanah Trask

JUNE 2021

2021-06-01 George William Cockburn
2021-06-01 Helga Hennings
2021-06-02 Vernon Chinn
2021-06-02 Rea Joyce Tagg
2021-06-03 Kenneth Allan Binkley
2021-06-03 William Gordon Forbes
2021-06-03 Marianne May Smith
2021-06-03 Christina Dorothy Smith (Johnson)
2021-06-04 Ronald Andrew Wayne Anderson
2021-06-05 Grayce Attwood
2021-06-05 Lawrence Campbell 'Larry' Keating
2021-06-07 James Andrew Breakwell
2021-06-08 Fred Burrin
2021-06-11 Kay Diakow
2021-06-11 Terry Groleau
2021-06-11 Donald 'Don' Wilson
2021-06-12 Alexander Gredzuk
2021-06-12 Dave Lee
2021-06-12 Cecil Vincent Olsen
2021-06-12 Carl Charles Vandoorselaere
2021-06-12 John William Walmsley
2021-06-13 Earl Joseph Duchscherer
2021-06-14 Danna James Murphy
2021-06-14 Harold Nielson
2021-06-15 Anne Marie Keely
2021-06-15 Frances Zita Myers
2021-06-15 Dennis Joseph 'Denny' Nelligan
2021-06-16 Judy Ann Errett
2021-06-16 Vanessa Germaine Hutchinson
2021-06-17 Phyllis G. Hemmons (nee Larsen)
2021-06-20 Thomas "Tom" Alexander Haverko
2021-06-22 Ingrid Egger-Steppan
2021-06-22 Simon Michael Selby
2021-06-23 Vera Yvonne Frey
2021-06-23 Frances Zita Myers (Reimer)
2021-06-24 Fritz Zehnder
2021-06-25 Brent Gary Mitchell
2021-06-25 Patricia Eileen Wagler
2021-06-26 Ron Bath
2021-06-26 Shirley Elaine Klassen
2021-06-26 Adolf Hermann Unterberger
2021-06-27 Donald George Barr
2021-06-27 Thomas James Foster
2021-06-27 Brian Frank Slotta
2021-06-28 Helen Fantuz
2021-06-28 Donald Allan Jackson
2021-06-28 Curtis Dale Orr
2021-06-28 Einar St. Jean
2021-06-28 Rose Cecilia Stevens
2021-06-28 Daniel Lewis Warden
2021-06-29 Mark Alexander Busato
2021-06-30 James Lewis Beckerjeck
2021-06-30 Glenn Keith Forrester
2021-06-30 Calvin William Kasner

JULY 2021

2021-07-01 Lena Loewen
2021-07-01 Allan James Merrick
2021-07-02 Rudolph "Rudy" Allan Johnson
2021-07-03 Daniel Maurice Pighin
2021-07-04 Douglas Glenn Mahon
2021-07-04 Sterling Myles Quennell
2021-07-05 Aaron Jeffrey (Luke) Hamm
2021-07-06 Marilyn Gwen Delmonico
2021-07-07 Anna Engdahl
2021-07-07 Donald Ernest White
2021-07-08 Conal Mark McKenna
2021-07-08 Master Corporal Kurt Milkovich
2021-07-09 Wolfgang Frank Kunkat
2021-07-09 Lori Ann Tadey
2021-07-10 Benito Raimondo 'Benny' Ferraro
2021-07-12 Joseph Morris 'Joe' Bombard
2021-07-13 Irene Hodgson
2021-07-16 Don Daloise
2021-07-16 Kelly Ann Ohlhausen
2021-07-17 Edward Arthur Bennett
2021-07-17 Greyson James Tufts
2021-07-18 Annie Maria Morosoff
2021-07-20 Vera Antonia Cecco
2021-07-20 Harvey Kenneth Widdoes
2021-07-21 James Patrick McKim
2021-07-23 Lissy Desmarchais
2021-07-24 Margaret Becking (nee Menduk)
2021-07-24 Bernie Norman Kabel
2021-07-24 Bradley Phillip Murphy
2021-07-25 Richard Robert Pennington
2021-07-27 David Ray Cunningham
2021-07-28 Margene Evelyn Bidder (nee Kahl)
2021-07-28 Sharon Darlene Kostiuk
2021-07-28 Patricia Dawn "Apa" Wheeler

AUGUST 2021

2021-08-01 Laura Maureen Griffiths
2021-08-01 Fraser Allen Newton
2021-08-02 Robert Roy Bodie
2021-08-02 Lilly May Decker
2021-08-03 Horst Gunter Featherling
2021-08-03 Arthur Gorden William 'Bill' Woodford
2021-08-04 Hendrik Dekker
2021-08-05 Samuel Raymond 'Ray' Cooper
2021-08-05 Jean Mott
2021-08-07 April Ann Harrison
2021-08-08 James Lemin Brown
2021-08-08 Colleen Pachara
2021-08-09 Frank Winsor Ashworth
2021-08-09 Felicia Phyliss Rapisarda
2021-08-10 Carol Ann Rollick
2021-08-10 Alexander Joseph Seize
2021-08-10 Vivian Zuffa
2021-08-12 Linda Rose Benson (nee Tymchuk)
2021-08-13 Carol Enelse Wilkie
2021-08-14 Maria Josepha Vogels
2021-08-16 Brenda Carlson
2021-08-17 Nonie Rideout
2021-08-18 Olga Helen MacDonald
2021-08-18 John Parker
2021-08-18 Brain George Pederson
2021-08-18 Verna Thielen
2021-08-18 Varna Irene Thielen
2021-08-19 Eve Racheal Schieffert
2021-08-19 Brigitte Marianne Somers
2021-08-20 Allen Adam Klymochko
2021-08-20 Dorothe Ann Peasley
2021-08-21 June Phyliss Forsythe
2021-08-21 Norbert Pierre Honore Marsollier
2021-08-21 Hawkins Susan
2021-08-25 Nina DeCecco
2021-08-25 David Robert Kaisner
2021-08-25 Edward Charles Langard
2021-08-26 Taylor Rodney
2021-08-27 Joshua Anthony Edward Colley
2021-08-28 Robert George James
2021-08-28 Nancy Kraig
2021-08-29 Roger Frank Hauser
2021-08-30 Sonjia Lorraine Morgotch
2021-08-31 Jean Millicent Beddome
2021-08-31 Dale Ward Bohmer
2021-08-31 Patricia Eleanor Clarke

