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As February unfolds, we find ourselves enveloped in the warmth of love and gratitude, and we hope this letter finds you in good spirits. First and foremost, we extend heartfelt wishes for a safe and joyous Valentine's Day. Whether you're celebrating with a partner, surrounded by family, or relishing some quiet moments alone, may the essence of love fill your day.

At the heart of our community is the shared spirit of creativity, and we're writing to express our deep appreciation for the incredible support we've received. The guest submissions we've received has added vibrant hues to the tapestry of our content, and for that, we are profoundly grateful. Your unique perspectives, stories, and insights contribute to the diverse and engaging experience we aim to create.

To our cherished readers, your continued enthusiasm and readership make every endeavor worthwhile. It's your engagement and support that breathe life into the words and ideas shared on these pages. As we navigate through the tapestry of topics, your presence is our guiding star.

In this season of love, let us extend our appreciation not only to those close to us but also to the entire community that makes this platform a space for connection and inspiration. We are, indeed, surrounded by a wealth of creativity and shared stories that enrich our collective journey.

May your February be filled with warmth, love, and moments of inspiration. Let's continue to build this space together, weaving a narrative that reflects the diverse voices and experiences that make our community truly unique.

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Columbia Lake Bighorn Sheep POPULATION AND HABITAT MONITORING

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In the Columbia Valley, two significant bighorn sheep herds exist, one in Radium Hot Springs and the other in the Columbia Lake District. Aerial surveys are conducted every 3-5 years in the East Kootenay Region, but the proximity of the Columbia Lake herd to Canal Flats makes aerial monitoring challenging, resulting in knowledge gaps regarding the herd's health and migration patterns. Onthe-ground monitoring has been instrumental in filling those knowledge gaps and helping preserve the Columbia Lake herd. In 2024 Wildsight Invermere, in collaboration with local

experts, is planning more monitoring events.

The Columbia Lake Bighorn Sheep population has experienced a rapid decline in recent years, leading to its designation as a Blue-Listed species of special concern in British Columbia. This decline is attributed to multiple including forest factors, encroachment, habitat loss, herd species, displacement, invasive soremouth, and particularly the highly infectious pathogenic bacterium called Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae, or M.ovi for short.



By closely monitoring the herd, valuable insights can be gained into their migration patterns, spatial movements, and overall well-being. Understanding migration patterns helps identify important areas and corridors for their survival, while knowledge of spatial movements aids in assessing habitat preferences and establishing protected areas. Monitoring the well-being of bighorn sheep provides information on their health, ' reproductive success, and population dynamics. This information vital for developing effective is conservation strategies and management plans to ensure their long-term survival.

Community engagement is an essential aspect of the Rocky

Mountain Bighorn Sheep Conservation & Biodiversity Program. By involving the community in data activities, monitoring collection, outreach campaigns, and weed pulls, a sense of stewardship and shared responsibility is fostered. This involvement empowers individuals and strengthens their connection with nature and the importance of its conservation.

The success of this program relies heavily on the help and dedication of volunteers. Join us at our next monitoring event - contact us at invermere@wildsight.ca

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Timber Titans: Paul Bunyan vs the Sasquatch

A BATTLE OF LEGENDS IN THE HEART OF THE NORTH

In the heart of the dense Pacific Northwest forest, Paul Bunyan, the colossal lumberjack, went about his business with the rhythmic efficiency of a seasoned woodsman.

His footsteps echoed through the towering pines as he sought the perfect tree for his next conquest.

Unbeknownst to Paul, the forest harboured more than timber. In a secluded grove, hidden amidst the shadows, the Sasquatch, a creature of legend, observed the intruder with wary eyes. The Sasquatch valued its solitude and was not keen on being found.

As Paul ventured deeper into the woods, he stumbled upon the Sasquatch's domain. The creature, massive and covered in matted fur,

growled a warning. Paul, ever bold, misunderstood the signal and took another step forward. That was all it took for the confrontation to escalate into an unexpected battle of colossal proportions.

Armed with his mighty axe, Paul swung at the Sasquatch with the force of a logging machine. The Sasquatch, however, proved to be more than just a beast of the wild. It dodged the attack with a swift sidestep, its agility defying its massive frame. The battle had begun, a clash of raw power and primal instincts beneath the towering canopy. Each swing of Paul's axe sent echoes through the forest, but the Sasquatch, unpredictable and elusive, countered with a series of powerful blows. The ground beneath them shook as the giants exchanged blows, the air thick with the scent of pine needles and the sound of cracking branches.

