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As we step into the crisp embrace of January, a month that often wraps us in winter's icy arms, we extend our warmest wishes to you all. The New Year brings promises of fresh starts and new adventures, but it's also a time to extend the spirit of warmth and kindness to those around us.

In the heart of winter, as frost adorns the landscape and temperatures plummet, we want to remind everyone to be mindful of their well-being and that of their neighbors. A simple check-in, a shared cup of cocoa, or a thoughtful gesture can make a world of difference during these colder days. Frostbite can be a real concern, so please take extra precautions when venturing into the chilly outdoors. Stay warm, layer up, and be vigilant about the signs of extreme cold.

We're grateful for the sense of community that binds us together, and we encourage everyone to share that warmth. It's during these sometimes challenging weather conditions that acts of kindness shine the brightest. A helping hand with shoveling snow, an offer to pick up groceries, or just a friendly chat can be a source of great comfort.

We extend our deepest gratitude to those who have contributed their stories, insights, and

creativity to our publication. The guest submissions we've received are like a tapestry, weaving together diverse voices and perspectives. Thank you for enriching our community with your words and experiences.

To our treasured readers, thank you for being the heartbeat of our publication. Your engagement, your feedback, and the joy you find in the content we share inspire us to continue creating and growing together. Your support means the world to us.

As we embark on this new year, we invite you to keep the spirit of community alive. Share your stories, your thoughts, and your creative endeavors. Let's make this year a tapestry woven with the threads of our collective experiences.

Stay warm, stay safe, and above all, stay kind. Here's to a January filled with warmth, connection, and the promise of a bright and inviting new year ahead.

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The Transformative Power of Living by Intention, Creating a Fulfilling Life One Decision at a Time and Cultivating Purpose and Direction Beyond Annual Promises.

As the clock strikes midnight, champagne flutes clink and voices unite in a chorus of Auld Lang Syne, we welcome the dawn of a new year. With it comes the time-honoured tradition of New Year's resolutions as we pledge to hit the gym, shed those extra pounds, cut the sugar, save more money or taper the booze, coffee or cigarettes. But as January February, transforms into our determination wanes, and our resolutions often crumble into mere echoes of well-intentioned promises. Is it time to reconsider this age-old practice and reflect on whether New Year's resolutions genuinely possess potential transformative the we attribute to them?

Resolutions, it seems, are as transient as the snowflakes that blanket the ground during the heart of winter. The enthusiasm accompanying a fresh start can be intoxicating, but it often disguises the true essence of resolutions. More frequently than not, they are nothing more than transient dreams that quickly evaporate in the harsh light of reality. Gyms, teeming with hopeful souls in January, become deserted wastelands by March. That tempting sweet treat starts looking irresistible again, and cutting down on coffee was definitely a mistake.

Perhaps the very concept of New Year's resolutions is counterproductive. The obligation to establish goals on this arbitrary date can lead to hasty decisions and impractical expectations. As soon as we falter, we are tempted to abandon our resolutions altogether, postponing the chance to begin anew until the following year. This cycle is more dispiriting than inspiring, perpetuating that meaningful change is solely reserved for a particular day on the calendar.

Yet, what if we informed you that change doesn't need to be confined to the turning of a year's page? What if we could uncover a more efficient and meaningful way to attain our objectives and aspirations? In reality, you can change your life at any moment - not tomorrow, not in the future, but right at this very instant. The strength of unwavering determination lies in recognizing that waiting for a new year to arrive is a passive approach to life.

Rather than resolutions, we should focus on making strong, disciplined choices. A choice established with unwavering conviction is not constrained by the calendar. It does not require a change in the seasons or a shift in the calendar pages to become effective. It flourishes in the present moment and thrives on your commitment.

Living life to the fullest does not entail waiting for the perfect moment but seizing the imperfect ones. It involves embracing each day as an opportunity to make progress, irrespective of the season. When you opt to transform your life right now, you are not bound by the constraints of a resolution. You are free to map your path, gain insights from your errors, and adapt your goals as you grow.

Genuine change does not unfold in a straightforward, linear manner. It is not a one-time decision but an ongoing journey filled with twists, turns, and moments of uncertainty. It is vital to acknowledge this and avoid becoming disheartened by setbacks. goals, In your pursuit of be compassionate with yourself and recognize that you are a work in progress. By accepting imperfections and consistently making disciplined choices, you empower yourself to shape your destiny.