SEPTEMBER 2021

2021-09-01 Raymond B. McCarthy
2021-09-01 Arthur Ernest Wickhorst
2021-09-03 David John Sherdahl
2021-09-04 Larry Eugene Craft
2021-09-07 Catherine Mary 'Ena' Mottl
2021-09-07 Patric John Pictin
2021-09-08 Leontine Josephine Boll
2021-09-08 Karl Anton Hallgren
2021-09-09 Elmer Peter Becker
2021-09-09 Donald George Holt
2021-09-09 Irene Patricia Miller
2021-09-09 Mamie Munro
2021-09-09 Sydney John 'Syd' Newhouse
2021-09-09 Ilona Helmi Wickstrom
2021-09-10 Michael Bertmen Culligan
2021-09-11 Robert John Brun
2021-09-14 Gaetane Ashworth
2021-09-14 Erminia Elia
2021-09-15 Grant Paterson
2021-09-15 Milton Victor Wittman
2021-09-16 John Francis Cimolini
2021-09-17 Ruth Dianne Hingston
2021-09-19 Robert James Pearson
2021-09-20 Gaetano Anthony Fiorentino
2021-09-20 Gordon Delbert 'Uncle Gordon' Jackson
2021-09-20 Barbara June Vogelaar
2021-09-22 Wayne David Brown
2021-09-22 Kym Eileen Walstrom
2021-09-23 George Anderson
2021-09-23 Dorothy Laverne Belcourt
2021-09-24 Roscoe Welbourne Dalke
2021-09-24 John Paul Edward 'Ed' Swanson "Big Swede"
2021-09-24 Brian " Jim" James Toth
2021-09-25 Barb Kester
2021-09-25 Viola Marie Pelto
2021-09-26 Loretta Mae 'Lorie' Hark
2021-09-28 Raymond Alexander Demarchi
2021-09-29 Patricia Carol Carr
2021-09-29 Gloria Perry
2021-09-30 Marianne May Paron
2021-09-30 Margaret Stokie

OCTOBER 2021

2021-10-01	Charles Oliver Gorrigan
2021-10-03	Rosanna Dolores "Do" Beauchamp
2021-10-04	Ronald Ernest Ede
2021-10-04	Dianne Louise Spagrud
2021-10-07	Frances Breland
2021-10-07	Kathleen 'Kay' Grobell
2021-10-07	Ronald Gladwin MacIntyre
2021-10-08	Gerald Burton Clark
2021-10-08	Helmut Kruger
2021-10-09	William James Wangner
2021-10-10	Terry Allen Nicholas
2021-10-10	Robert Frank Quaife
2021-10-10	Shirley Irene Steeves
2021-10-11	Jean Margaret Maslaniec
2021-10-11	Margaret Joan Miller (Smith)
2021-10-12	Francesca Aiello
2021-10-12	Doris Brown
2021-10-13	Alfonso Bertoia
2021-10-13	Linda Blow
2021-10-13	Jared Timothy Byrne
2021-10-13	Dorothy Gail Hoffmann
2021-10-14	Ralph Anthony Frocklage
2021-10-14	Lawrence Kenneth Godlien
2021-10-15	John Nohels
2021-10-17	Keith Morley Backman
2021-10-18	Patrick Alfred Meehan
2021-10-20	Margaret Ellen Cuppen
2021-10-20	David Vennard Flowitt
2021-10-20	Esther Marie indhorst (nee Erickson)
2021-10-20	Esther Marie Lindhorst
2021-10-21	Marie Delores Ingram
2021-10-22	Denise L. Irwin (Fontaine)
2021-10-22	Isabel Margaret 'Nana' Thouret
2021-10-23	Mary Marilyn Dean
2021-10-24	Ronald Wade Nearing
2021-10-24	Ray Louise Thompson
2021-10-25	Patricia Delemoie Joinson
2021-10-25	Sheila Mary Lecomte
2021-10-26	Bernard Arthur Evans
2021-10-26	Michael Frederick Pang
2021-10-29	Lionel Gilbert Payette
2021-10-31	Terrance Robert 'Terry' Hayward