The combatants circled each other, their movements a dance of survival and dominance. Paul, relying on his strength and experience, attempted to outmaneuver the Sasquatch. The Sasquatch, in turn, leveraged its primal instincts and adaptability, making each confrontation a test of brute force against natural cunning.

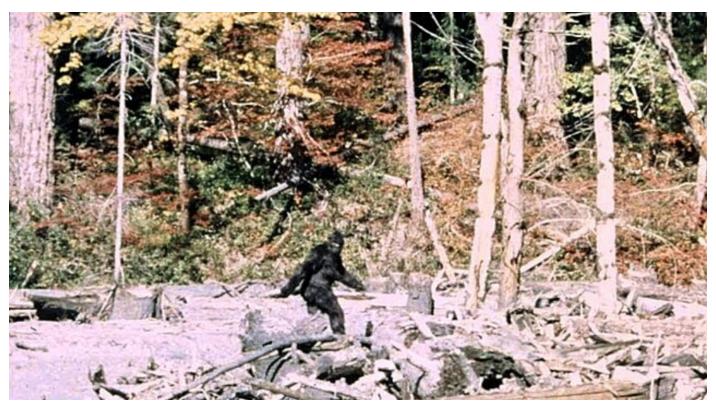
As the battle peaked, a symphony of primal roars and the clashing of metal filled the forest, with the battle rhythm echoing through the ecosystem. The outcome remained uncertain, with each combatant displaying moments of dominance.

In a decisive exchange, Paul swung his axe with unyielding determination, aiming for the Sasquatch's formidable frame. The creature, however, countered with a surprising burst of strength, deflecting the blow and delivering a counterattack that left Paul momentarily staggered. The outcome remained uncertain.

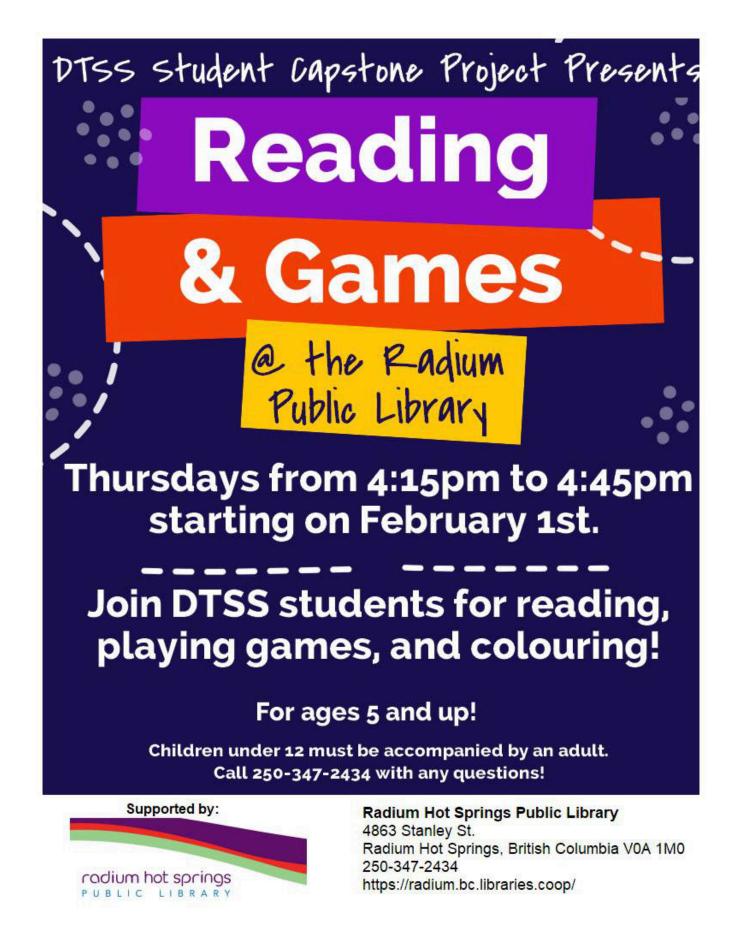
With his colossal presence, Paul stood amidst the shadows while the Sasquatch, elusive and indistinct, faded into the natural canvas of the wilderness. The battleground told a tale of a fierce struggle, with marks of encounter etched into the the landscape broken branches. and trampled underbrush, the imprints of giant boots alongside ambiguous tracks.