New Year's resolutions have their place in the mosaic of our lives, but they should not become the sole personal determinants of our development and transformation. Instead, let's appreciate the significance of the present moment and the potential it holds. The power

to change, grow, and live life to the fullest is always within your reach. So, when contemplating your aspirations for the future, remember that the ideal time to embark on your journey of self-discovery and transformation is now. Do not await the New Year; embrace the opportunity for immediate change and create the life you envision.

So, as we approach the dawn of January 2024, let's embrace a fresh perspective and dive into our inner thoughts. It's a time for personal evolution, a chance to cultivate new habits and mindsets that align with our aspirations. Picture the upcoming year as a canvas waiting for your creative strokes-an opportunity to reprogram your mindset and explore uncharted territories. As we navigate this journey of self-discovery, let's aim to simplify complex thoughts and transformative invite changes. Welcome the power of your thoughts and language, using them to inspire and shape a more profound understanding of oneself and the world around us.



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As winter blankets the world in frost and snow, it's essential to extend our care to those who may not have the means to communicate their discomfort—the furry members of our families.

Our pets rely on us to provide them with the care and protection they need, especially when temperatures plummet. Here's a guide to ensuring your pet's safety in extreme cold.

**1. Limit Outdoor Exposure:

Pets, like humans, can suffer from hypothermia and frostbite. Limit your pet's time outdoors, especially during extremely cold weather. Shorten walks, and if possible, choose the warmer parts of the day for outdoor activities.

**2. Dress for the Weather:

Certain breeds, particularly those with short fur, may benefit from extra protection in the form of pet-friendly sweaters or jackets. Ensure that the clothing is dry, as wet fabric can exacerbate the cold.

**3. Provide Adequate Shelter:

If your pet spends time outdoors, make sure they have a shelter that

shields them from wind, rain, and snow. Ensure the shelter is elevated to avoid contact with cold ground, and add extra insulation like blankets or straw. It's crucial to check that the shelter remains dry and draft-free.

**4. Check Paws for Ice and Salt:

Snow and ice can accumulate between your pet's paw pads, causing discomfort or potential injury. After outdoor activities, wipe your pet's paws with a damp cloth to remove any ice, salt, or chemicals. Consider using pet-friendly de-icing products on sidewalks to reduce the risk of irritation.

**5. Stay Hydrated:

Hydration is just as important in the winter as it is in the summer. Ensure your pet has access to fresh, unfrozen water. Dehydration can occur quickly in cold weather, and snow is not a sufficient substitute for water.



**6. Beware of Antifreeze:

Antifreeze is highly toxic to pets and can be lethal even in small amounts. Be cautious when using or storing antifreeze, and clean up any spills immediately. Consider using pet-safe antifreeze products.

**7. Monitor Behavior:

Pay attention to your pet's behavior in cold weather. If you notice signs of discomfort, such as shivering, lethargy, or seeking warmth, it's crucial to bring them indoors promptly. If the behavior persists, consult your veterinarian.

**8. Warm Bedding Indoors:

Ensure your pet has a warm and comfortable place to sleep indoors. Consider providing extra bedding to shield them from drafts. If your pet sleeps in a crate, ensure it is in a warm area.

**9. Regular Grooming:

A well-groomed coat provides better insulation. Regular brushing helps to remove excess fur and promotes a healthy coat. However, avoid shaving your pet's fur too short in winter, as longer fur provides more warmth.

**10. Consult Your Veterinarian:

If you have specific concerns about your pet's ability to handle the cold, especially if they have underlying health issues, consult vour They provide veterinarian. can guidance on your pet's individual needs and necessary any adjustments to their care routine.

By taking these precautions and remaining vigilant to your pet's needs, you can ensure they stay safe and comfortable throughout the winter months. Remember, just as you wouldn't want to be exposed to extreme cold for extended periods, your pets deserve the same consideration and care.

District of Invermere 2024 SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

The District of Invermere Council meets regularly throughout the year on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office (914 – 8^{th} Avenue, Invermere).

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Here's a delightful list of four shots and cocktails designed to keep you warm and cozy in the chilly embrace of January!

