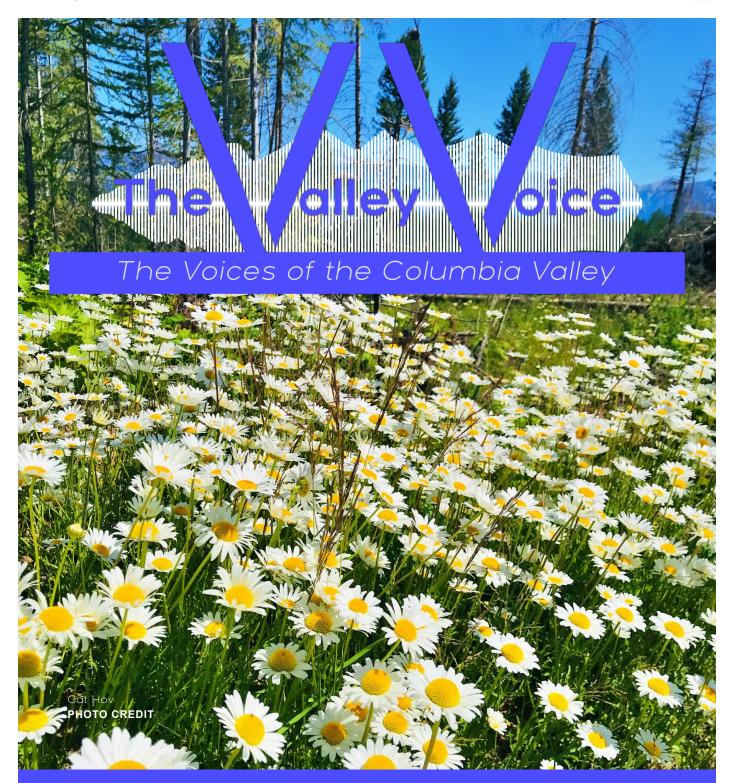
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Your monthly community magazine

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LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

As September dawns upon us, we find ourselves at the cusp of a new season, with its own unique set of joys and responsibilities. We hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits.

One of the most noticeable shifts this month is the return of children to school. The laughter of students in the hallways, the sound of school bells ringing, and the excitement of new beginnings fill the air. We wish all the young learners a successful and enriching academic year ahead. Parents, we salute your dedication and hard work in guiding the next generation.

With the transition to fall, it's also time to start thinking about winterizing. Preparing your homes, vehicles, and even yourselves for the colder months ahead is essential. We encourage everyone to take the necessary steps to stay warm, safe, and comfortable during the coming winter. Plan ahead and make those preparations to ensure a smooth transition.

We also want to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks to all the guest contributors who have enriched The Valley Voice with their creativity and insights. Your willingness to share your talents and perspectives is what makes our magazine so vibrant and diverse.

To our readers, you are the lifeblood of The Valley Voice. Your continued support, feedback,

and engagement drive us to deliver content that resonates with you. We are truly thankful for your readership and the sense of community you bring to our publication.

As we move forward, we want to remind all aspiring writers, storytellers, and thought-sharers that your voices matter. We encourage you to share your ideas, stories, and opinions with us. Whether it's a personal reflection, a local news piece, or a creative work, your contributions are welcome and valued.

The submission deadline for the upcoming edition is approaching - October 3rd, 2023. We invite you to start thinking about the topics you'd like to explore and the stories you'd like to share. Your submissions could be the highlight of our next issue!

Let's embrace the changing seasons with open hearts and open minds. Let's support our young scholars as they embark on their educational journeys and prepare ourselves for the winter months ahead.

Thank you for being a part of The Valley Voice community. Your participation is what makes our magazine thrive.

Warmest regards,

The Valley Voices Volunteers

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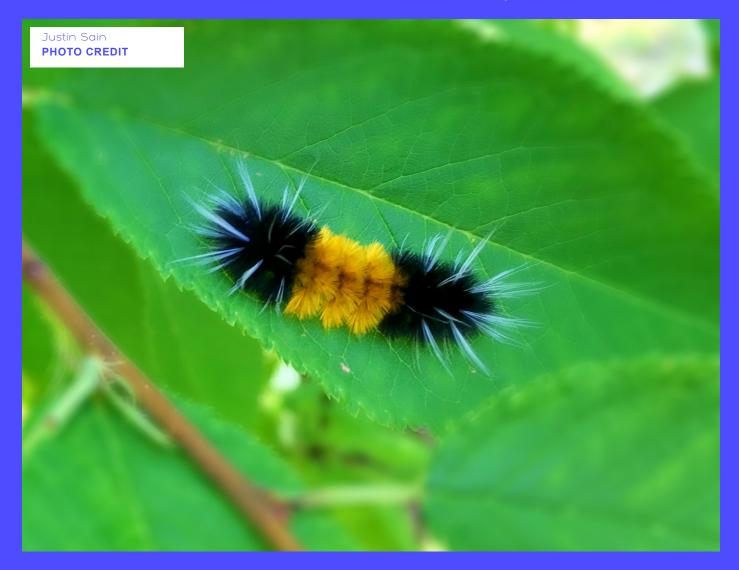


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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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BACK TO SCHOOL CRAFT: Saturday, September 9 | 11:00am Join us for a fun back to school themed craft/activity!