As Paul caught his breath, the forest resumed its quiet symphony. The legends of the lumberjack and the Sasquatch persisted, with each telling offering a different perspective on the outcome. Some said Paul's strength prevailed, while others claimed the Sasquatch's cunning proved superior.

The truth of the battle between Paul Bunyan and the Sasquatch remained shrouded in mystery, an enigma whispered among the ancient trees. Legends grew, and the forest kept its secrets, the giants of the wild forever entwined in the ambiguous narrative of that fateful encounter.



The forest fell silent.



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ROMANTIC

4 Delectable Shots/Cocktails for Valentine's Day. It's a celebration of love, and what better way to toast to romance than with handcrafted cocktails? Whether you're sharing a quiet evening at home or planning a night out, these four delightful shots and cocktails are sure to add a spark to your Valentine's Day celebration.

PASSIONATE KISS MARTINI

Ingredients:

- 2 oz Raspberry Vodka
 1 oz Peach Schnapps
- 3. 1 oz Cranberry Juice
- 4. Fresh raspberries for garnish

Instructions:

- 1. In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the raspberry vodka, schnapps, peach and cranberry juice.
- 2. Shake well until the mixture is thoroughly chilled.
- 3. Strain into a martini glass.
- 4. Garnish with fresh raspberries for a romantic touch.

CHERRY CHOCOLATE BLISS

Ingredients:

- 1. 1.5 oz Chocolate Ligueur
- 2. 1 oz Cherry Brandy
- 3. 0.5 oz Vanílla Vodka
- 4. Chocolate shavings for garnish

Instructions:

- 1. In a mixing glass with ice, combine the chocolate liqueur, cherry brandy, and vanilla vodka.
- 2. Stir well until the mixture is nicely blended.
- 3. Strain into a chilled shot glass.
- 4. Garnish with chocolate shavings for a decadent touch.



ROSE PETAL FIZZ

Ingredients:

- 1. 2 oz Gin
- 2. 0.75 oz Elderflower Liqueur
- 3. 0.5 oz Rose Water
- 4. Sparkling Water
- 5. Edible rose petals for garnish

LOVE POTION NO. 9

Ingredients:

- 1. 1.5 oz Vodka
- 2. 0.5 oz Chambord (Black Raspberry Liqueur)
- 3. 0.5 oz Triple Sec
- 4. 1 oz Cranberry Juice
- 5. Fresh mint for garnish

Instructions:

- 1. In a shaker with ice, combine gin, elderflower liqueur, and rose water.
- 2. Shake well and strain into a champagne flute.
- 3. Top with sparkling water for a light effervescence.
- 4. Garnish with edible rose petals for a fragrant and elegant finish.

Instructions:

- 1. Fill a cocktail shaker with ice and add vodka, Chambord, triple sec, and cranberry juice.
- 2. Shake well until the mixture is thoroughly chilled.
- 3. Strain into a shot glass.
- 4. Garnish with a sprig of fresh mint for a touch of herbal allure.

These delightful concoctions are not only visually appealing but also boast flavors that will complement the romantic ambiance of Valentine's Day. So, whether you're toasting to new love or celebrating years of cherished moments, these cocktails are a perfect addition to your Valentine's Day festivities. Cheers to love!



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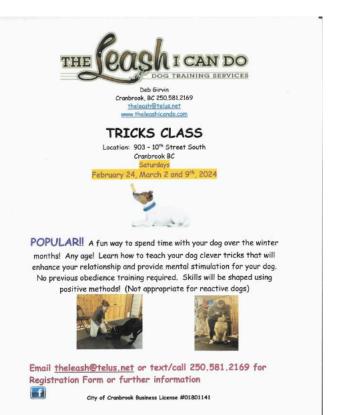


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1. A Romantic Getaway:

Give the gift of shared experiences with a romantic getaway. Whether it's a weekend retreat to a cozy cabin, a beachside escape, or a cultural city adventure, the memories forged during a special trip become treasures. Plan a surprise getaway to a destination that holds sentimental value or has been on your collective bucket list.

2. Spa Retreat at Home:

Indulge your loved one with a spa day without leaving the comfort of home. Curate a basket filled with pampering essentials such as scented candles, luxurious bath oils, and plush towels. Add a personalized touch with a handwritten coupon for a massage or a relaxing bath drawn by you.