HOT TODDY

Ingredients:

- 2 oz Whiskey
 1 tablespoon Honey
- 3. 1/4 Lemon (squeezed)
- 4. 1 cup Hot Water
- 5. Cinnamon Stick (for garnish)
- 6. Cloves (optional)

Instructions:

- 1. In a mug, combine whiskey, honey, and freshly squeezed lemon iuice.
- 2. Pour hot water into the mug and stir until the honey is dissolved.
- 3. Optionally, add a couple of cloves for extra warmth.
- 4. Garnish with a cinnamon stick.
- 5. Enjoy the soothing warmth of a classic Hot Toddy.

IRISH COFFEE

Ingredients:

- 2 oz Irish Whiskey
 1 cup Hot Coffee
 1 tablespoon Brown Sugar
- 4. Whipped Cream (optional)

Instructions:

- 1. In a heat-resistant glass, combine hot coffee and brown sugar.
- 2. Stir until the sugar is dissolved.
- 3. Add Irish whiskey and mix well.
- 4. Top with a dollop of whipped cream if desired.
- 5. Sip and savor the comforting blend of coffee and whiskey.



SPIKED CHAI LATTE

Ingredients:

- 1. 2 oz Spiced Rum 2. 1 Chai Tea Bag
- 3. 1 cup Hot Milk
- 4. 1 tablespoon Honey
- 5. Ground Cinnamon (for garnish)

Instructions:

- 1. Steep the chai tea bag in hot water for 3-5 minutes.
- 2. In a mug, combine the steeped chai tea, spiced rum, hot milk, and honey.
- Stir well until the honey is dissolved.
 Garnish with a sprinkle of ground cinnamon.
- 5. Indulge in the rich and aromatic flavors of a Spiked Chai Latte.

WINTER WARMER

Ingredients:

- 1. 1 1/2 oz Brandy
 2. 1 oz Amaretto
 3. 1/2 oz Cinnamon Syrup
- 4. Hot Water
- 5. Orange Peel Twist (for garnish)

Instructions:

- 1. In a heat-resistant glass, combine brandy, amaretto, and cinnamon syrup.
- 2. Top with hot water and stir gently.
- 3. Express the oils from an orange peel twist over the drink by giving it a twist and then drop it into the glass.

These delightful shots and cocktails are sure to add a touch of warmth and coziness to your January evenings. Enjoy responsibly!



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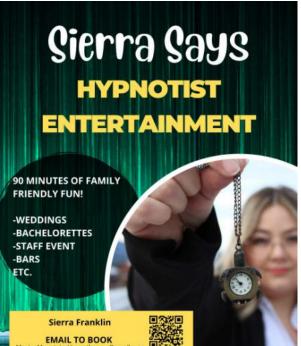
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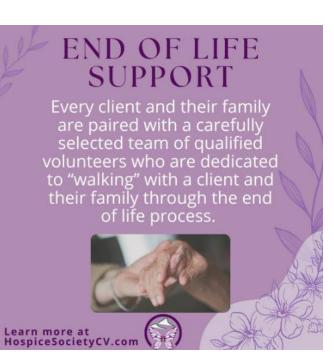
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Embracing the Chill 5 COZY ACTIVITIES FOR REALLY COLD NIGHTS

As winter wraps its icy tendrils around us, the allure of cozy nights spent indoors becomes all the more irresistible. When the temperatures plummet and the wind howls outside, it's the perfect time to embrace the warmth of home and engage in activities that bring comfort and joy. Here are five delightful activities to make those really cold nights extra cozy:

**1. Movie Marathon with Hot Cocoa:

There's something magical about snuggling up on the couch with a blanket, a steaming mug of hot cocoa, and a series of your favorite movies. Create a cozy movie den with pillows and blankets, and let the cinematic magic transport you to different worlds. Whether it's classic films, a series marathon, or holiday favorites, the warmth of cocoa and the glow of the screen make for a perfect winter night.

**2. Board Game Bonanza:

Gather your family or friends for a board game night that promises laughter and friendly competition. From classic board games like Monopoly and Scrabble to modern favorites like Settlers of Catan and Codenames, board games offer a fantastic way to bond and enjoy each other's company. The friendly rivalry and strategic thinking are sure to heat up the room even on the coldest nights.

**3. DIY Home Spa Night:

Combat the winter chill by treating yourself to a DIY spa night. Fill your home with the soothing scents of lavender or eucalyptus, run a warm bath with luxurious bath salts, and pamper yourself with a face mask. Don your coziest robe, play some calming music, and let the stresses of the day melt away. Don't forget to keep a warm towel nearby for ultimate comfort.

