

Flyfishers' effort all for knot in pre-season

March is too early for flyfishing, so the 100 Mile Fly Fishing Club is spending time making lures instead. The club meets for fly-tying sessions on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30, in the lounge of the curling club. Come springtime, they will put their creations to work.

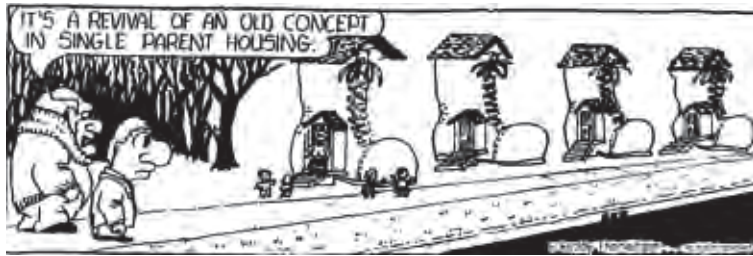
"From May to June we go fly-fishing every Tuesday," says club president Dave Mingo. "Anyone of any age is welcome to join us."

Mingo says three essential flies for the early season are chironomids, leeches, and bloodworms.

Anglers should note that the current edition of the BC Freshwater fishing synopsis expires this month. Make sure you have the most recent hard copy or download a PDF version from the provincial government website.



Scan the QR code with your smart-phone for an online link to the BC Freshwater fishing synopsis.



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Skywatcher's Almanac

March 1 - Sunrise 6:50 am Sunset 5:45 pm
March 7 - Full Moon **March 21** - New Moon
March - 31 Sunrise 5:43 am Sunset 6:11 pm
 (Sunrise/Sunset times for 100 Mile House and area.)

Cariboo offers trails for every ability

The wealth of accessible trails in the Cariboo is one of the region's hidden jewels. From panoramic vistas to leafy forest walks, a startling variety of trails suitable for all abilities, including those who use aids such as wheelchairs, can be enjoyed across the Interior Plateau.

If you have time for a drive to Anahim Lake, the views from the Hotnarko Falls Low Mobility Trail deliver a



stunning reward. A 400 m packed crushed gravel trail with a gentle grade leads to accessible picnic tables and spectacular views of Hotnarko Falls and "The Precipice."

In the South Cariboo, trails at 108 and Sepa Lake offer a seven km scenic route with historic sites, lake views, wildlife and waterfowl. Time your spring visit right and you may see pelicans on their way to their annual breeding grounds at Puntzi Lake.



American pelican in breeding plumage
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More than 25 accessible trails are located in the Cariboo Regional District. Visit cariboord.ca for a complete list.

Timing is Everything

"Anyone can be a fisherman in May." — Ernest Hemingway



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Under the pan and into the fire

By Ryan Lake

I have a well-earned reputation as a cook. When someone asks about my cooking skills, I usually respond by saying, "I make excellent ice cubes. What would you like to drink?" After liberal helpings of good whiskey, my cooking is seldom criticized.

But after my latest culinary escapade, it was the chef in need of a strong drink.

Recently, I found two Learner Driver magnetic stickers dating back to when I was teaching my kids how to drive. In an act of humorous self-appreciation, I stuck them to the cast iron fry pans hanging from a beam overhead in my galley. I didn't realize how fast my attempt at comedy would turn to pain.

Looking through the fridge for something to eat later that morning, I noticed a package of bacon. It was of some antiquity and I thought it should be cooked before it escaped and attacked me. So, I reached up for the extra-large cast iron fry pan.

As it came off the nail, I knew I was in trouble. Somehow that frying pan had put on weight in the thirty or forty years I've been cooking with it. It came down like a Brahma bull with its knickers in a knot! Adding to my predicament, I was standing directly under it, on crutches. And I have a torn rotator cuff in my shoulder which was complaining loudly. I knew if I dropped it, that frying pan was going to put a dent in me, the floor, or both. While another blow to my head probably wouldn't make much difference, I have enough to do around this place without having to repair the floor.

With teeth clenched, I held on to that pan like I was riding the orneriest bull at the Clinton Rodeo. Converting the vertical drop to a sideways twisting parabola resulted in the frying pan landing on the stove. No harm done! I even managed to stay on top of my crutches.

Relieved, cursing myself for my stupidity, but also a little pleased with my performance, I fired up two gas rings so I could heat the large pan evenly, and turned my attention to getting the bacon out of the refrigerator and giving it the sniff test.

A few seconds later I noticed black smoke swirling around the stove and flames erupting from under the pan. Fire! Old training kicked in.

Gas off! Assess fire! Ensure no danger to self! Fire triangle! Take away one side: fuel/heat/oxygen, and the fire goes out! The fire extinguisher, recently checked and ready for action was close to hand.

I've faced bigger fires, so I simply wrapped a dish cloth around the handle, put the pan in the sink, turned on the faucet, and the flames went out immediately. Nothing to it, but it took me a few seconds to realize what was actually burning. As you may have figured out, I forgot to remove the L-Driver sign from the bottom of the fry pan! It's magnetic, so it stayed in place during the drop. It's also covered in reflective plastic, hence the black smoke and terrible smell.

It was a good reminder. When it comes to cooking, I make excellent ice cubes. Care for a wee dram of Usquebaugh?