NOVEMBER 2021

2021-11-01	Alceo " Archie" DeAnna
2021-11-01	Susan Jane Fransen
2021-11-01	Barbara Colleen Leal
2021-11-02	David Lloyd Ogden
2021-11-02	Christopher Neil Wood
2021-11-04	Marie Catherine Carignan
2021-11-07	Judith Elizabeth Beaulac
2021-11-10	Randy Glen Sandberg
2021-11-11	Lola Alice Heaven
2021-11-11	George William Morris
2021-11-17	Bryan Redhead
2021-11-18	Gertrude Jesse Jones
2021-11-18	Yvonne Shirley Yeager
2021-11-21	Donald Thomas Loewen
2021-11-24	Eunice Edna Brun
2021-11-24	Carmen Claude Purdy
2021-11-25	Joan Elizabeth (nee Webber) Dodge
2021-11-25	Beryl Holt
2021-11-25	Gregory Wayne Howe
2021-11-25	Bill Statham
2021-11-25	Hans Stettler
2021-11-26	Edward Nolan Curtis Weibe
2021-11-26	Alice Mae Kalika
2021-11-28	Gwenda Lynne Farrell (nee Green)
2021-11-28	Allan Roy Krall
2021-11-28	Florence Alice West
2021-11-28	Keith Andrew McCormack
2021-11-30	Christena Helen Nutley

DECEMBER 2021

2021-12-01	Ronald Hudson Oakley
2021-12-02	Elizabeth "Betty" Mary Eacrett
2021-12-02	Herbert Gordon Nyquist
2021-12-03	Benson 'Lanny' Langford Rourke
2021-12-05	Glen Arthur Thompson
2021-12-07	Molly Madeline Finch
2021-12-09	Raymond Blanchard Crook
2021-12-09	Teresa Julia Phillips (nee Ogieglo)
2021-12-09	Dennis George Walker
2021-12-09	Donna Catherine Chapman Zedic
2021-12-10	Gerry Froese
2021-12-11	Ruth Viola Pattinson
2021-12-11	Isabel Ann Teslak
2021-12-12	Allan 'Al' Anthony Downham
2021-12-12	Beryl Anne Kuczerpa (nee Blair)
2021-12-12	John Charles Pocha
2021-12-13	Frances Elizabeth Sortome
2021-12-14	Kathleen Elizabeth Lamothe
2021-12-15	Nina Fooks (nee Dear)
2021-12-16	Gord Rasmussen
2021-12-17	Phillip Nolin
2021-12-17	Mary 'Yvonne' Skrepnechuk (nee Brake)
2021-12-18	Donna Lois Anderson (née Curran)
2021-12-18	Olive Lilian Bjerstedt (nee Stenberg)
2021-12-20	Robert E. Clarke
2021-12-23	Nory Esteban
2021-12-23	Mickey Mary Hess

**THERE IS NO NIGHT WITHOUT A DAWNING
NO WINTER WITHOUT A SPRING
AND BEYOND THE DARK HORIZON
OUR HEARTS WILL ONCE MORE SING...
FOR THOSE WHO LEAVE US FOR A WHILE
HAVE ONLY GONE AWAY
OUT OF A RESTLESS, CARE WORN WORLD
INTO A BRIGHTER DAY.**

"There Is No Night Without A Dawning" by Helen Steiner Rice

EDUCATION AND HELD IN 2021

EDUCATION

Tick Season - March Issue 1

Ticks are tiny bugs which feed on blood. While most tick bites do not result in diseases, some can. Some of the diseases passed on by ticks include relapsing fever, tularemia, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF), Q Fever and anaplasmosis. The most well-known is Lyme disease.

How-To Make the Best Easter Eggs - March Issue 4

Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition for many and a great craft for family and friends. Once you get the basics of dyeing your egg, you can go even further to add some pizzaz to your finished egg!

Toxic Baby Cribs - May Issue 11

When you think of all the harmful things that could cause damage or complications to your baby, do you ever think of their crib? Most people do not because cribs are traditionally considered the safest and most effective option for babies. However, researching toxicity of cribs will show you just how toxic your baby's crib can be.

Dogs Dry Drowning - June Issue 17

Inhaling water while swimming builds up excess fluid in the lungs, effectively making breathing difficult. This can impact your dog even long after you've been swimming and will seem like your dog is a drunk human. Other things to watch out for is vomiting with slow and dazed movements, these will happen immediately.

Staying Cool - June Issue 17

Ever thought of making your own Air Conditioner? Crazy thought right, but it can be done for under \$15! You're going to need a small cooler, preferably Styrofoam or some other material you can cut. You'll also need two dryer vents and a small fan.

Reducing Fire Risk - December Issue 41

The holidays bring so much joy and many festivities into our homes. Did you know that fire departments on average respond to over 250 structure fires caused by Christmas trees alone? 50% of these are due to electrical problems and 25% are caused by a heat source close to the Christmas tree.

D EVENTS

HERE ARE SOME OF THE FANTASTIC LOCAL EVENTS AND EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS HELD OVER THE YEAR.

EVENTS

April 3rd Drive-Thru Easter Egg Hunt Hosted by the District of Invermere

March 31 - April 3rd 2nd Annual Iso-Learning Summit Hosted by Brand Scrubbers

July 8th Hospice Swims the Lake Hosted by the Hospice Society of the Columbia Valley

July 14th Sip & Splash Hosted by Lake Windermere Ambassadors

July 31st Terry Fox Charity BBQ Hosted by the Terry Fox Run

August 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th Locals Live Concert Series Hosted by District of Invermere

June 26th - September 3rd Radium Market on Main Hosted at the Radium Visitor Centre August

August 7-10, and 20-26, September 3-5, September 10-12 Music in the Park Hosted by Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

September 4th Frenzy4 Skateboard Competition Hosted by Rite to Ride Foundation

September 26th BC Goes Wild Hosted by WildSafe BC

September 25th Oktoberfest Hosted by the District of Invermere and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71

November 13th-14th Ignite Your Life Weekend Virtual Workshop Hosted by Ascension Wellness

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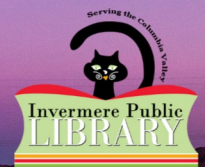
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We, the volunteers, want to extend special thanks to all those who submitted content, images, events and ideas. You helped make this publication what it is.