****4. Winter Reading Nook:**

Create a winter wonderland for your mind by setting up a reading nook. Pile on the blankets and cushions, add some soft lighting, and dive into a good book. Whether it's a gripping novel, a heartwarming romance, or a thrilling mystery, the immersive escape of a well-crafted story can turn a cold night into a literary adventure.

**5. Fireside Storytelling:

If you're fortunate enough to have a fireplace, make the most of it by hosting a fireside storytelling session. Gather your loved ones, share tales, and revel in the warmth of the flames. It could be personal anecdotes, childhood stories, or even creating spontaneous stories together. The crackling fire provides the perfect backdrop for weaving narratives that will be cherished long after the embers fade.

As the winter nights grow colder, these activities offer a wonderful blend of warmth, connection, and relaxation. Whether you're seeking quiet solitude or bonding with loved ones, these cozy pursuits are sure to make your really cold nights a time of joy and contentment. Embrace the chill, and turn it into an opportunity to create lasting memories within the snug confines of your home.





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DO bring inside out of the weather. DO dry the animal off. DO stroke to stimulate blood flow. DO get to a vet immediately.

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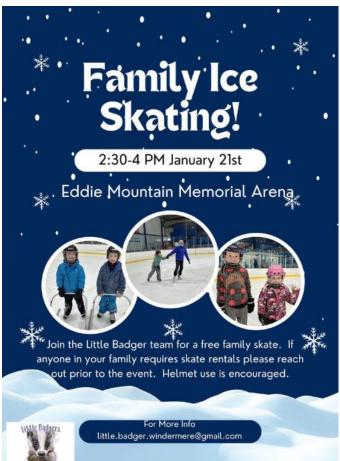
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DO NOT use hot water. Once free, immediately dry it off, wrap it in a dry towel and get it to the nearest vet.





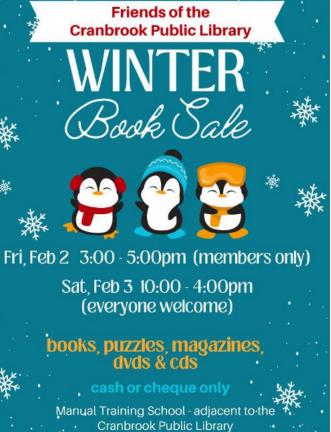








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Warm Hearts in Winter

UNIQUE DATING ACTIVITIES IN COLUMBIA VALLEY, BC

When winter blankets Columbia Valley in a soft, snowy embrace, the landscape transforms into a picturesque wonderland. It's a season that invites romance, providing the perfect backdrop for memorable dates. If you're looking to kindle the flame or celebrate a longstanding love, here are some unique winter dating activities to explore in the enchanting Columbia Valley, BC.

**1. Snowshoe Strolls at Panorama Mountain Resort:

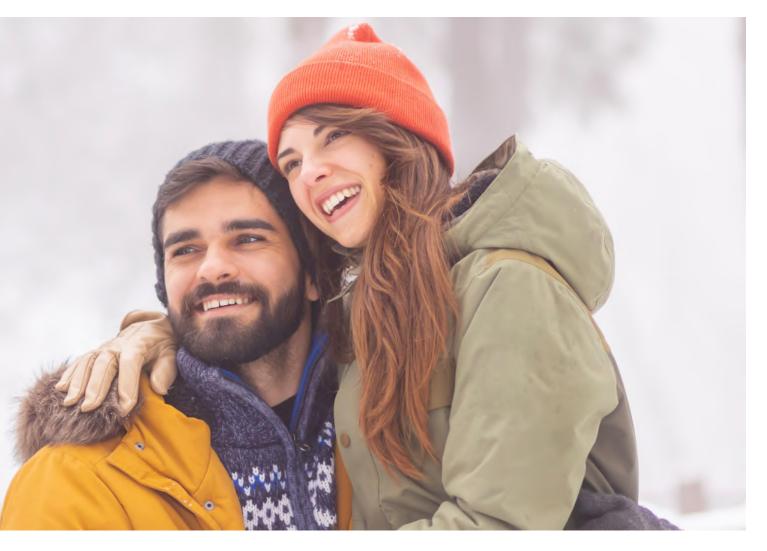
Embrace the winter wonder at Panorama Mountain Resort with a romantic snowshoeing adventure. The resort offers guided moonlit snowshoe tours where you can explore snow-covered trails hand in hand. The magical experience of walking through pristine snow, surrounded by towering trees and the soft glow of moonlight, creates a setting that's perfect for shared moments and quiet conversations.