3. Tech Gadgets for the Modern Couple:

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Commission a custom illustration or portrait capturing a special moment or a shared memory. Whether it's a depiction of the place you first met, a recreation of a favorite photograph, or an artistic representation of your journey together, this gift adds a touch of sentimentality to your celebrations.

5. Memory Book or Scrapbook:

Create a visual journey through your relationship with a memory book or scrapbook. Fill its pages with mementos, photographs, and notes that showcase your unique story. This labor of love not only celebrates your past but also provides a tangible keepsake for the future.

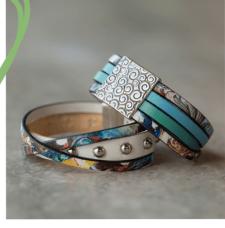
6. Star Map of a Special Date:

Immortalize a significant moment by gifting a custom star map of the night sky on a specific date and location. Whether it's the night you first met, the day you got engaged, or any other milestone, this celestial representation makes for a romantic and visually stunning keepsake.

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Address: 722 13 St, Invermere, BC VOA 1KO, Canada

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4. The Heid Out - Cranbrook:

Address: 821 Baker St, Cranbrook, BC V1C 1A3, Canada

Cranbrook's culinary scene gets an extra dash of sophistication at The Heid Out. With its chic decor and a menu that emphasizes local and seasonal ingredients, this brewery and restaurant provides an elevated dining experience. The Heid Out is perfect for couples seeking a blend of craft beers, fine wines, and a menu that showcases the best flavors the region has to offer.

5. Allegra - Cranbrook:

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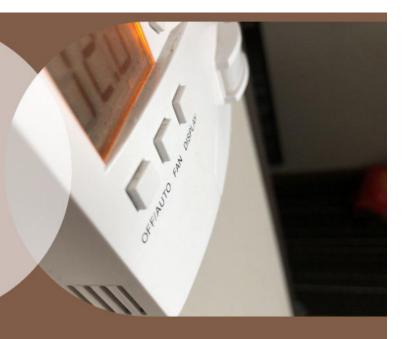
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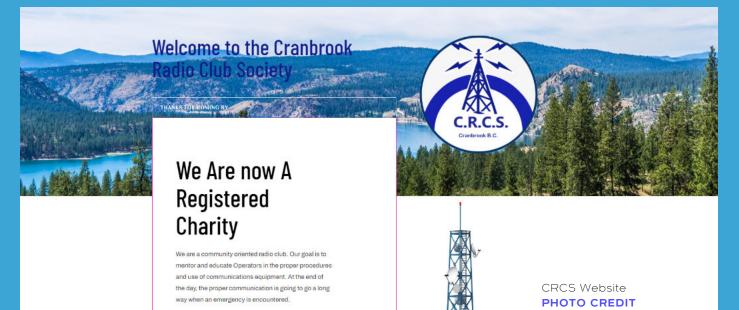
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As a registered charity, CRCS has demonstrated a commitment to serving the community by providing a platform for individuals to learn and grow in the field of radio communications.

Community-Oriented Focus:

At the heart of CRCS is a genuine dedication to the community. The club operates with a community-oriented approach, aiming to mentor and educate operators in the proper procedures and use of communications equipment. This focus is not just about mastering technical skills but also about building a network of communicators who can contribute positively in various situations, especially during emergencies.

Education and Mentorship:

CRCS shines as a valuable resource for those eager to learn about radio communications. The club provides mentorship programs that guide individuals in mastering the art and science of effective communication. This commitment to education is not just about technical proficiency but also emphasizes the crucial role proper communication plays in emergency situations.

Inclusive Membership Benefits:

For members, CRCS goes beyond the basics. The club offers a rich array of benefits, including up-to-date news and information about events related to radio communications. The website serves as a hub for valuable ham links, creating a convenient space for members to explore and enhance their knowledge.

Engaging Community Through Multimedia:

The addition of a photo gallery adds a personal touch to the club's online presence. Allowing members to share pictures of their equipment and community events fosters a sense of camaraderie. This multimedia aspect enhances the community experience and reflects the vibrant and diverse interests of the CRCS members.

Links to the Ham Community:

Recognizing the interconnected nature of the ham radio community, CRCS provides curated links for members to explore. This feature showcases a thoughtful approach to connecting enthusiasts to a broader network, fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing.