MARCH 2021

Seniors and Indigenous residents of B.C. can start registering to receive their vaccination appointment at vaccine clinics across the Interior Health region.

Station Pub undergoes renovations on March 8th. The pub underwent new ownership which came with an upgraded interior and expanded kitchen. Ownership of the Station Pub officially changed hands on March 15th and they continue to be a staple for local eating in Invermere.

Provincial government announces an extension to the business recovery grant program. The funding was provided for small and medium sized businesses who had lost revenue due to the pandemic. The extension was made until August 31st for eligible businesses.

Columbia Valley Community Foundation starts their search for new board members.

Alcoholic beverages can now be delivered alongside take-out meals. The provincial government provides additional permissions to liquor-primary and food-primary businesses to sell and deliver sealed packaged liquor products with the purchase of a meal. Bars and tourism operators with liquor licenses are also permitted to purchase beer, wine, and spirits permanently at wholesale prices.

Buy BC receives second round of funding from the provincial government. The program provided an additional \$2 million towards farmers, fishers, and food and beverage producers. The initiative identified their products as a B.C. product by placing a Buy BC logo on their products and promotional materials.

The post office in the Village of Radium Hot Springs was broken into on March 19th. Packages, letters, and postage stamps were reported stolen during the incident.

Technological initiatives received over \$1 million in funding from the Columbia Basin Trust. The grants were put towards organizations across the Columbia Valley to increase efficiency and operations of their technology. They also received new equipment and infrastructure that provides additional community access to technology.

Kootenay Arts, Science, and Technology provides support for business impacted by COVID-19 with digital transformation. KAST provided support free of charge to non-tech businesses in the Kootenays to help their business get online during the loss of foot traffic from the pandemic.

“Circuit Breaker” restrictions announced by the provincial government. This restriction came due to the increase of COVID-19 hospitalizations. These restrictions included no indoor dining or fitness activities. Whistler Blackcomb ski resort was also required to close in order to prevent community spread and transmission. The restriction was originally intended to remain in place until April 19th.

Columbia Valley Community Foundation approved two grant applications for community projects. The Rotary Radium Community Gardens received support for the maintenance of their community gardens. The funding was expanded to include financial support towards stability of the organization as well.

British Columbia becomes the first province in Canada to set emissions targets. Greenhouse gas emission reduction targets were set for major sectors, including the oil and gas industry. The targets set by the province are to reduce emission levels by 16% in 2025 from their levels in 2007.

An overwhelming amount of bear spray fumes causes the Kimberley Transfer Station to close for a short period of time. No one was injured or hurt during the bear spray incident, though the station was closed for approximately an hour before operations were able to resume.

B.C. government commits to a \$16.25 million investment into the manufacturing sector. This one-time investment is geared to support the economic recovery of the province through the “B.C. Supply Chain Resiliency and Value-Added Manufacturing Project”. The project also includes \$10 million in funding through the Accelerating Manufacturing Scale-Up Grant Program and it’s expected the funding will accelerated innovative capacity and strengthen critical supply chains across the province.

Construction begins for a new local daycare centre in Canal Flats. The project will bring daycare services to the town of 700+ residents.

The District of Invermere releases the Invermere Community Housing Needs Report which highlights the housing crisis of the town. The highlight from the report was the lack of available, affordable housing in the town with the population continuing to grow. Expectations are for Invermere to have over 3.5 thousand residents over the next 4 years.

RDEK adopts the Steamboat Jubilee Mountain Official Community Plan (OCP). The OCP included updated land use policies, development permits for environmentally sensitive lands and wildfire hazard within the plan area, and other policies which will support development within the next 5-10 years.

Interior Health announces potential COVID-19 outbreak at schools across the Columbia Valley. Schools impacted were Mount Baker Secondary, Kootenay Christian Academy, McKIm Middle School, Windermere Elementary, Eileen Madson Primary, and David Thompson Secondary.

Vaccinations in the province exceed 1.3 million.

The federal government releases the 2021/22 budget and includes their plan for economic recovery. The budget outlined a plan to tackle new jobs, support growth of small businesses and women in business, early learning and childcare, climate action, and support for young Canadians.

What started as something tongue-and-cheek turned businesses in the Columbia Valley into a social media meme. #CVSIGNWARS overtook the valley with over 20 businesses in the Columbia Valley taking part with cheeky signs pointing fun at each other.

The B.C. government provides additional support through the Circuit Breaker Relief Grant to support businesses across the province. The grant expanded its eligibility criteria to include short-term accommodations that were impacted by provincial health orders.

MAY 2021

Bill 3 and amendments to the Employment Standards Act are announced to allow workers paid time to receive COVID-19 vaccinations. Workers are entitled to receive up to three hours of paid leave to receive each dose of their vaccination.

The provincial government imposes travel restrictions for non-essential travel. Road checks in site-specific regions were implemented and imposed over the May long weekend. Monetary penalties for traveling for non-essential travel were up to \$575.

The provincial government issued a \$15,000 grant to the Fernie and District Arts Council to support the arts sector. The funding was put towards adapting and strategizing the ever-changing challenges of the pandemic.

Electric school buses start rolling out across the province. Southeast Kootenay School District No. 5 and Rocky Mountain School District No. 6 were included and will receive an electric school bus each. This is in effort to meet gas emission targets set out by the province to reach by 2025.