**2. Ice Skating at Kinsmen Beach:

Lace up your skates and twirl hand in hand at Kinsmen Beach in Invermere. The crisp winter air and the frozen lake create a stunning backdrop for a day or evening of ice skating. Warm up with a thermos of hot chocolate and enjoy the simple pleasure of gliding over the ice, surrounded by the beauty of the Columbia Valley.

**3. Sleigh Rides in Radium:

For a touch of old-world charm, embark on a horse-drawn sleigh ride with Sleigh Rides in Radium. Alright, we're a little late as this is offered over Christmas but there are always other opportunities to make this happen. Snuggle under warm blankets as the horses pull you through snow-covered fields. The gentle jingle of sleigh bells and the breathtaking scenery make this an unforgettable experience.



**4. Winter Wine Tasting at Local Vineyards:

Columbia Valley is home to some exquisite wineries, and winter is the perfect time to explore them in a unique way. Many vineyards offer winter wine tasting experiences where you can sample rich reds and crisp whites in the warmth of cozy tasting rooms. The serene winter landscapes add an extra layer of beauty to the wine-tasting adventure.

**5. Scenic Hot Springs Soak at Radium Hot Springs Resort:

Indulge in the ultimate winter relaxation with a visit to Radium Hot Springs Resort. Soak in the soothing waters of the natural hot springs surrounded by snow-covered mountains. The resort offers a tranquil setting for unwinding together, making it an ideal retreat for couples looking to escape the winter chill.

**6. Winter Hiking and Waterfalls at Johnston Canyon:

For couples who love a bit of adventure, a winter hike to Johnston Canyon provides a captivating experience. The frozen waterfalls and snow-draped trees create a magical landscape. Bundle up, hike the icy trails hand in hand, and marvel at the frozen beauty of the canyon. It's an opportunity to connect with nature and each other in a unique winter setting.

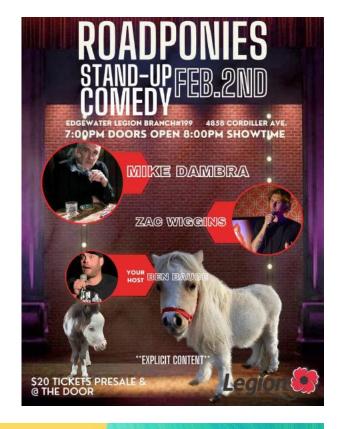
Winter in Columbia Valley, BC, offers a canvas of snowy landscapes and a myriad of activities to ignite the flame of romance. Whether you prefer the thrill of outdoor adventures or the tranquility of indoor wine tastings, this enchanting region provides the perfect backdrop for winter dating escapades. So, bundle up, share some laughter, and create lasting memories in the heart of winter's embrace.

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A TRUE EXAMPLE OF COMPASSION AND CARE FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS.

Nestled in the heart of Invermere, ICAN BC (Invermere Companion Animal Network) stands as a beacon of compassion and care for our furry friends. As a devoted advocate for animal welfare, this organization has consistently demonstrated a commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of companion animals and the community as a whole.

**1. Community-Centric Approach:

ICAN BC has embedded itself seamlessly into the fabric of the Invermere community. Their community-centric approach goes beyond animal rescue; it involves education, outreach, and fostering a sense of responsibility among pet owners. Their efforts extend to creating a community where animals are respected, cared for, and understood.

**2. Dedicated and Compassionate Team:

One of the key strengths of ICAN BC is its dedicated team of professionals and volunteers. Their passion for animal welfare shines through in every initiative, from rescue operations to educational programs. The team works tirelessly to provide a safe haven for animals in need and to raise awareness about responsible pet ownership.

**3. Inclusive Programs for All Creatures:

ICAN BC doesn't limit its care to specific animals; their programs are inclusive and cover a broad spectrum of creatures. From rescuing dogs and cats to providing support for other small animals, ICAN BC recognizes the diversity of companion animals and tailors its services to meet their unique needs.