Joining the CRCS Community:

CRCS invites individuals from Cranbrook and surrounding areas to join the community. By creating a space where operators can collaborate and share ideas, the club contributes not only to the growth of individual members but also to the overall development of the radio community in the region.

The Cranbrook Radio Society Club exemplifies a commitment to community service, education, and inclusivity within the realm of radio communications. As a beacon of knowledge and collaboration, CRCS stands out as a positive force, empowering individuals to navigate the world of radio with confidence and skill.





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The Last Stand of the True North

IN THE SHADOWS OF THE CRAZED DICTATOR KASTOR TRUDOV'S REGIME, KANADA'S DESCENT INTO DARKNESS, A REBELLION IGNITES.

In the bleak year 2030, the land once known for its breathtaking landscapes and boundless beauty had transformed into a dystopian nightmare under the iron-fisted rule of Kastor Trudov.

Kanada, once a symbol of freedom and natural splendour, had succumbed to the twisted vision of a deranged tyrant.

The oppressive regime of Trudov emerged from a once-democratic society hijacked by promises of equality and prosperity. The nation, now shrouded in perpetual gloom, bore little resemblance to the glorious expanse it had once been. The ambitious pursuit of carbon-zero and reaching green, once hailed as a beacon of progress, inadvertently flipped the nation upside down, unleashing economic and social upheavals.

Citizens moved in lockstep, their every action dictated by the omnipresent regime. Thoughtcrimes and opposing views are punishable with frozen currency apps and incarceration, and the all-seeing eyes of surveillance cameras track every movement. Naturopathic remedies and vitaminmineral supplements were restricted and replaced by a sinister cocktail of cocaine, methamphetamines, and opioids. The state-controlled media, a perpetual propaganda stream, hailed the new era's glories under Trudov's leadership.

Once vibrant and humming, now overflowing with tent encampments, the capital city had transformed into a monolithic expanse of concrete and steel. The towering structures bore the weight of the regime's ideology, with slogans praising Trudov's etched into the cold facades.

Access to primary healthcare became a rare privilege, driving individuals toward the more accessible and favoured choice of medically assisted the suicide. Meanwhile, city reverberated with an eerie chorus of voices disseminating robotic the regime's propaganda, captivating citizens who were spellbound by the blue glow emanating from their indispensable portable devices.

The Ministry of Truth, a twisted institution dedicated to rewriting history, worked tirelessly to erase the memories of the once-beautiful Kanada. The confines of fifteen-minute neighbourhood zones herded and confined its occupants, each individual relegated to their cagelike existence, kept busy but devoid of true freedom.

Kastor Trudov, a once seemingly compassionate figure, had become a maniacal tyrant, adopting the cult of personality. His image adorned every public space, watching over the citizens with a cold, unblinking gaze. His speeches, delivered through omnipresent telescreens, hailed the virtues of a collectivist utopia while suppressing dissent.

Language itself had been warped to suit the regime's agenda. New-speak permeated everyday discourse, reducing the richness of expression to hollow, ideologically sanitized а vocabulary. Old words, deemed subversive, were eradicated, leaving citizens with a limited lexicon that stifled independent thought.

The Ministry of Love, a misnomer for a brutal enforcement agency, hunted down dissenters with ruthless efficiency. Citizens were encouraged to report on one another, breeding an atmosphere of distrust and paranoia. A frigid climate of fear replaced Kanada's once warm and welcoming spirit.

In this nightmarish landscape, there exists a freethinking citizen named Leah, a former artist whose creative spirit had been crushed under the heel. Her regime's once-vibrant paintings, now considered Thoughtcrimes, were destroyed, and forced into was a life she of monotonous labour in service to the state.

One day, Leah unexpectedly stumbles upon a concealed enclave of freethinking rebels who cherish the remnants of Kanada's pre-Trudov era. Fascinated by stories of the nation's former splendour, culture, and the once-prevailing spirit of individuality, Leah finds a glimmer of hope in this forbidden knowledge. As she jumps deeper into the rebel movement, she uncovers an underground resistance preparing to overthrow the tyrannical regime.

Caught in the dilemma of conforming to survive in Kastor Trudov's dystopian world or joining the resistance to fight for the Kanada that once thrived, Leah grapples with a pivotal choice. Standing at the precipice of rebellion, the destiny of Kanada hangs in the balance between the echoes of its glorious past and the oppressive clutches of a dark future. With conviction, Leah decides to stand and fight rather than submit to a life on her knees.

Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past. George Orwell (1903-1950)



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Gamer's Corner

Game Review: Suicide Squad: Kill the Justice League

Release Date: January 30, 2024 Developer: Rocksteady Studios Platforms: PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and Series S, Microsoft Windows Genres: Shooter, RPG, Action-adventure, Platform Publisher: Warner Bros. Games Mode: Multiplayer

Rocksteady Studios, renowned for their exceptional work in the Batman: Arkham series, takes a daring leap into the chaotic world of antiheroes with "Suicide Squad: Kill the Justice League." Released on January 30, 2024, this action-adventure shooter plunges players into the dark and twisted universe of DC Comics' Suicide Squad.

The Good:

Narrative Ambition:

Rocksteady Studios continues to demonstrate its storytelling prowess. The narrative is a rollercoaster of unpredictable twists and turns, providing players with a gripping and emotionally charged experience. The dark humor, characteristic of the Suicide Squad, is expertly woven into the storyline.

Dynamic Gameplay:

The transition from the Arkham series to Suicide Squad brings with it Rocksteady's signature combat fluidity. The gameplay is dynamic and exhilarating, seamlessly integrating the unique skills and personalities of each Squad member. Players can switch between characters, each with their own set of abilities, adding depth to combat and puzzle-solving.

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Stunning Visuals and Design: From the grim streets of Gotham to the futuristic Metropolis, the game's visuals are nothing short of breathtaking. The attention to detail in character design, environments, and the overall aesthetic creates a world that feels both gritty and visually spectacular.

Innovative Multiplayer:

Suicide Squad introduces a multiplayer mode that allows players to form their own Squad with friends. Cooperative play is seamlessly integrated into the narrative, making it an engaging and social experience.



The Bad:

Occasional Bugs:

While the overall gameplay experience is polished, there are instances of minor bugs and glitches. These do not significantly hinder the gaming experience but can be momentarily distracting.

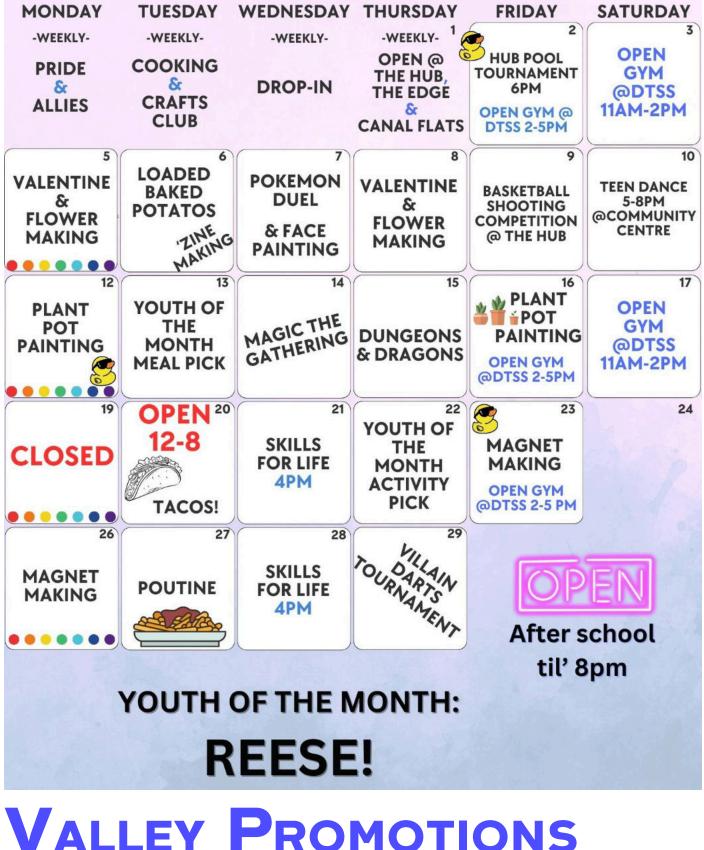
Learning Curve:

The diverse abilities of each Squad member may pose a slight learning curve for players, especially when trying to master the intricacies of each character during intense combat scenarios.