STEAM GAMES & ACTIVITIES: Every 3rd Saturday of the Month (Saturday, September 16) | 11:00am

STEAM encourages children to develop an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math at a young age. There will be new activities and gadgets featured at each STEAM session!

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TEENS

TEEN CONNECT & CREATE:

Every 4th Friday of the Month (September 22) | 2:30pm-3:30PM Connect and create with other teens! Join us for a series of rotating crafts and activities for teens. Ages 13-18

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ALL AGES

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Drop in with your yarn/textile projects and work alongside other fibre art enthusiasts. All ages.

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WEEKLY PROGRAMS





WEDNESDAYS

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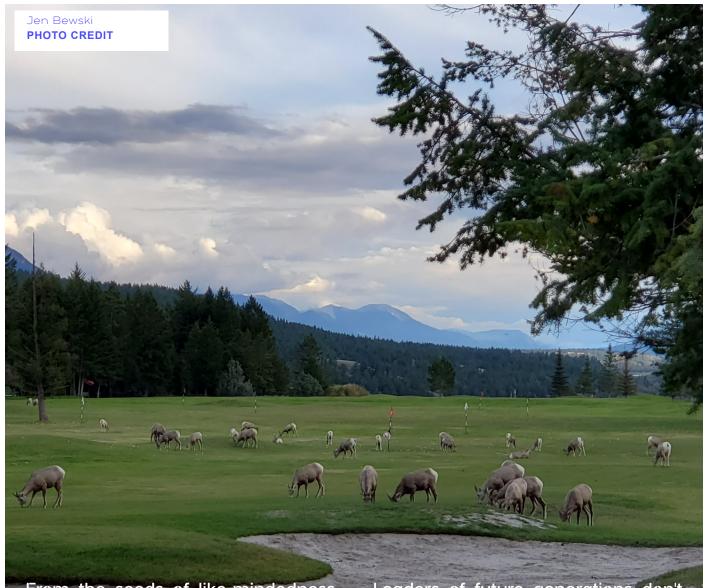
In the symphony of life, when the unexpected storms of chaos and uncertainty come crashing down upon us, the resounding truth reveals itself: unity in like-mindedness is a beacon of strength. Like a forest of trees that interlock their roots to weather a fierce storm, people with shared values and aspirations can forge a community that thrives amid adversity. This truth is as old as humanity itself, echoing through the annals of history, and it resonates with the simple wisdom we often overlook.

Families are the seeds from which communities sprout, and likemindedness is the water that nourishes these seeds into sturdy trees. Family isn't just about blood relations; it's about kindred spirits bound by a common thread of shared beliefs, values, and aspirations. When challenges arise, the cohesive force of like-minded thinking holds these bonds together.

Tradition, a torch passed through generations, carries not just tales of the past but also the lessons learned from ages past. Practice is like a compass that guides us with the accumulated wisdom of those who walked before us. It's a treasure chest of realistic, rational thought that helps us navigate the stormy seas of life.

Think of a bonfire surrounded by eager faces on a starry night. Stories flow like rivers, carrying ancient wisdom that imparts a sense of belonging, a sturdy foundation upon which individuals can build their character. These stories kindle the flames of creativity and shape the minds of the young. Just as a spark sets ablaze on the dry fuel, the levels of tradition spark the imagination of the young, nurturing the potential for greatness within them.

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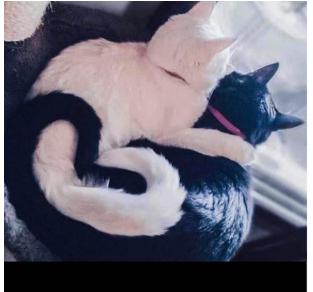


From the seeds of like-mindedness and the roots of tradition, mighty oaks of powerful, creative children emerge. Creativity, that elusive firefly dancing in the woods of imagination, flourishes when nurtured by a supportive community. Like-minded people rally around young minds, fanning the flames of creativity with encouragement, guidance, and the freedom to explore.

It's not about producing a generation of robotic clones, all thinking in lockstep. Instead, it's about nurturing the individual sparks that make each child unique. When a child is empowered with knowledge and encouraged to explore their passions, they gain the courage to confront challenges head-on. Like a skilled archer drawing a bowstring, they pull back the arrow of their potential, aiming for a future that's bright with possibilities.

Leaders of future generations don't just emerge from thin air; through the hands of mentors and the embrace of a like-minded community, they are sculpted. These leaders carry forward the torch of tradition, casting its light into the uncharted territories of the future. They are a testament to the power of unity, the strength of family, and the nurturing force of shared values.

So, as we stand on the threshold of time, let us remember the ancient truths that have guided humanity through the ages. Let us honour the importance of like-mindedness, family, tradition, and the nurturing of influential, creative minds. Let us embrace the storms of life with the knowledge that together, we are stronger. And let us look to the children, our legacy, with hope and determination, knowing that the seeds we plant today will blossom into the leaders of tomorrow.





