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**Jennifer Robinson** / Tourism Valemount

*Winterlights judges Gerry Teahen and Lisa Redpath learn about some of Valemount's famous mountain peaks from local expert Bruce Wilkinson.*

## The judges arrive in Valemount

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The Winterlights judges arrived last week; in the midst of all the snow and power outages the Valley was experiencing as it officially welcomed the arrival of winter.

Judges Lisa Redpath and Gerry Teahen spent a couple of days touring around the Village, checking out the lights and various activities organized by Tourism Valemount's Marketing Coordinator, Jennifer Robinson. "Our host has

been absolutely excellent. She has a great afternoon planned for us, and yesterday we went to the learning centre and we went snowshoeing," said Teahen.

The Winterlights competition is much more than just collecting points and winning or losing, said Redpath, it is about community building and creating connections between community groups. "It is a community building program, and a national competition that encourages networking between communi-

ties. It helps people in the community get to know the programs they have available and it becomes very much a civic pride exercise"

The judges got a chance to tour the local museum, take a walk around the marsh, and enjoyed a festive meet and greet with the community at The Gathering Tree. Both Redpath and Teahen are excited for Valemount as it prepares to welcome the torch this year, which will be in conjunction with the Winter Carnival celebrations.

## Mackay sentenced in court

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cident, I would have gladly participated in the rescue."

Addressing Mackay, Judge M.A. Gray said: "I was taken aback by the comments made in the press. It is inappropriate to conduct yourself this way. It is not professional, especially by somebody who is an officer of the court."

Judge Gray said Mackay should have dealt with the horses in a more expeditious

way. "You didn't take any action. That was entirely inappropriate."

Judge Gray said that he is taking into account the difficulty and drama Mackay has encountered and may continue to encounter, as well as his accident and the injury. "It may have led to conducting yourself in such a manner after the accident."

On a joint submission, Mackay received a \$1,000 fine plus a \$150 victim fine sur-

charge, a prohibition against possessing any animals for two years in B.C., and a probation order for the period of 12 months. The probation order also includes a counselling term. Mackay will further have to pay restitution to the B.C. SPCA in the amount of \$5,910.16 and has to deliver a copy of his probation order to the Alberta SPCA. The proceedings on the two criminal code offences were stayed.

## Valley receives new computerized health system

At one minute past midnight on December 8, Cerner Millennium, Northern Health's computerized clinical information system, will go live simultaneously at Valemount Health Centre and McBride and District Hospital, making them the 13th and 14th sites within Northern Health to receive the system since 2007.

Benefits to patients will include receiving results of medical tests sooner, faster processing of medication orders, and easier information-sharing between healthcare providers.

Northern Health's 4-year project to implement Cerner Millennium at all its sites employs 75 people and is called "Health Link

North." During the upcoming installation, a 20-person Health Link North implementation team from Prince George will be on site in McBride and Valemount, working through the night to ensure the installation goes smoothly and does not disrupt patient care. As with other sites, the process of implementing the system in Valemount and McBride also includes configuring the system and providing new equipment, training and support to Northern Health staff.

Cerner Millennium is used in hospitals all over the world and gives healthcare professionals improved tools and information to provide high-quality care. Northern Health

employees especially appreciate the ability to see patient information and test results from other sites.

"It's been a process of working together with staff at each site to improve health care in the north," said Project Director Bruce Wallace. "There has been tremendous help from Northern Health local staff at each site."

Members of the public are reminded to expect delays when they visit the Valemount Health Centre or McBride & District Health Centre on the "go-live" date of December 8, and for a week or two afterwards. People are also reminded to bring their Care Cards, as this will help reduce wait times.



**Valemount Village Office  
will be CLOSED  
December 24, 2009 at 3:00 pm  
to January 3, 2010 for  
Christmas and New Year's Holidays.**

For those of you wishing to make payments to your taxes or utilities the following Payment options are available:

- On-Line Banking - Telephone or Computer - Deposits must be in Village account by opening of business on January 4, 2010.
- Bank Machine - Deposits must be in Village account by opening of business on January 4, 2010.
- Mail - Must be in our post office box prior to opening of business January 4, 2010.
- Village Office Drop Box - Must be in our Village office drop box prior to opening of business January 4, 2010.

**Only payments received prior to opening of business January 4, 2010 made by any of the Payment options listed above will be receipted to December 31, 2009.**



**Have a Wonderful Christmas  
and Holiday Season.**