City of Kimberley issues a water quality advisory alert. Turbidity was detected in the water supply which caused the quality to drop to "fair" from the cloudiness of the water. Residents were required to boil water for one minute if intended for consumption.

Evacuation alert was issued for the Fairmont area following an intense rainfall. 229 properties in the area were impacted with close to 50mm of rain being reported between two days.

215 Indigenous children were found in a mass grave at Kamloops Indian Residential School which had closed in 1978. This incident marked the start of the Every Child Matters movement and brought a spotlight over the traumatic events of Indian Residential Schools.

Minimum wage for workers in the province sees a \$3.85/per hour increase over four years to \$15.20/per hour. The minimum wage before the increase was \$14.60 an hour and also replaces the liquor server minimum wage.

The District of Invermere provides an update to their strategic priorities at a council meetings. The most pressing being the sewer replacement project, expected to last into 2023. Other priorities were discussed including planning policies, subdivision bylaws, and community areas.

A community vigil is held to mourn and remember the children found in unmarked graves at former Indian Residential Schools. The event was held at the Shuswap Indian Band Administration Office on June 3rd at 7pm and was live-streamed on Facebook for those who could not attend due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Rolf Heer, the beloved woodcarver of Radium Hot Springs is announced to be memorialized through Woodcarver Park. The park design was donated by a company in Calgary and the Radium Village Arts & Culture Society is still looking for support to help raise \$11 million for the construction of the park.

The Small and Medium-Sized Business Recovery grant program is extended by the provincial government into July. The funding supported over 20,000 businesses throughout the pandemic and provided over \$300 million in funding.

British Columbia kickstarts it's re-opening plan and begins reducing restrictions in place from the pandemic. Indoor and outdoor activities were permitted as the province continued to monitor the number of cases at the time.

The province makes additional strides towards supporting the restaurant industry by allowing alcohol sales on temporary patios. With indoor dining being banned for periods of time, many restaurants were forced to provide temporary patio solutions for patrons to have some sort of dining experience. The new regulation allowed the sector to continue to stay afloat despite ever-changing restrictions.

Delivery of non-medical cannabis becomes legalized in British Columbia. Licensed cannabis retailers can now provide delivery services to their customers.

The federal government announces a program to support Canadians who had to take sick leave due to COVID-19. The program provides workers a maximum of \$200 per day for up to three days of missed work and is available until December 31st.

Record breaking heat temperatures are reported across the province. Daytime highs were ranging anywhere from 35-45 degrees depending on where you were in the province. The increase in temperatures brought an elevated risk of wildfires and a campfire ban across the province.

Columbia Valley resident, Sasha Eugene started her walk with members of the Aboriginal community to bring back the spirits of the children lost at Indian Residential Schools.

The increase of warm temperatures raised concerns with RDEK officials over water consumptions. Residents were urged to be cautious of their water consumption and be advised of any local restrictions.

Tragedy struck the town of Lytton, B.C. as flames engulfed homes and businesses, leaving the entire town in debris. With the news coming from Lytton, wildfires began to take form across the province with nine active wildfires reported at the start of July.

Mobile vaccination clinics roll-out across communities in the Interior Health region. The mobile clinics provided COVID-19 vaccinations in small-towns and rural communities.

British Columbia lifts the province wide State of Emergency as they move into phase three of their re-opening plan. This allowed additional restrictions to be lifted for indoor gatherings and establishments as more British Columbians received their vaccinations. The State of Emergency mandate is re-instated shortly after due to the rampant wildfires raging across the province.

The Government of Canada announces a \$3.2 billion investment over the next five years towards making childcare more accessible and affordable for Canadians. The commitment includes providing an average of \$10 per day to parents for regulated childcare spaces for children six and under.

COVID-19 cases saw an overall decline across the country. With the decrease in cases, the Canadian border re-opens and allows for international travel.

The province announces additional resources for paramedics. Additional staff including full-time paramedics, emergency dispatchers, and ambulance equipment were funded by the provincial government.

CanalFlats receives a new highway entry sign to highlight their efforts to bring more people to the village.

RDEK announces a short-term rental process is in it's planning stages. A survey was released to determine what's important to both residents and property owners to ensure the process works for everyone.

Cranbrook RCMP respond to reports of a biker gang war breaking out in the city. Two groups were identified, one being a rival outlaw motorcycle gang from Alberta. Five people were hospitalized and the gangs were escorted out of Cranbrook by the RCMP.

City of Cranbrook receives funding towards the fight against drug overdoses. Funding was provided to establish a support team in the Central Coast Regional District and Cranbrook to support drug overdose prevention in these communities.

The minimum working age of the province increases from 12 to 16. Youth aged 14 and 15 can participate in "light work" where those under 14 can work in family owned businesses or farms, provided the appropriate criteria is met.

AUGUST 2021

The announcement came in for the B.C. Summer and Winter Games hosts. The City of Kelowna will be hosting the 2026 BC Summer Games from July 23rd-26th and Quesnel will be the host for the 2024 BC Winter Games from February 22nd-25th.

Temperatures continue to rise throughout the province. Heat warnings and air quality statements were issued by Environment Canada to advise people to stay indoors and in cool spaces.

Dr. Bonnie Henry receives the highest honour of the province by being appointed to receive the Order of British Columbia. She was joined by others including Indigenous leaders, philanthropists, artists, businesses, and community trailblazers.

Funding towards cultural heritage for Indigenous communities was announced by the provincial government. \$30 million will be invested towards educating people on the colonial past of our province while moving towards reconciliations and promoting inclusivity and diversity.