**4. Educational Initiatives:

Beyond rescue and care, ICAN BC emphasis places а strong on education. They believe in pet with empowering owners knowledge about responsible pet care, spaying and neutering, and the importance of adoption. Through workshops, community events, and online resources, ICAN BC is fostering a community that understands and values the well-being of animals.

**5. Collaborations and Partnerships:

ICAN BC's collaborative spirit is evident in its partnerships with local businesses, veterinarians, and other animal welfare organizations. These collaborations amplify the impact of their initiatives, creating a network of support that benefits both animals and the broader community.

**6. Transparency and Accountability:

Transparency is a hallmark of ICAN BC's operations. The organization os the co activities, ac activities, ac This keeps the community informed about achievements, its and challenges. commitment to fosters trust among openness supporters and ensures that everyone is on the same page

regarding the organization's mission and goals.

**7. Positive Impact on Adoptions:

ICAN BC's adoption programs have resulted in countless success stories, with animals finding loving homes and discovering the families joy of adopting a companion animal. Their thorough adoption process ensures that animals are placed in environments where they can thrive, creating lasting bonds between pets and their new families.

ICAN BC is not just an animal rescue organization; it's a compassionate force that is transforming the lives of animals and the community. Their unwavering commitment to the wellbeing of companion animals, coupled with their educational initiatives and community engagement, makes ICAN BC a shining example of how organizations can create a positive impact on the lives of our furry friends. Whether you're a pet owner, an lover, or animal a community member, ICAN BC is an organization worth supporting and celebrating.



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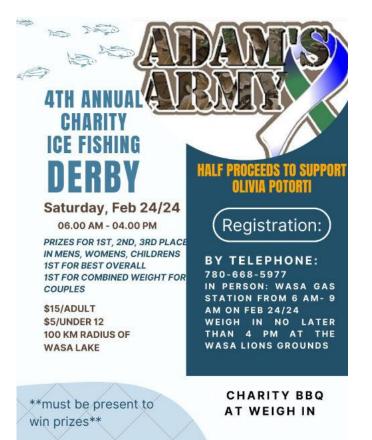


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WE'VE GOT 10 TIPS ON HOW TO GET YOU OUT OF IT

As the winter months settle in, it's not uncommon to find ourselves in a bit of a slump. The cold, dark days can sometimes take a toll on our mood and energy levels. But fear not, because there are simple and effective ways to lift yourself out of that winter funk and bring some warmth and positivity back into your life. Here are 10 tips to help you get out of the winter slump:

1. Embrace Natural Light:

Lack of sunlight can contribute to feelings of lethargy and sadness. Make a conscious effort to get outside during daylight hours, even if it's just for a short walk. Open curtains and blinds to let natural light into your home, and consider investing in a light therapy box if you're in an area with limited sunlight.

2. Stay Active:

Exercise is a powerful mood booster. Even if outdoor activities are limited, find indoor workouts or activities that you enjoy. Whether it's yoga, dancing, or a home workout routine, moving your body releases endorphins and helps combat the winter blues.

3. Connect with Loved Ones:

Socializing is crucial for mental wellbeing. Schedule virtual hangouts, phone calls, or even outdoor meet-ups with friends and family. Connecting with loved ones can bring warmth and support during the colder months.

4. Create a Cozy Space:

Make your home a haven of comfort. Add soft blankets, warm lighting, and your favorite scents. Creating a cozy atmosphere can make a significant difference in how you feel, turning your home into a comforting retreat.

5. Set Small Goals:

Break down your tasks into manageable goals. Achieving even small accomplishments can provide a sense of purpose and motivation. Whether it's completing a household chore or starting a new hobby, set realistic goals to work towards.



6. Explore Winter Hobbies:

Instead of resisting the winter weather, embrace it by exploring winter hobbies. Whether it's skiing, snowshoeing, or simply building a snowman, engaging in seasonal activities can make winter more enjoyable.

7. Practice Mindfulness:

Mindfulness and meditation can help alleviate stress and improve your mood. Consider incorporating mindfulness practices into your daily routine, such as deep breathing exercises or guided meditation sessions.

8. Dress for the Weather:

Invest in warm, comfortable winter clothing. Feeling cold and uncomfortable can contribute to a negative mood. Dressing warmly allows you to enjoy outdoor activities without the discomfort of the cold. 9. Plan Something to Look Forward To:

Give yourself something to look forward to, whether it's a weekend getaway, a virtual event, or a special project. Having positive events on the horizon can provide motivation and excitement.