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Unveiling the Vibrant Arts and Entertainment Scene in East Kootenay, BC:

SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2023

The East Kootenay region of British Columbia is gearing up for an exciting fall season filled with a diverse array of events, shows, and music performances. From cultural festivals to live music acts, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Here's a glimpse of what's in store from September to the end of October 2023 in this picturesque corner of Canada.

1. Cranbrook Film Festival

Date: September 15-17, 2023

Description: The Cranbrook Film Festival the celebrates art of filmmaking. Over three days, festival screens an impressive lineup of local, national, and international films, including documentaries, shorts, and feature films. It's a areat opportunity connect to filmmakers and fellow film enthusiasts.

2. Symphony of Colors Art Exhibition

Date: September 22-24, 2023

Description: Celebrating the region's artistic talent, this art exhibition features a wide range of visual art, including paintings, sculptures, and photography. It's a showcase of the East Kootenay's vibrant arts scene and a chance to appreciate the creativity of local artists.

3. Live Music at Key City Theatre

Dates: Throughout September and October 2023

Description: The Key City Theatre in Cranbrook regularly hosts live music performances by both local and touring artists. Check their schedule for a variety of musical genres, from folk and rock to classical and jazz.

4. Oktoberfest in Kimberley

Date: October 6-8, 2023

Description: Embrace the Bavarian spirit in Kimberley during their Oktoberfest celebration. Enjoy traditional German music, food, and, of course, beer. It's a family-friendly event with activities for all ages.



5. Kootenay Country Music Festival

Date: October 14-15, 2023

Description: Country music fans won't want to miss this two-day festival in Cranbrook. Featuring local and regional country artists, it's a weekend filled with toe-tapping tunes, line dancing, and a warm, friendly atmosphere.

6. Ghost Tours in Fort Steele Heritage Town

Dates: Weekends in October 2023

Description: As the Halloween season approaches, Fort Steele Heritage Town offers spooky ghost tours that delve into the town's history and supernatural stories. It's a unique and slightly eerie way to explore the region's past.

7. Invermere Music Festival

Date: October 28-29, 2023

Description: Just outside of East Kootenay, the Invermere Music Festival is a two-day celebration of live music and arts. It features a diverse lineup of musical acts and local artisans, making it a vibrant cultural experience.

8. Halloween Events

Dates: Throughout October 2023

Description: Various communities in East Kootenay host Halloween-themed events, including costume contests, haunted houses, and pumpkin carving contests. It's a fantastic way to celebrate the spooky season with family and friends.

The East Kootenay region of BC comes alive during the fall months, offering a wide range of entertainment options for residents and visitors alike. Whether you're into film, art, music, or simply enjoying the vibrant culture of the area, these events from September to the end of October 2023 are sure to provide memorable experiences against the backdrop of the beautiful Kootenay Mountains.



Here are six creative cocktails inspired by the main cast of the anime "One Piece." Each cocktail embodies the essence and personality of a key character from the series.

LUFFY'S GOMU GOMU PUNCH

Inspired by Monkey D. Luffy

Ingredients

- 2 oz Dark Rum
 1 oz Pineapple Juice
 1 oz Coconut Cream
- 4. 1/2 oz Lime Juice
- 5. 1/2 oz Grenadine

Instructions

- 1. Shake all ingredients except Grenadine with ice.
- Strain into a tall glass filled with ice.
- 3. Slowly pour Grenadine down the side of the glass to create a layered effect.

ZORO'S THREE-SWORD STYLE SAKE SPLASH

Inspired by Roronoa Zoro

Ingredients

- 2 oz Sake
 1 oz Triple Sec
 1 oz Fresh Orange Juice
- 4. Splash of Lemon-Lime Soda

Instructions

- 1. Combine Sake, Triple Sec, and Orange Juice in a shaker with
- 2. Shake well and strain into a chilled martini alass.
- 3. Top with a splash of Lemon-Lime Soda.

NAMI'S TANGERINE TEMPEST

Inspired by Nami

Ingredients

- 2 oz Orange Vodka
 1 oz Triple Sec
 1 oz Fresh Lemon Juice
 1/2 oz Simple Syrup
- 5. Orange Zest for garnish

Instructions

- 1. Combine Orange Vodka, Triple Sec, Lemon Juice, and Simple Syrup in a shaker with ice.
- 2. Shake vigorously and strain into a chilled cocktail glass.
- 3. Garnish with a twist of orange zest.

SANJI'S FIERY KICK MARTINI

Inspired by Sanji

Ingredients

- 2 oz Spiced Rum
 1 oz Ginger Liqueur
 1/2 oz Fresh Lime Juice
- 4. 1/2 oz Honey Syrup (equal parts honey and hot water)
- 5. Dash of Angostura Bitters

Instructions

- 1. In a shaker, combine Spiced Rum, Ginger Liqueur, Lime Juice, and Honey Syrup with ice.
- 2. Shake well and strain into a chilled martini glass.
- 3. Add a dash of Angostura Bitters on top.

CHOPPER'S COTTON CANDY CRUSH

Inspired by Tony Tony Chopper

Ingredients

- 1 oz Marshmallow Vodka
 1 oz Raspberry Liqueur
 1 oz Blue Curacao

- 4. Splash of Cream Soda
- 5. Cotton Candy for garnish

Instructions

- 1. Fill a glass with cotton candy.
- 2. In a shaker, combine Marshmallow Vodka, Raspberry Liqueur, and Blue Curacao with ice.
- 3. Shake and strain into the glass over the cotton candy.
- 4. Top with a splash of Ćream Soda.