The Verdict:

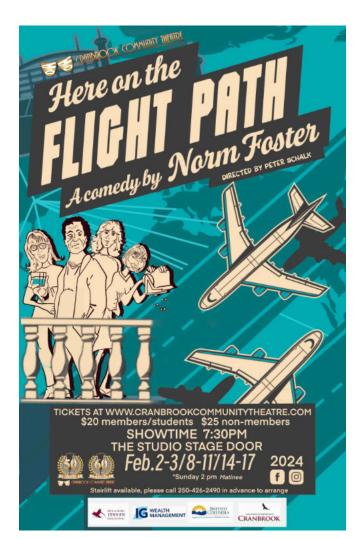
League" is a bold and exhilarating addition to Rocksteady's portfolio. With ambitious narrative, dynamic its gameplay, and stunning visuals, the game successfully immerses players into the chaotic world of antiheroes. While there are minor imperfections, they are overshadowed by the overall quality of the gaming experience. This title is a must-play for fans of the Suicide Squad, DC Comics, and looking for anyone а thrilling adventure in the darker corners of the superhero universe. Rocksteady has once again proven its mastery in delivering an unforgettable gaming experience.

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Movie Review "The Beekeeper" (2024)

Release Date: January 12, 2024 Director: David Ayer Distributed by: Amazon MGM Studios, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Box Office: \$122.9 million Cinematography: Gabriel Beristain Music by: David Sardy; Jared Michael Fry

David Ayer, known for his aritty storytelling in films like "Training Day" and "Suicide Squad," returns with "The Beekeeper," tale а gripping of and vengeance, espionage, the consequences of a life lived in shadows.

The Good:

A Riveting Tale of Vengeance:

At its core, "The Beekeeper" is an intense exploration of revenge. The narrative unfolds with relentless pacing, gradually revealing the layers of the protagonist's brutal campaign for justice. Ayer masterfully builds suspense, keeping the audience on the edge of their seats throughout.

Compelling Protagonist:

The lead character's journey is both brutal and deeply human. Portrayed

with raw intensity by the lead actor, the audience is taken on a rollercoaster of emotions as they witness the evolution of a man consumed by a thirst for retribution.

National Stakes and Espionage:

The story takes an unexpected turn when the protagonist's connection to the clandestine organization, the Beekeepers, is unveiled. The stakes escalate from personal vendetta to a national crisis, adding layers of complexity to the narrative.

Expert Cinematography:

Gabriel Beristain's cinematography adds a gritty and visceral quality to the film. The action sequences are masterfully shot, creating a visual experience that complements the intensity of the storyline.

Powerful Score:

The musical collaboration between David Sardy and Jared Michael Fry contributes significantly to the film's atmosphere. The score enhances the emotional depth of key scenes, intensifying the impact on the audience.



The Bad:

Predictable Moments:

While the overall narrative is engaging, there are instances where the plot follows predictable beats commonly associated with the revenge thriller genre. Some viewers may anticipate certain developments before they unfold.

Underdeveloped Supporting Characters:

The film's focus on the lead character occasionally leaves supporting cast members feeling underdeveloped. More exploration of their backgrounds could have enriched the overall storytelling.

The Verdict:

"The Beekeeper" is a relentless journey into the dark recesses of vengeance, espionage, and the consequences of a life lived in the shadows. David Ayer's masterful storytelling, coupled with powerful performances and expert craftsmanship in cinematography and music, creates a compelling cinematic experience. While there are moments of predictability and some supporting characters could benefit from additional depth, these minor flaws are overshadowed by the film's overall intensity and impact.

For those seeking a visceral and emotionally charged thriller, "The Beekeeper" is a must-watch. Ayer's ability to blend action, suspense, and human drama makes this film a standout addition to the revenge thriller genre. With its national stakes and unexpected twists, "The Beekeeper" stings with a potent narrative that resonates long after the credits roll.

Penny Powers



Penny celebrating at the Masters in Switzerland, 2017

The Valley lost a bright light this week with the passing of Penny Powers.

Penny was a tireless volunteer with many organizations throughout the Valley, and Toby Creek Nordic Ski Club was no exception. Penny was instrumental in the creation of the Whiteway, sitting on the committee since its inception. Penny held various positions throughout the years, including Treasurer and running the Ski S'Kool program with the local elementary schools. She was also a critical player in hosting the Banff Mountain Film Festival. Her dedication to the club and its members was incredible. Her beautiful smile and vibrant energy will be missed by many. We send our deepest condolences to her husband Max and her children Katia and Erik, along with her countless friends and family.

Her family is hosting a celebration for Penny on February 9th, 3 pm at Kinsmen Beach. Please come and share your love for Penny. There will be chili and a fire. Please bring your own chairs if you have them. If the conditions allow, please bring your skates and skis.

