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Canfor tenure transfer proposed

A timber tenure transfer is proposed in the Mackenzie Forest District dividing Canfor's forest licence of 1.083 million m³/year into two sub-licenses of 536,452 m³/year to Tsay Keh Dene Limited Partnership (as assignee of Tsay Keh Dene Nation) and Sekani Forest Products Limited Partnership (as assignee of McLeod Lake Indian Band).

The province is inviting input from interested B.C. citizens to consider the public interest in the

transfer. It states the two licenses are still subject to reductions through the Apportionment process.

Pile burning ban starts next week

BC Wildfire Service has issued a Category 2 and 3 burning ban effective March 28 until rescinded, which includes fireworks and other exploding or flammable devices. Category 1 (campfires) 0.5 m high by 0.5 m wide are still allowed for now.

Mackenzie Mixed Dart League Standings

March 20, 2024

1. Outsiders 108	7. Shazaam 54	160; Nate 120;
2. Dart Vaders 98	8. Double Vision 49	Terrance 130; Anita 117
3. We Can Fix That 78	<u>High Scores:</u> Nathan 100 x 4; Ashley 121;	<u>Low Scores:</u> Christine S, Arlene x 2, Joe, Terrance, Collin, Dave
4. Sharp Shooters 71	Joe 100, 140; Luke 100; Cody 100 x 2;	
5. Cereal Killers 62	Matt 120, 104; Kerri	
6. Blazing Darts 58		



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Detecting deep fake scams

A.I.-generated voice imitation is becoming ever more sophisticated and harder to detect. Experts offer tips to avoid getting fooled:

- Urgency: Scammers always want you to do things immediately, before you have time to think or verify their information. Don't be pressured.
- Inconsistent breathing: Watch for irregular or absent breathing noises, odd pauses or intonations,

and inconsistent room acoustics.

- Be skeptical: If an unknown caller touches on a legal or financial matter, insist on verifying identities through other traditional avenues.
- Robo-calls: Voice calls imitating politicians or authority figures offering sketchy information can be verified by contacting the relevant agencies or political parties.

Source: www.poynter.org

Arena nixed until fall with slab work

Spring sports leagues and the Spring Expo will have to take a hiatus or find new venues this year as work to replace the Rec Centre Arena ice slab will begin next month and continue through the summer.

The need for the replacement was identified several years ago as brine leaks were suspected. Rec Services says the ice slab was installed in 1974 and has exceeded its expected life span of ~ 35 years.

Arena dasher boards, glass shielding, & building insulation will also be replaced and the project includes installation of solar panels and a heat recovery system, according to Rec Services Director Terry Gilmer.

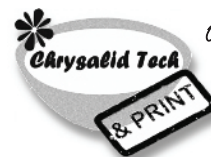
The project is partially funded through a \$2.4 million federal "green building" grant and a \$250k grant from South Peace Mackenzie Trust.

News of the Odd:

A man was caught this week on a flight between

Salt Lake City and Austin without having booked a seat. As other passengers boarded, the man waited in a rear lavatory and then, as the plane began to taxi, came out to claim a seat. The problem for him: the flight was fully booked.

The man, who had earlier tried to book legitimately on a different airline using a flight credit, was seen on airport surveillance camera taking pictures of other passengers' boarding passes and using that to board the flight.



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High speed internet coming to town

After a few years of uncertainty, high-speed internet is on the horizon for Mackenzie.

The District has teamed up with CityWest, a Prince Rupert based telecommunications company to bring fibre optic cable into town, connecting from Highway 97.

The project will bring wired underground service to all residential properties in the town-site, with the exception of Gantahaz.

CityWest, founded over a century ago, is owned by the City of Prince Rupert but operates independently as a for profit company. The partnership will allow the District to collect a portion of the profits from the services.

According to Diane Smith, the District's Chief Administrative

See "Town internet" over →

Fun Facts:

Ukraine has been flying drones made of cardboard which have a range of 120 km kilometres and can land by themselves.

The so-called "pizza box" drones were intended to deliver supplies and equipment into hard-to-reach areas but have been adapted for surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

Manufactured in Australia, the drones are shipped as flat packs which can then be assembled once arrived.

Quotes:

"History is irrelevant until something happens."
- Timothy Snyder

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PUBLIC NOTICE: FOREST OPERATION MAP REVIEW

In accordance with the Forest Range and Practices Act, Canadian Forest Products Ltd. (Canfor) invites the public to review its Forest Operations Map (FOM ID: 1250) in the Mackenzie Natural Resource District. The FOM describes areas proposed for Cutting Permit and Road Permit development within the next three years starting on May 2nd, 2024 and ending on April 2nd, 2027. We welcome your comments and feedback during the review period starting April 2nd, 2024.