ROBIN'S ARCHAEOLOGIST ELIXIR

Inspired by Nico Robin

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 oz Gin
 1/2 oz Elderflower Liqueur
 1/2 oz Lavender Syrup
- 4. 1/2 oz Fresh Lemón Juice
- 5. Lavender sprig for garnish

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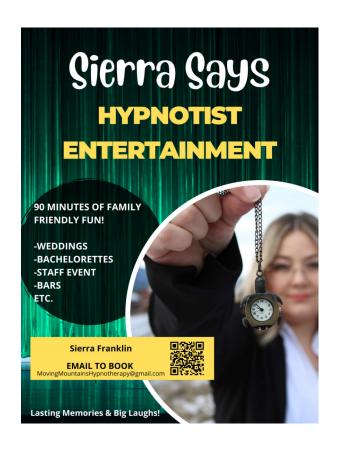
- combine 1. In a shaker, Elderflower Liqueur, Lavender Syrup, and Lemon Juice with
- 2. Shake well and strain into a chilled cocktail glass.
- 3. Garnish with a fresh lavender sprig.













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As the population of seniors in Canada continues to grow, there's a pressing need for innovative and compassionate senior living solutions. In the picturesque region of British Columbia, GoldenLife has emerged as a trailblazing force in the field of senior care and retirement living. Their commitment to enhancing the quality of life for seniors is evident in their flagship project, Columbia Garden Village, and their broader approach to senior care.

A Beacon of Excellence: Columbia Garden Village

Nestled amidst the breathtaking landscapes of Kimberley, British Columbia, Columbia Garden Village is GoldenLife's flagship retirement community, a testament to their vision and dedication to senior living.

An Unparalleled Setting: Situated against the backdrop of the majestic Rockies, Columbia Garden Village offers residents a picturesque environment that fosters a sense of tranquility and well-being. With easy access to outdoor recreational activities, residents can enjoy the best of the Canadian wilderness.

Innovative Senior Care: GoldenLife's approach to senior care combines the best of modern healthcare with a genuine commitment to holistic wellbeing. At Columbia Garden Village, residents benefit from personalized care plans that address their unique needs, ensuring both physical and emotional well-being.

Community and Culture: Beyond healthcare, GoldenLife fosters a vibrant and inclusive community. Columbia Garden Village offers a rich tapestry of social activities, events, and cultural experiences that promote social engagement and a sense of belonging.

GoldenLife's Vision: A Holistic Approach to Senior Living

GoldenLife's dedication to seniors extends far beyond Columbia Garden Village. Their holistic approach to senior living encompasses a wide range of services and initiatives, all aimed at enhancing the lives of Canada's aging population.



Sustainability: GoldenLife's commitment to sustainability is evident in their eco-friendly design principles and practices. Their projects prioritize environmental responsibility, from energy-efficient building designs to sustainable landscaping.

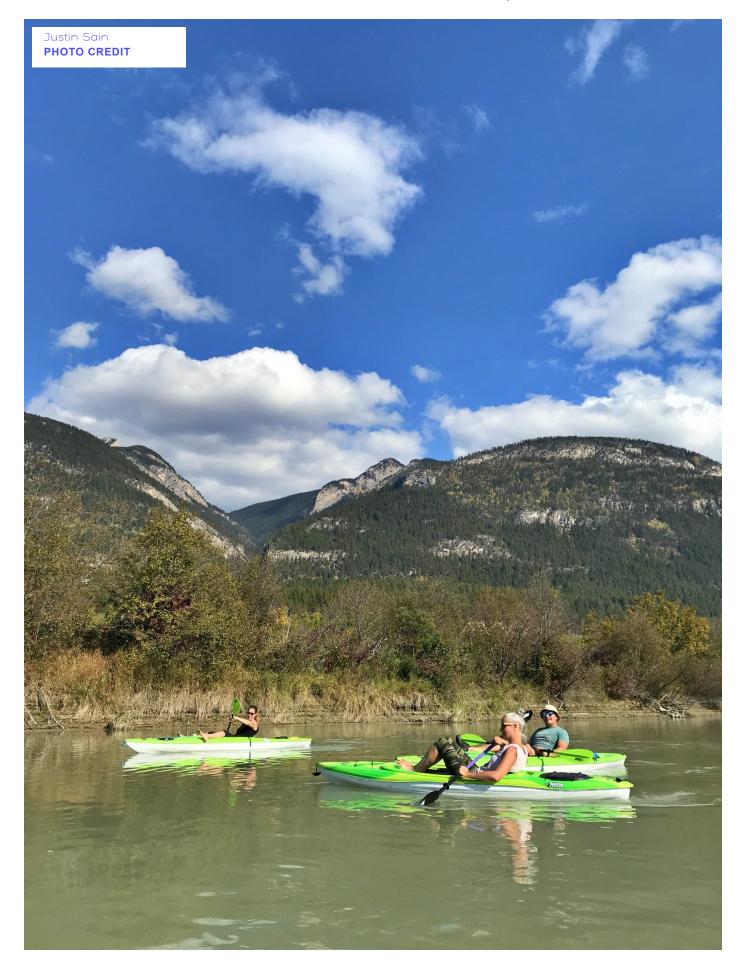
Innovation in Senior Care: GoldenLife consistently seeks innovative solutions to enhance the quality of care for seniors. From advanced healthcare technologies to personalized wellness programs, they are at the forefront of senior care innovation.