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2024 Steel Skins Men's Spiel !

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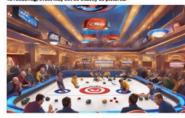
- WHAT?: Play for SKINS worth REAL CASH!
- . WHERE?: Invermere District Curling Centre
- WHEN?: February 16-18, 2024
- WHY?: Because you like CURLING and MONEY and BEER!
- HOW?: Probably right handed, but I'm sure there's some Mol
- out there, too. (google it)
- IS DINNER INCLUDED?: DINNER IS INCLUDED thanks to our EXOTIC corporate SPONSORS, including: WOODY'S PLUMBING!
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Tuesday, Feb. 20 (in lieu of Family Day) Mondays from February 26-March 18

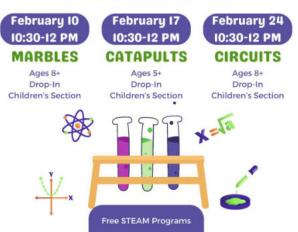
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Lori Joe, Club Leader

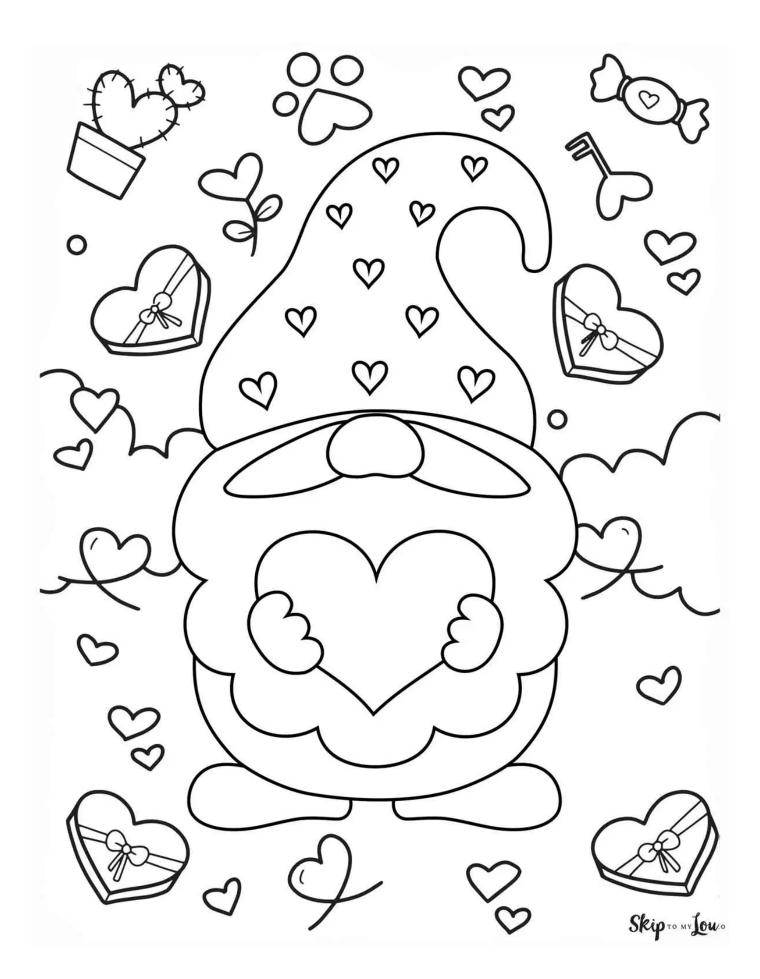
Lori is a renowned Kimberley artist whose works are commissioned by local, national, and international clients. Her club will introduce participating students to sketching, illustrating, printmaking, painting and carving with a focus on mountain culture and the exploration of a variety of techniques and mediums.

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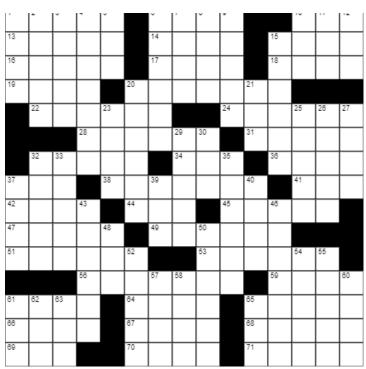




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I thought I won the argument with my wife as to how to arrange the furniture. But when I got home the tables were turned.