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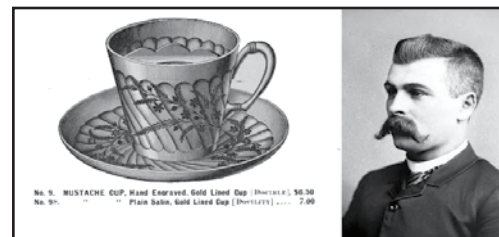
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DID YOU KNOW?

All the pet hamsters in the world are descended from the litter of a single wild female found in Syria in 1930. Selective breeding since then produced a number of colour variations.

Roses come in more than 8,000 varieties today, but until the 18th century, only a few varieties were cultivated. Cross-breeding with species imported from China began around 1900.

The first test animals to fly in a hot air balloon (1783) were a duck, rooster, and sheep. They weren't spying on anything.



From the mid-19th century until 1916, moustaches were mandatory for soldiers in the British Army. Specially-designed moustache cups helped gentlemen keep their whiskers out of their tea.

McLuhan and his message

Born in Edmonton in 1911, Marshall McLuhan envisioned the digital revolution transforming our world, seeing how new communication tools would redefine our culture in ways we are still trying to understand.

Bold predictions brought him the popular media's fleeting attention in the 70s. Naturally, the spotlight faded. McLuhan's insights however, remain essential keys to understanding how communication methods shape us.

"The greatest discovery of the 21st century will be the discovery that Man was not meant to live at the speed of light." - Marshall McLuhan, *The Global Village: Transformations in World Life and Media in the 21st Century*

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Two Strikes and The Bases Full ~ C.D. Gibson, 1904

Digital versions of public domain content are giving second life to early 20th century newspaper and magazine comics, via websites such as comicbookplus.com. This digital copy of a 1904 drawing by C. D. Gibson shows how illustrators of his time would capture a moment with wry humour and impeccable technique.

Gibson's talent saw him published widely in major North American periodicals. He would become one of the highest paid illustrators of his era before going on to become the editor, and then owner, of LIFE magazine. He is also credited with inventing a namesake Gibson martini, in which the olive is replaced with a cocktail onion.

Your Horoscope

Aries - When facing a difficult conversation, opening with a joke is risky. Start with a sincere compliment to pave a smoother path.

Taurus - With your birthday on the horizon, this is the right time to let your friends know you aren't embarrassed by expensive gifts.

Gemini - If you put the bop in the bop-she-bop, we would like to thank you. But FYI the rama-lama-ding-dong gave us a sprain.

Cancer - Free advice is worth exactly what it costs. But a timely investment in good coaching pays dividends beyond its price.

Leo - If you find yourself prone to impetuous decisions and hasty retreats, ask this question before acting: 'And then what?'

Virgo - A new hobby can be a great side hustle if you have talent. But learning to juggle is probably not a great retirement plan.

Libra - If you thought we were going to give you some boring counsel like eat your veggies and get lots of sleep you are right.

Scorpio - Let this March be the one you take spring cleaning to a new level and sweep the cobwebs off your dreams.

Sagittarius - If you are the kind of person who likes to lend a hand - good news! There has never been a better time to be alive.

Capricorn - Don't be offended if people think you have a forceful spirit. Your work is to help them understand why you care deeply.

Aquarius - Fast food in real life never looks as good as commercials promise. Don't let unrealistic illusions harsh your mellow vibe.

Pisces - Water is life. No one feels that more deeply than you. Draw renewed strength from the wellspring of your creativity.

South Cariboo Events in March

March 3 - 5, Ladies Curling Bonspiel - 100 Mile House

March 10 - 12, Minor Hockey Tournament - 100 Mile House

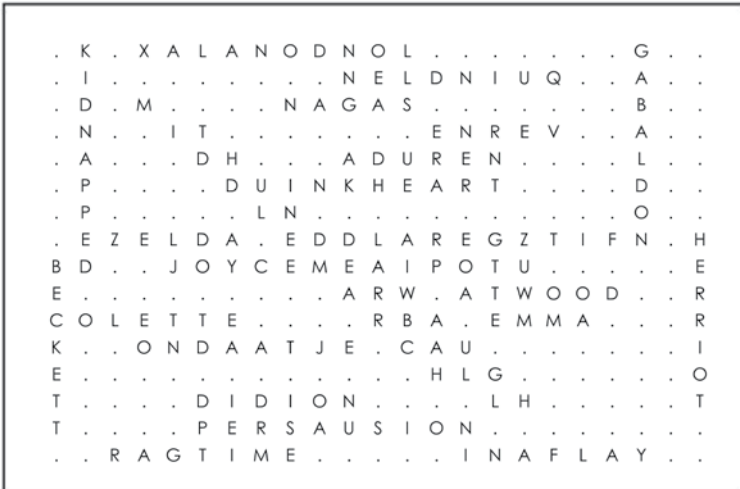
March 18, Seedy Saturday - Creekside Srs Centre 10am - 3pm

March 24 - 25, March into Spring - Free events in 100 Mile House. Visit 100milehouse.com for full event listings)

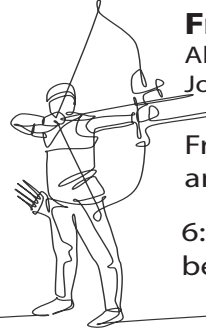
March 25, Spring Fling of Homemade Things, Lac La Hache (OAPO Pioneer Centre, 10 am to 4 pm)

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