Awards and Accolades: GoldenLife's dedication to excellence has not gone unnoticed. Their commitment to quality senior living has earned them prestigious awards and recognition in the senior care industry.

GoldenLife BC's visionary approach to senior living, exemplified by Columbia Garden Village, is revolutionizing the way we care for and honor our senior citizens. Their dedication to holistic well-being, sustainability, and innovative senior care practices sets a high standard in the industry. As the Canadian senior population continues

to grow, GoldenLife's commitment to compassionate, vibrant, and innovative senior living is poised to make a lasting impact on the lives of seniors and their families.







The East Kootenay area in British Columbia is known for its stunning natural beauty and tight-knit communities. As the school year approaches, parents in this region may be preparing for their children's return to the classroom. To help make the transition smoother and more enjoyable, here are 10 things to consider and some practical suggestions for parents.

- 1. School Registration: Ensure your child's registration is complete. Check for any necessary forms, deadlines, and requirements. Reach out to the school if you have any questions.
- 2. School Supplies: Prepare a list of required school supplies and go shopping with your child. This can be a fun way to involve them in the backto-school process.
- 3. Transportation: Review transportation options to and from school. East Kootenay's rural landscape may require planning for bus routes or carpooling.
- 4. School Calendar: Familiarize yourself with the school calendar, including important dates, parentteacher conferences, and holidays. Sync it with your family calendar.
- 5. Extracurricular Activities: Explore

- extracurricular activities available at the school. Encourage your child to participate in clubs, sports, or arts programs to make new friends and discover their interests.
- 6. Health and Safety: Ensure your child's vaccinations and health records are up to date. Discuss safety measures, such as walking to schoo with a buddy or following traffic rules.
- 7. Homework Routine: Establish a homework routine early in the school year. Create a quiet, organized study space at home to help your child stay focused.
- 8. Communication: Maintain open lines of communication with teachers and school staff. Attend parent-teacher meetings and keep an eye on emails or newsletters for updates.

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- 9. Mental Health: Pay attention to your child's emotional well-being. Encourage them to express their feelings and seek help if needed. East Kootenay offers mental health resources for families.
- 10. Community Support: East Kootenay communities often have local organizations and resources to support families. Investigate if there are after-school programs or community centers that can benefit your child.

Tips for Parents:

- 1. Be a Role Model: Demonstrate a positive attitude toward learning and school. Your enthusiasm will rub off on your child.
- 2. Set Realistic Expectations: Encourage your child to do their best but understand that everyone has strengths and weaknesses. Avoid putting undue pressure on them.
- 3. Active Involvement: Get involved in the school community by volunteering, attending school events, and joining the parent-teacher association.
- 4. Stay Organized: Keep a family calendar to track school events, extracurricular activities, and family commitments.

- 5. Healthy Lifestyle: Promote a balanced diet, regular exercise, and sufficient sleep. A healthy lifestyle contributes to better learning.
- 6. Encourage Reading: Foster a love for reading by having books at home and reading together regularly.
- 7. Stay Informed: Keep up with educational trends and resources in East Kootenay to support your child's learning journey.
- 8. Be Supportive: Be there to listen and offer support when your child faces challenges at school. Encourage them to problem-solve and seek help when needed.
- 9. Celebrate Achievements: Celebrate your child's successes, both big and small. Recognition boosts their selfesteem and motivation.
- 10. Balance Screen Time: Ensure a balance between screen time and other activities. Encourage outdoor play and face-to-face interactions.

As you prepare for the school year in East Kootenay, remember that each child's journey is unique. By providing support, fostering a love of learning, and staying involved in their educational experience, you can help your child thrive in this beautiful region.





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Invermere Hospital:



Nestled in the heart of the stunning Columbia Valley in British Columbia, Invermere Hospital is not just a medical facility but also a symbol of unwavering dedication to healthcare and community well-being. This critical institution has served the people of Invermere and its surrounding areas with a commitment that extends far beyond its medical walls.

A Beacon of Hope: Invermere Hospital's Commitment to Care

Patient-Centric Care:

Invermere Hospital has gained a well-deserved reputation for its patient-centric approach to healthcare. From the moment a patient enters the facility, they are met with a warm and caring environment. The hospital staff, including doctors, nurses, and support personnel, demonstrate unwavering dedication to patient well-being.

Community Engagement:

What sets invermere Hospital apart is its deep-rooted connection to the community it serves. The hospital regularly organizes health fairs, educational programs, and wellness initiatives that actively engage the local population. These events not only promote health awareness but also foster a sense of community unity.

Leading in Medical Excellence

Advanced Medical Services: Invermere Hospital is equipped with state-of-the-art medical facilities and equipment, ensuring that patients receive the highest quality care. The hospital provides a wide range of services, from emergency care to surgical procedures, radiology, and laboratory services.