The 13th annual Columbia Basin Tour kicks off across communities in the Columbia Valley. The tour allowed artist studios, museums, art galleries, heritage sites, and much more to be experienced through exhibitions, artwork, and cultural performances.

The Government of Canada Bill C-5 takes effect which brings in the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation federal holiday. The date also coincides with Orange Shirt Day and is intended to provide an opportunity for each public servant to hold space for and acknowledge the tragic events of residential schools.

Bif Naked made in appearance in Cranbrook! The Juno-award winning, multiple platinum album selling musician was spotted at the Cranbrook Farmers Market. She also took to social media to show her support for the Ktunaxa Nation.

A federal election is called by the Canadian Government. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Governor General Mary Simon agreed to dissolve parliament at Trudeau's request.

BC Transit announces a new program providing affordable transit for families across the province. The new program allows children 12 and under to ride any BC Transit or TransLink service for free. The program launched on September 1st.

Blue recycling carts made their way to the City of Kimberley. The community started their curbside recycling program at the end of August.

The Village of Radium Hot Springs follows lead from the District of Invermere in developing a housing needs report on the community. The town received \$15,000 from the provincial government to facilitate the assessment to collect data from the community.

The provincial government announces health-care workers who are stationed primarily in care homes must be fully vaccinated.

As wildfires continue to rage through the province, air quality begins to decline across British Columbia. The province advised those who have respiratory issues to stay inside during this time.

As COVID-19 cases surge across the province, additional restrictions and proof of vaccination is announced by the B.C. government. The mandate impacts both indoor and outdoor gatherings of any size as well as entering certain establishments and participating in specific activities.

The provincial government extends the State of Emergency mandate until at least the end of the month. The extension was to provide support and relief efforts to fight the spread of wildfires.

Canfor cut back their production due to impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The cuts resulted in approximately 90% of their lumber mills ceasing production and impacting 200 workers in the East Kootenays.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Deaths from drug toxicity runs rampant across the province. 1,011 residents had died from illicit drug toxicity in the first half of 2021 alone.

Wildfires continued to rage across the province with communities evacuated and in flames. In response to continue combating the wildfires, the province wide State of Emergency mandate was extended for at least an additional two weeks.

Proof of Vaccination came into effect which mandates people who attend certain settings, events, and activities to be fully vaccinated. The provincial government also announced that all health care workers in the province must also receive their full vaccinations.

The City of Cranbrook received funding through three grants to develop a tourism master plan for the community. Grants were received from CBT, RDEK, and the City of Cranbrook invested as well.

BOO the bear went viral on social media. The popular bear at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort created quite the stir through TikTok in September.

British Columbia provides access to up to \$20 million in support for ranchers and farmers in the province. The funding was dedicated to help subside the impacts of the wildfires and droughts experienced throughout the year.

The Liberal government maintains a minority government after the election. After dissolving parliament and calling a snap election, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was sworn back in as leader of Canada.

The annual Halloween event made its return to Fort Steele this year. Spooktacular opened with full COVID-19 regulations in place allowing families to enjoy the Halloween season.

The Government of British Columbia rescinded the State of Emergency which was enacted in July. The raging wildfires across the province were starting to cease which allowed the provincial government to stop the mandate.

The first annual Truth and Reconciliation Day was held in the country. Allowing Canadians to take the time to acknowledge the tragic events of Indigenous Residential Schools.

OCTOBER 2021

City of Cranbrook announces they are reviewing their downtown community to form a Downtown Revitalization Master Plan. The city is utilizing feedback from residents and stakeholders to shape the plan into something effective for the community.

College of the Rockies supports youth education in Kenya. The \$1.8 million project focuses towards increasing employment opportunities for young women in Kenya through education.

Facebook experienced a global outage that took out all of their social media applications. Users around the world were unable to access any of the popular social media platforms associated with Facebook.

The Government of British Columbia announced a mandatory mask mandate for children in grades K-3. The mandate built on the pre-existing regulations for grades 4-12.

As proof of vaccination is required at many settings, events, and activities across the country, registrations for vaccinations increase across the province.

Construction of the daycare in Canal Flats met a stand still as development appeared to cease. Council members were confident development would be completed come winter, though this did not happen.

Funding for Indigenous community projects was announced to help support community well-being and poverty reduction. Approximately \$100,000 was provided by the province to two local first nation bands.

British Columbia leads the country in economic recovery. 12,300 jobs were added in the province in September alone and over 34,000 people have relocated to the province which helps support the recovery.

In response to the overwhelming amount of deaths from drug toxicity, the provincial government provides funding towards the BC Addiction Recovery Association. \$50,000 in funding was provided to make recovery more accessible for those with substance abuse issues.

Sparwood District Council approved a variants on building permit bylaws which brings a 30-unit affordable housing complex to the community. The complex was provided to Elk Valley Family Society.

Canal Flats makes efforts to increase their population through social media advertising. The village intends to attract early retirees, entrepreneurs, families, and more.

NOVEMBER 2021

Ktunaxa Nation declares a mental health state of emergency. The mandate was in response to the ongoing mental health crisis plaguing the Ktunaxa territory.

Radium Hot Springs becomes the first municipality in the Columbia Valley to adopt licensing for short-term rental properties.

The provincial government released their 9-year plan to reduce pollution and improve the economy through the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 campaign.

The mask mandate across the province is officially set indefinitely. There is no update from the B.C. government on when, or if, the mask mandate will be lifted.

British Columbia becomes the first province in Canada to seek an exemption from Health Canada to decriminalize illicit drugs. This is in response to the ongoing crisis in the province to provide additional support to those impacted by substance abuse.