10. Prioritize Self-Care:

Winter is an excellent time to focus on self-care. Take warm baths, read a good book, practice self-reflection, and indulge in activities that bring you joy. Taking care of your mental and physical well-being is essential, especially during the winter months.

Remember, it's normal to feel a bit low during the winter, but with a mindful approach and intentional self-care, you can navigate this season with a positive mindset. Incorporate these tips into your routine, and before you know it, you'll be well on your way to shaking off that winter slump.





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Game Review: SteamWorld Build

Release Date: December 1, 2023 Developer: The Station Publisher: Thunderful Publishing

Embark on a riveting journey into the heart of SteamWorld Build, a captivating blend of resource management, exploration, and strategic town-building set against the rugged backdrop of the Old West. Developed by The Station and published by Thunderful Publishing, this game takes you on a dig-or-die adventure as you strive to build a new home in the face of a dying planet.

A New Frontier Beckons:

SteamWorld Build thrusts players into a final landrush scenario, where the survival of your town hinges on the resources you can extract from the depths below. The narrative is driven by the urgency of your mission - find ancient technology rumored to be hidden beneath the surface, a potential solution to the planetary predicament.

Dynamic Town-Building:

The heart of SteamWorld Build lies in its bustling town-building mechanics. As your borders expand, new steamfolk join your community, each with their quirks and needs. Balancing the complex requirements of these crotchety bots becomes a challenge, and it's up to you to ensure their satisfaction. Barter, strategize, and manage resources efficiently to keep the town steaming along.

Dig Deep, Spread Wide:

The gameplay revolves around a

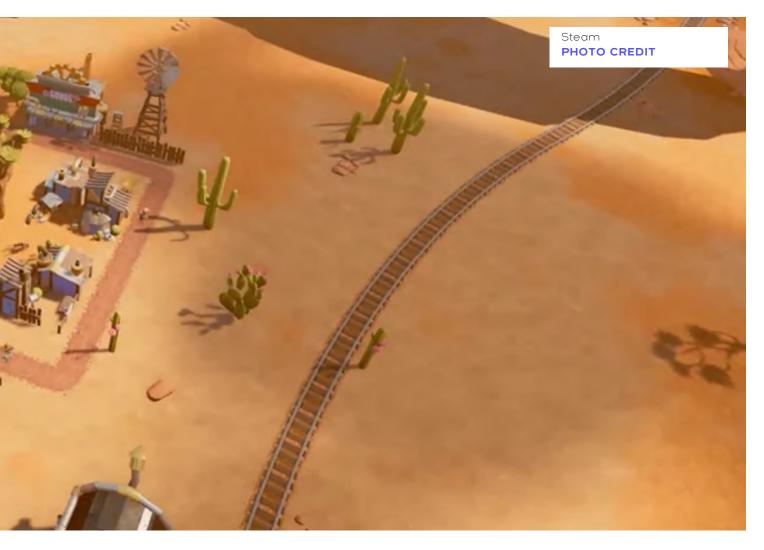
harmonious cycle of resource collection and expansion. Digging below ground for valuable ores, while managing resources above ground, becomes a delicate dance. Your success hinges on the development of a thriving town, and strategic planning is key to unearthing ancient technologies that could potentially save your community.

Defend and Explore:

However, it's not all peaceful digging. As you delve deeper, creepy crawlies emerge to challenge your efforts. Armed with a trusty gun, you'll defend your mines from these varmints in action-packed encounters. The game skillfully combines the thrill of exploration with strategic defense, keeping players on their toes.

Old West Aesthetics:

The visuals of SteamWorld Build pay homage to the Old West, creating a charming and immersive atmosphere. The bustling town, the vast landscapes, and the quirky



steamfolk all contribute to the game's unique aesthetic appeal. It's a delightful blend of steampunk aesthetics and the rugged charm of the frontier.

Innovative Controls:

Developed for both mouse and controller, SteamWorld Build accommodates a variety of playstyles. Whether you prefer the precision of a mouse or the comfort of a controller, the game ensures a seamless and enjoyable experience.

Varied Difficulty Levels:

With four difficulty levels, including a sandbox difficulty for those who just want to build without constraints, SteamWorld Build caters to players of all skill levels. This flexibility allows for a tailored experience, whether you're seeking a challenging adventure or a more relaxed town-building escapade.