Skilled Medical Professionals: Behind the hospital's success is a team of highly skilled and dedicated professionals. Invermere medical staff medical includes Hospital's experienced physicians, surgeons, nurses, and support staff who work tirelessly to provide top-notch healthcare.



Community Outreach and Philanthropy:

Invermere Hospital goes above and beyond by actively participating in community outreach and philanthropic initiatives. These endeavors include fundraising events, charity drives, and partnerships with local organizations. The hospital's involvement in the community not only strengthens ties but also makes a significant impact on local healthcare access.

Patient Testimonials: A Glimpse of Excellence

John Smith, a long-time resident of Invermere, shares his experience: "When I had a health scare last year, Invermere Hospital was my rock. The doctors and nurses were not only professional but also incredibly caring. They took the time to explain everything and made me feel like more than just a patient. It's a comforting feeling knowing that our community has such an excellent healthcare facility."

A Lifeline for the Community

Invermere Hospital has undoubtedly played a pivotal role in the health and well-being of Invermere and its neighboring areas. Its commitment to compassionate care, community engagement, and medical excellence exemplifies what a healthcare be. Invermere should institution Hospital is not merely a building with medical equipment, it's a lifeline that symbolizes the heart community, providing hope, healing, and support to all who need it. It is a shining example of the profound impact a dedicated healthcare facility can have on a community's health and spirit.

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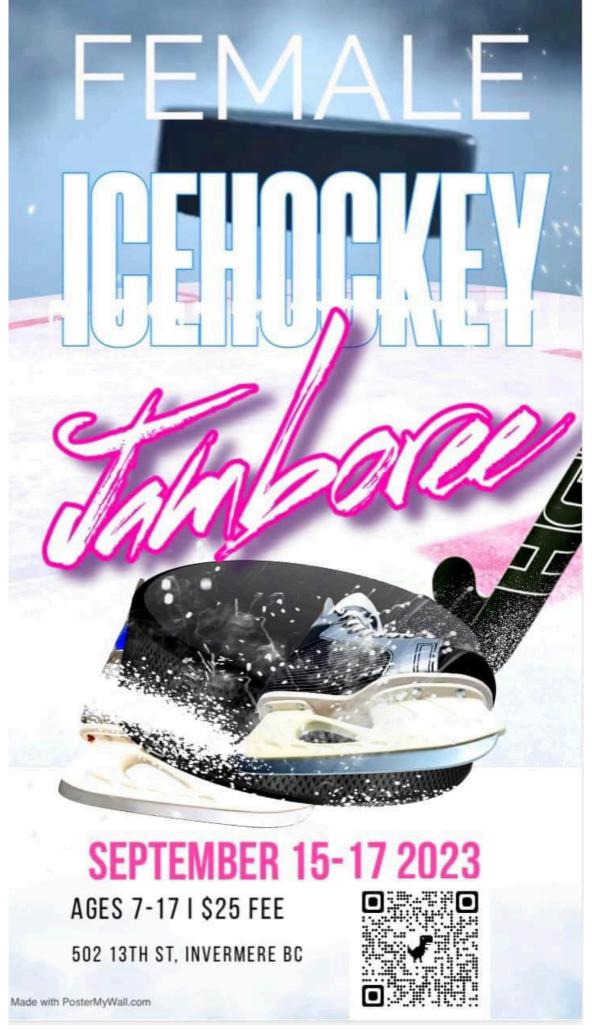
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In shadows cast by autumn's gentle breath, When leaves adorned with hues of fiery death, There comes a night of magic, darkly sweet, Where spirits rise and secrets softly greet.

At twilight's brink, where daylight gently yields, The ancient rites of Halloween, revealed, Begin anew, with whispers in the breeze, A timeless dance 'neath moon's enchanting tease.

The start of Halloween, a mystic blend, Of history and lore that knows no end, It's more than just a night of tricks and treats, A tapestry of tales where darkness meets.

From Samhain's ancient Celtic roots it springs, A celebration where the old world sings, The veil 'twixt realms of living and the passed, Is lifted, granting glimpses of the vast.

A time for masks and costumes to disguise, Our truest selves and reach for other skies, Yet, deep within, the meaning lies concealed, A journey of the soul, to be revealed.

For Halloween's the night we face our fears, Confront the ghosts of yesteryears and tears, To find the strength within, the courage deep, To peer into the dark, where secrets keep.

It's more than jack-o'-lanterns, eerie sound, It's understanding life's eternal round, The start of Halloween, a sacred art, To seek the light within a darkened heart.

So, as the night descends with chilling grace, Embrace the start of Halloween's embrace, It's not just costumes, candy, or a fright, It's finding truth and meaning in the night.

Anonymous Fan Submission

"STARRY DREAMS OF HOPE"

In the canvas of the velvet night,
Where stars ignite their gentle light,
A tapestry of dreams unfolds,
In shimmering tales, our future holds.

Each twinkle, a hope, a guiding star, From galaxies afar, they journey far, In their celestial, timeless flight, They paint the skies with pure delight.

For in these stars, we find our dreams, Like cosmic beacons, so it seems, They whisper tales of endless scope, A universe filled with boundless hope.