Boxing club in Cranbrook raises \$15,500 to support the community. An event held at the club was able to directly support several people in need in Cranbrook.

Booster doses start rolling out across the province. Those who are eligible to receive a booster dose are suggested to book their appointment.

Over \$100,000 in alcohol and fentanyl was seized. The RCMP pulled over a suspicious vehicle in Revelstoke to find the contraband.

Due to the ongoing floods rampaging in areas of the province, the B.C. government urges residents to stay off highways. This was to allow travel for essential vehicles needed to combat the floods and support relief efforts.

The City of Kimberley follows Radium's lead in looking at short-term rental licensing for the community.

A State of Emergency is called by the province to combat the ongoing floods that washed out highways and roads in the province.

Omicron Variant shows itself in the country and begins spreading across the province. Further caution from WHO and government officials is provided.

CBT is teaming up with organizations to bring fibre-optic broadband to rural communities between Kimberley and Wasa and Fruitvale and Nelson.

Rent Bank services are released to residents of British Columbia. Those who are struggling finding a place and/or staying financially secure within it can take advantage of the program.

The province of British Columbia becomes the first province in the country to legislate a minimum of five paid sick days per year for workers.

DECEMBER 2021

First Nations Health Authority announces they are providing financial support to those directly or systematically affected by trauma caused by Indian Residential Schools. Total funding being provided is approximately \$8 million.

Doug Clovechok announces he will not be running for re-election of the BC Liberal Leadership and has endorsed Kevin Falcon as the new leader.

Kootenay East Youth Soccer Association received a \$100,000 donation towards their construction costs of a new building. The donation was provided by Canfor and will help support New Dawn Place.

A new primary care centre opens in Cranbrook. The facility is running at limited capacity while the appropriate staff is acquired and is expected to become a 24/7 health care facility.

Santa made his way through Invermere this year despite the pandemic! He stopped in Invermere to hand out gifts and wave hello to all the children.

NextGen Transit in Cranbrook held an event to raise money for the Cranbrook Food Bank. The event raised thousands of pounds of non-perishable foods for the Cranbrook Food Bank.

In October the province had a new record high for drug toxicity deaths in British Columbia. A total of 201 lives were lost in October.

The provincial government is providing \$30 million in funding through one-time grants towards festivals, events, and fairs. Each grant will cover up to 20% of the total budget for the event to a maximum of \$250,000.

The rise of cases due to the Omicron variant brings additional restrictions over the holidays. Any indoor personal gatherings must only contain vaccinated people and events with a venue capacity of 1,000 people or more are capped at 50%. New Years Eve events are also restricted to seated-only events with no mingling or dancing permitted.

Cranbrook-based group Mouthminders looks to provide a free dental clinic in Invermere after a successful launch in Cranbrook.

Columbia Basin Trust is providing close to \$1.43 million towards improving outdoor community spaces across our communities. Both Elkford and the District of Invermere are expected to receive funding for their outdoor spaces.

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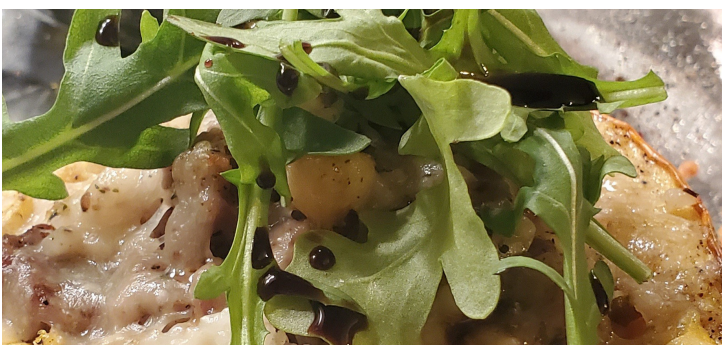
JALAPENO POPPER ZUCCHINI BAKE – MARCH ISSUE 1



Overall, it is a simple recipe with simple clean up; so perfect for lazy afternoon activity that concludes with a culinary win!! Well, start playing your curated music playlist and let us get right into this dish.

See the complete recipe [HERE](#).

ACORN SQUASH STUFFED WITH PORK, APPLE AND RICE –



This dish is that cozy, winter bake that will give you all the feels! The squash acts as a delectable, edible bowl, to hold all the comforting goodness of the seasoned pork and rice.

See the complete recipe [HERE](#).

CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP WITH LIME ZESTED CHIPS –



Since perusing 2 different recipes, this adaption took different tricks from both the authors and merged them together into this hearty bowl of warmth, that have your tastebuds going south of the boarder to the heart of Mexico. So, crack open a cerveza and let's get cooking.

See the complete recipe [HERE](#).

COMFORTING SHEPHERDS PIE – APRIL ISSUE 5



I decided to go with the tried and true classic, Shepherd's Pie. A saucy meat mixture with a silky-smooth flavoured mash topping. With the assistance of my chef of a hubby, we added a few treats too.

See the complete recipe [HERE](#).

CHOCOLATE GUILT FREE CAKE – APRIL ISSUE 6



Containing no flour and the dairy ingredients could all be substituted for lactose or dairy free, I read it over carefully several times and the measurements, potential flavors and overall science seemed to be correct, so I decided to give it a try.

See the complete recipe [HERE](#).

SWEET COUNTRY CORNBREAD – MAY ISSUE 12



Corn bread is a personal favourite and a secret slice of heaven. This isn't my mother's recipe - though she did inspire it. However, unlike my mother's recipe which was made to be a hearty breakfast item to grab and go, I prefer the sort you put some time and effort into.