Exploration and Secrets:

The game features five distinct maps

filled with secrets waiting to be discovered. The discerning SteamWorld explorer will find hidden gems, adding an extra layer of excitement to the exploration aspect of the game.

SteamWorld Build is a gem in the town-building and resource management genre. With its engaging narrative, dynamic gameplay, and charming aesthetics, it successfully combines elements of exploration, defense, and strategic planning. Whether you're a seasoned town-building enthusiast or α newcomer to the genre, SteamWorld Build offers an immersive and entertaining experience that is well worth the dig. So, grab your shovel, defend your town, and embark on a thrilling adventure in the world of SteamWorld Build.

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Release Date: December 15, 2023 Director: Simon Cellan Jones Distributed by: Apple TV+ Music by: Kevin Matley Producers: David Ellison, Dana Goldberg, Don Granger, Mark Wahlberg, Stephen Levinson

"The Family Plan" unfolds as a gripping action-comedy that takes a unique twist on the classic family road trip. Directed by Simon Cellan Jones and featuring a stellar cast, this Apple TV+ original provides an adrenalinepumping escape with a healthy dose of humor and heart.

Plot Overview:

Dan, a former elite government assassin, finds himself facing a perilous predicament when enemies from his shadowy past resurface. Faced with the threat to his family, Dan doesn't opt for the conventional protective measures. Instead, he packs up his unconventional family–a wife, a teen daughter, a teen son, and a 10-monthold baby–into their minivan and embarks on an unplanned crosscountry road trip to Las Vegas.

Family Dynamics Amidst Chaos:

At the heart of "The Family Plan" is the delicate balance between intense action sequences and the dynamics of a quirky, yet endearing, family. Mark Wahlberg, portraying the resolute and resourceful Dan, injects the character with a blend of toughness and vulnerability. As the minivan hurtles across highways and byways, the family's bond is tested and strengthened in unexpected ways.

Thrills, Laughter, and Heartfelt Moments:

The film skillfully weaves moments of intense action with humor and heart. The juxtaposition of high-stakes car chases and family squabbles brings a unique charm to the narrative. The chemistry between the family members, each with their quirks and strengths, creates a dynamic that is both entertaining and relatable. The script, penned by an ensemble of talented writers, successfully navigates between thrilling sequences and genuinely heartfelt moments.



Directorial Prowess and Cinematic Flair:

Simon Cellan Jones demonstrates a eye, directorial seamlessly keen blending genres to create a movie that appeals to a broad audience. The brisk, pacing keeping viewers is engaged from start to finish. The visuals capture the diverse landscapes of the cross-country journey, from sunlit highways to neon-lit Las Vegas, enhancing the overall cinematic experience.

Musical Score by Kevin Matley:

Kevin Matley's musical score complements the film's tone, enhancing the emotional beats and amplifying the suspense during action sequences. The soundtrack adds a layer of energy that contributes to the overall immersive experience.

Production Excellence:

"The Family Plan" benefits from a stellar production team, with David Ellison, Dana Goldberg, Don Granger, Mark Wahlberg, and Stephen Levinson joining forces. The collaborative effort is evident in the seamless execution of the film's ambitious concept, combining action and family dynamics in a way that feels both authentic and entertaining.

"The Family Plan" is a delightful surprise that combines the adrenaline of an action-packed thriller with the warmth of a family comedy. Mark Wahlberg's performance, coupled charismatic with the film's sharp writing and effective direction, creates a cinematic experience that is both exhilarating and heartwarming. Whether you're drawn to intense action sequences or the charm of a quirky family on a road trip, this film delivers on multiple fronts. Strap in for a rollercoaster ride that proves family, even in the most unconventional circumstances, is the ultimate anchor.





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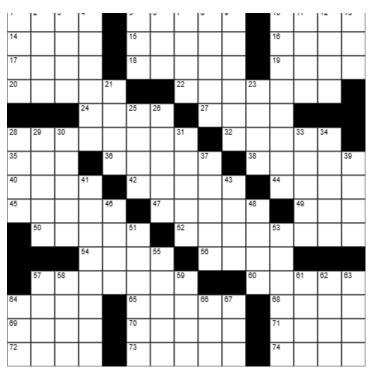




A LITTLE FUN

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