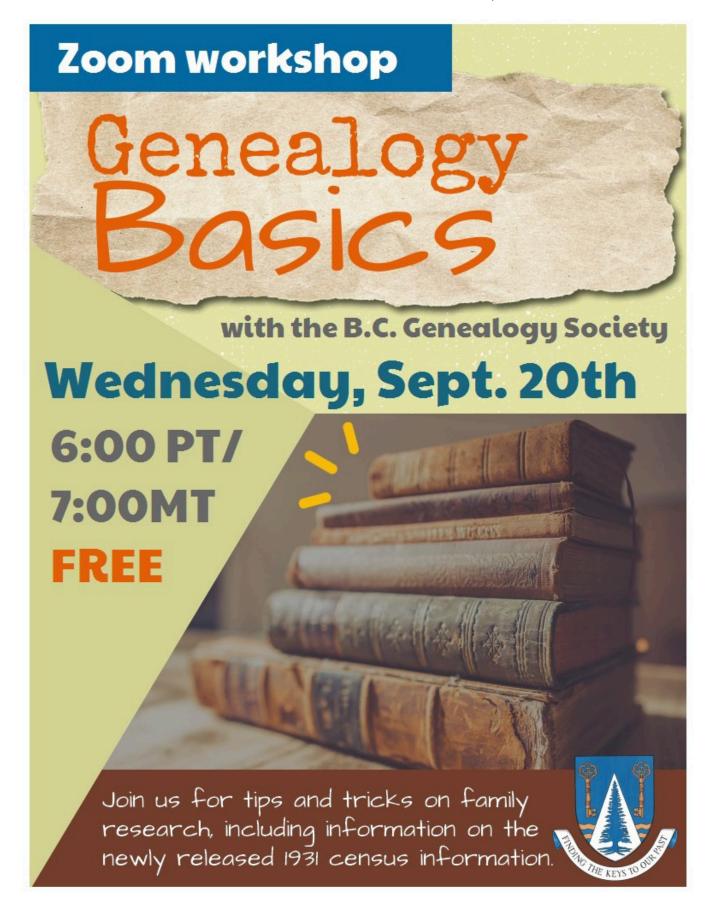
Each constellation, a story told, Of courage, love, and dreams untold, They remind us in the darkest night, That hope can be our guiding light.

So when the world seems dim and cold, And life's uncertainties unfold, Look up, my friend, to skies above, And find in stars your endless love.

For in their glow, you'll surely see, A future bright, where you'll be free, To chase your dreams, no matter how far, For stars above, they are who you are.

Embrace the night with open eyes, Let stardust dreams take you by surprise, With every wish upon a star, Believe in yourself, no matter how far.

In the celestial dance, we find our way, To brighter, better, and endless day, With stars as guides, we rise above, To a future filled with hope and love.







Set in a meticulously crafted universe, this game marks Bethesda's foray into the realm of science fiction, departing from their previous successful fantasy RPGs like the Elder Scrolls and Fallout series. Starfield promises to deliver an immersive and limitless adventure among the stars.

Setting:

Starfield takes place in a distant future where humanity has finally realized its dream of venturing beyond the confines of Earth. Players will have the opportunity to explore a massive and intricately detailed galaxy, brimming with diverse planets, alien species, and ancient mysteries. The game world is richly detailed, with countless star systems, each containing its unique wonders and challenges.

Gameplay:

Exploration: The heart of Starfield lies in its exploration mechanics. Players will command their own customizable starship, the Artemis, and chart their course across the galaxy. From bustling space stations to uncharted planets, the universe is yours to discover.

Character Development: Players can create their own character, choosing from various backgrounds and skill sets, defining their role in the game. As you progress, you can develop your skills and abilities, adapting your character to your preferred playstyle, whether that's diplomacy, combat, or science.

Factions: A variety of factions, both human and alien, populate the galaxy. Players can align themselves with these factions, shaping their relationships and impact on the game world. The choices you make will have consequences, affecting the story and your standing in the universe.

Space Combat: Starfield features intense space combat scenarios, where you'll engage in battles against pirates, hostile aliens, and other threats. Your ship can be upgraded and customized with various weapons and defenses.

Narrative: The game's main storyline revolves around the discovery of a long-lost, advanced alien civilization known as the Artica. Unravel the mysteries of their disappearance and the potential technological treasures they left behind.



Expectations

Vast Open World: Starfield is expected to offer a sprawling open world that rivals the scale of Bethesda's previous titles. The sheer magnitude of the universe should provide endless opportunities for exploration.

Immersive Storytelling: Bethesda is known for its deep and immersive storytelling, and fans anticipate that Starfield will follow suit. Engaging characters, complex narratives, and impactful choices are expected to be key elements.

Cutting-Edge Graphics: With the power of next-gen consoles and high-end PCs, Starfield is expected to deliver stunning visuals, bringing the grandeur of space to life with breathtaking detail.

Modding Support: Bethesda has a history of supporting modding communities, and fans are hopeful that Starfield will continue this tradition, allowing players to further extend and customize their gaming experience.

Longevity: Given the success and longevity of Bethesda's previous titles, players are anticipating that Starfield will provide hundreds of hours of gameplay and continue to evolve through post-launch updates and expansions.