See the complete recipe [HERE](#).

LOCAL FEATURES OF 2021

MISSED SOME OF THE AMAZING INTERVIEWS AND LOCAL BUSINESS FEATURES THIS YEAR?

SEE THE SUMMARIES BELOW AND CLICK TO VISIT THE ISSUE WHERE FULL CONTENT CAN BE SEEN.

HOPKINS HARVEST

Just off the highway in Windermere BC there is a market called Hopkins Harvest. I recently paid a visit to dine on their well-known wood fired pizza, but before I get into that I would like to share with you some history about this landmark.

Read the full article [HERE](#).

POPO MAKES ART

Meet Pauline Chevanne, the creative mind behind PoPo Makes Art, and this week's Valley Spotlight! The volunteers put together their best questions to get the scoop on this amazing valley resident.

Read the full article [HERE](#).

SU CASA AUTHENTIC MEXICAN KITCHEN

The moment you step foot inside the dining room at Su Casa you are transported somewhere else. It could be the Spanish music, the enticing scent of Mexican food cooking away, or the decor. I'm not in the valley anymore.

Read the full article [HERE](#).

SMOKEHOUSE 93

Pulling off the highway and grabbing some awesome eats was on many minds as most of the tables outside were already occupied with satisfied patrons, either already contently digging into their meals or waiting patiently for their order to come up. Being that the weather was playing nice on this decent spring day, I can see how we all had the idea to converge at this joint and partake in the BBQ offerings created here.

Read the full article [HERE](#).

STATION PUB

Let me begin by saying that I have been visiting The Station Pub since I moved to Invermere 8 years ago. I've been on dates, seen many live bands, shared many drinks and meals with friends, and have even been hypnotized at the Pub. So when I heard of a change in ownership I was admittedly a bit skeptical.

Read the full article [HERE](#).

CABIN CANNABIS

Meet Chris, Sacha and Lee, the owners of the newly launched Cabin Cannabis in Fairmont, BC. We interviewed them to get the scoop on this new valley crew.

Read the full article [HERE](#).



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GAMER'S YEAR IN REVIEW

GAMING HAD MANY HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR WITH CLOUD GAMING BEING UNVEILED FOR XBOX GAMERS AND MANY NEW GAMES RELEASED/ANNOUNCED. WHICH GAMES MADE THE MOST PLAYED FOR 2021?

WE'VE COMPILED THE TOP 10 PLAYED GAMES BASED ON PEAK CONCURRENT PLAYERS FOR 2021.

10. APEX LEGENDS



Respawn's Apex Legends stealth dropped out of nowhere and then proceeded to take the battle royale genre by storm. It proved the perfect recipe of compelling gameplay, AAA production quality, and a free-to-play business model that saw it succeed in temporarily dethroning Fortnite and PUBG as most-played and most-watched multiplayer games.

9. PUBG



The game that kicked off a frenzy that saw the entire multiplayer gaming landscape reshaped over the past few years, PUBG still commands a huge audience despite the battle royale genre becoming flooded with copycat titles.

8. DOTA 2



Personally, I'm surprised to see this on any modern list of most played games. DOTA 2, the sequel to the genre's founding father, still eclipses most of the competition. Over the past 12 months, it's regularly nearing a million concurrent players, and sometimes exceeding that total, despite having been around for nearly a decade.

7. NEW WORLD



With tremendous production values and a solid combat system that feels very Souls-inspired, New World very much looks and plays like a 'next-gen' MMORPG, even if its design doesn't boast any especially innovative features.

6. COUNTER-STRIKE: GO



I'm so happy to see this on the top list of played games. This franchise was the first multiplayer shooter I ever played. Counter-Strike: GO is the FPS that just won't quit. April 2020 saw its highest-ever concurrent player numbers, topping 1.3 million. Not only is that a hugely impressive figure on its own, but the game been cranking out this sort of performance for eight years.

5. MINECRAFT



Of course Minecraft is still insanely popular. The game is constantly evolving and appeals to a wide variety of age groups and play styles.

4. ROBLOX



Roblox has skyrocketed in popularity since its launch back in 2006, especially over the past five or so years. 2020 and Roblox's 7th Annual Bloxy Awards saw incredibly 4 million players watching in-game concurrently.

3. CROSSFIRE



It's likely that up until only fairly recently the majority of our readers wouldn't have heard of one of the world's most-played video games. Crossfire, a Counter-Strike clone, is an absolute beast over in Korea, and it's set to make its mark over in the west soon.

2. LEAGUE OF LEGENDS



League of Legends' numbers completely blow out any thoughts the MOBA genre is dead. According to Riot Games, almost each and every single day, League of Legends is played by around 8 million people.

1. FORTNITE



While this game brings much controversy among the gaming community, you can't deny it's overwhelming reach. Love or hate Fortnite, it surely has to go down as among the most important video games ever made. Epic Games' battle royale game has totally recalibrated what it means to build and support a successful "live" service-style video game.

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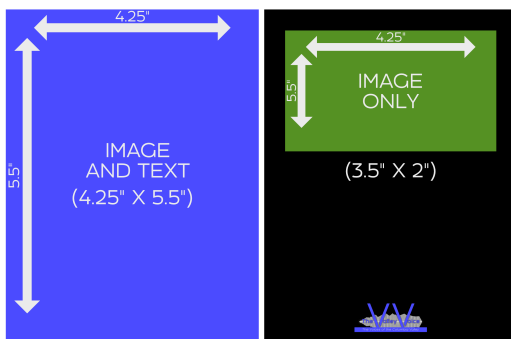
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