Please submit your comments by May 2nd, 2024.

The map is accessible for review and comment submission online at:

<https://fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects#publicNotices>

Alternatively, in-person review and comments can be completed at the following location(s) during regular office hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM):

Northwood Pulpmill Road, P.O. Box 9000,
Prince George BC V2L 4W2

Comments may also be submitted by mail to the above address or submitted via phone or email at: 1-250-962-3512; pg.fom.comment@canfor.com

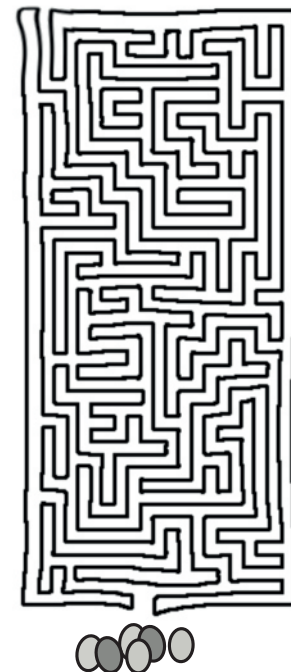
COMMUNITY NOTES

LOTIONS & POTIONS
Make Easter-themed bath bombs at MCAC March 30th, 3:30 - 5 pm. All ages (under 19 w/ supervision). Free, thanks to the MLMCF. Sign up: (250) 997-5818.

LEGION EVENTS
March 22nd: Rib night. Comes with fries and coleslaw. 5 - 8 pm: \$18/\$20/\$12.

LUNCH WITH MADO
March 30th 11 am - 1 pm @ Mackenzie Arts Centre. Enjoy a free lunch and discussion with McLeod Lake Elder, Mado (Doris). Sign up at (250) 997-5818 or MCAC's Facebook page.

A-MAZE!
Help the bunny get to the Easter eggs...



'Town internet'...

Officer, the main line will be installed within the District's right of way using directional drilling to lay the line.

Trenching won't be needed unless there's a barrier. From the main line, directional drilling will also bring the cable to residences.

To finance the project, the District received a \$3 million grant, part of an \$830 million federal & provincial fund announced in 2022 to bring

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ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP last Monday of every month, 12 - 1:30 pm at Mackenzie Community Services, 500 Mackenzie Blvd. Register at the event or with First Link Helpline 1-800-936-6033.

OPEN STUDIO Fris & Sats 3:30 - 5 pm @ Mackenzie Arts Centre. Bring your own supplies or use supplies here, courtesy of BC Arts Council. Can't find a sitter? Bring the kids with you.

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
Mondays @ the Legion
Teens 6 - 7 pm. Adults 7-8:30 pm. To register call Fedo (250) 997-3722

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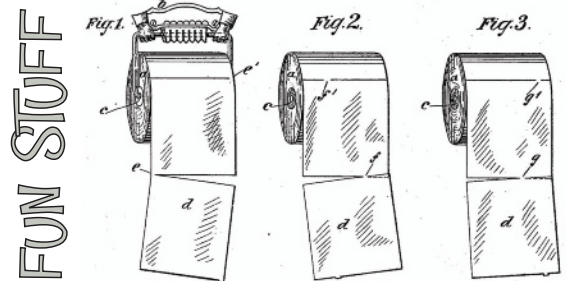
MAGIC FOUR

- Across
1. Found in nests
 2. Horned mountain animal
 3. Entrance through fence
 4. Part of a stairs

- Down
1. Popular breakfast dish
 2. Sometimes named Billy
 3. Suffix often indicating scandal
 4. Each journey begins with one

MATH FUN from last issue: First row: 1, 1, 1. Second row: -, -, 3. Third row: -, -, 7. Fourth row: 9, 9, -. MINI-CROSS: Solution posted on the Buzzette e-edition.

Q: "What rhymes with orange."
A: "No it doesn't."



Drawing from a U.S. Patent 459,516 showing a toilet paper roll device (and correct rolling orientation?) in 1891 by S. Wheeler.

"last mile" high-speed internet to remote communities.

The District says this money covers installation to 1208 homes in town. It's servicing the remaining 720 homes that requires an additional investment of \$2.2 million, split by the District and CityWest.

Smith says Gantahaz Subdivision is not included in the plan at this point but CityWest will apply for funding for an aerial build to Gantahaz that could see those residents served in 2025.

Work is expected to begin this spring and finish in Fall 2025.