In conclusion, Starfield has generated massive excitement among gamers, offering the promise of an epic space exploration experience set in a meticulously crafted universe. With Bethesda's reputation for creating immersive









A Grand Voyage Awaits

Setting Sail with Netflix's Live-Action 'One Piece



Netflix's live-action adaptation of 'One Piece,' one of the most beloved and long-running anime and manga series, has been a hotly anticipated project for fans around the world.

As the first major live-action interpretation of Eiichiro Oda's iconic pirate saga, the expectations were high, and the stakes even higher. With a rich world, charismatic characters, and a story spanning over a thousand episodes, 'One Piece' offers an expansive canvas for adaptation. In this feature review, we set sail into the grand world of Netflix's 'One Piece' to explore its merits and its challenges.

Setting the Stage:

'One Piece' tells the tale of Monkey D. Luffy and his crew of Straw Hat Pirates as they search for the ultimate treasure, the One Piece, in a world brimming with adventure, danger, and colorful characters. This ambitious liveaction adaptation aims to bring this vibrant world to life while staying true to the essence of the source material.

Characters and Casting:

One of the most critical aspects of adapting 'One Piece' is the casting. Fans were eager to see how well the live-action actors would embody the iconic Straw Hat Pirates. In this regard, Netflix's 'One Piece' delivers, with strong performances from the cast. Luffy, played by Monkey D. Luffy, captures the character's infectious enthusiasm and unwavering determination. Other main characters like Zoro, Nami, Usopp, Sanji, and Robin are also portrayed convincingly, capturing the essence of their manga counterparts.

Visual Effects and World-Building:

Bringing the fantastical 'One Piece' world to life was no small feat, and here Netflix's adaptation impresses. The show's visual effects and set designs are top-notch, embracing the surreal landscapes, bizarre creatures, and awe-inspiring battles. The careful attention to detail immerses viewers in the vibrant world of the Grand Line, and fans will appreciate the effort taken to recreate iconic locations and encounters.

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Story Adaptation:

Adapting a series as long and intricate as 'One Piece' is challenging, as it requires condensing and reimagining a vast amount of material. The liveaction series makes smart choices in terms of pacing, combining key story arcs while maintaining a clear narrative thread. While some fans may miss certain details or character interactions, the adaptation succeeds in capturing the spirit and heart of 'One Piece.'

Respecting the Source Material:

One of the key concerns with any adaptation is whether it will honor the source material. Netflix's 'One Piece' demonstrates a deep respect for the original series. It maintains the themes of friendship, adventure, and the pursuit of dreams that have made 'One Piece' a cultural phenomenon.

Final Verdict:

Netflix's live-action 'One Piece' is a commendable adaptation that manages to capture the essence of Eiichiro Oda's beloved series while delivering impressive visuals, strong

character portrayals, and a narrative that keeps fans and newcomers engaged. While no adaptation can please everyone, this series successfully brings the world of 'One Piece' to a new medium, making it an exciting addition to the 'One Piece' legacy.

As the series continues to evolve and explore new adventures, fans can look forward to a promising future for the Straw Hat Pirates on Netflix, making it a must-watch for fans of the original and newcomers alike. So, hoist your anchor, set sail, and embark on this grand voyage with 'One Piece' on Netflix.

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Across

1- Roseanne, once; 5- Coal scuttle; 8-Moonfish; 12- Wings; 13- 3rd letter of the Hebrew alphabet; 15- A hobgoblin; 16- Throw; 17- Potala Palace site; 18-Worthless person; 19- Dominance; 22-Boy toy: 23- Refusals; 24- Heavy book; 26- Diminutive; 29- Nullify; 31- Rockers ; 32- Embankment; 34- No longer on deck; 36- Graceful horse; 38- One in a cab, say; 40- Achy; 41-Small beginning; 43- European viper; 45- Corrida cry; 46- Pollen producer; 48- Furtive; 50- Chow ____; 51- Not to mention; 52- Chowed down; 54- Letter of recommendation; 61- Ruin; 63-Lobster state; 64- Bang-up; 65- Diner orders; 66- Jerks; 67- One of a matching pair; 68- Otherwise; 69-ACLU concerns; 70- Bridge seat;

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Down

1- Cricket equipment; 2- Baseball family name; 3- Coarse file, angry tone of voice; 4- Take as an affront; 5- "The Farmer in the Dell" syllables; 6- "A Jug

of Wine..." poet; 7- Ricky's portrayer; 8- Delivery room docs; 9- Handbag; 10- Malaria symptom; 11- Song in praise of God; 13- Glitter; 14- Starbucks order; 20- Churn; 21- Indian exercise method; 25- Floor coverings; 26- Seine spot; 27- Laws; 28- Perrier rival; 29- Food and water; 30- Ahead of time; 31- Hoover ____; 33- Hall or Byrnes; 35- Driving peg; 37- Highland hillside; 39- Christens anew; 42- Drop; 44- "All The Way To ____", song by REM; 47- Antagonist; 49- Congenitally attached; 52- French clergyman; 53- Like some orders; 55- Coal-rich region; 56- Hue; 57- Signs; 58- Hawkeye's home; 59- Black cuckoos; 60- Gave temporarily, holy period of 40 days; 62- Compass pt.;

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