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The Macktown Buzzette

April 18 - May 1, 2024



A few players from the 2nd Annual Mackenzie Darts Tournament, held April 12 - 14 at the Legion: Cindy Castle-Lindley, Nathen Foubert, Cody Ludvigson and Lorraine Hetke. The tournament sends huge thanks to the Legion for allowing us to hold this event.

Stables to allow other livestock uses

The horse stables off Mill Road may soon house other animals after approval from Council last week to amend a License of Occupation.

The Alpine Riders Horse Club, which manages the stables, asked for permission to allow for the keeping of cows, pigs, goats, sheep, rabbits, and assorted fowl for members who do not want a horse but are looking for land to house other livestock.

Rocky Mtn Riders to formalize cabin

The Rocky Mountain Riders snowmobile club has reorganized and is applying for formal establishment from the Ministry of Forests for the right to use and maintain the cabin on Morfee Mountain.

The cabin is part way up the road leading to Morfee Mountain peak and has

been used by snowmobilers and other mountain recreationists for many years. It is on Crown land.

In a letter to the District, the club said it is applying for grants to help with the continued management and maintenance of the cabin, which serves as an important emergency shelter.

Quotes:

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito."

- Dalai Lama

Regional powerlifting meet coming to Mack

Special Olympics Mackenzie has been asked to hold the regional qualifiers for powerlifting. The event will take place May 31 - June 1.

Athlete Pierce Northcott has been training for months with his coach Bryce Surgenor to compete at this event. Pierce has worked hard to win on home turf and to move on to the 2025 provincial games to be held in Prince George.

Special Olympics is putting out the call for volunteers to help at the Mackenzie event. Please contact Margi Northcott at 250-997-1189.

RCMP warn of fraudsters at door

RCMP are investigating reports of people approaching private residences impersonating Northern Health employees or Fire Smart representatives in Prince George. Northern Health first reported the concern to police on April 2.

RCMP ask that anyone who has been approached by people claiming to be from these agencies to contact the RCMP non-emergency line.

"We are reminding the public not to open their home to anyone they were not expecting or have not previously set up an at-home appointment with."

See "Fraudsters" over →

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Tsay Keh Dene apply for protected area

An area of land west of Williston Lake encompassing parts of the Ingenika and Swannell watersheds may be withdrawn from resource activities pending an application by the Tsay Keh Dene for an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA).

Called the Wədzih Yine', which translates to Caribou Song, the 110,535-hectare area has historical, ecological, and cultural significance to the band. It also purportedly contains critical caribou

habitat.

An IPCA would give the Tsay Keh a primary role in directing management plans and governance structures for the area.

Currently the band is applying for a Section 17 Conditional Withdrawal with the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship to support the IPCA application.

The District of Mackenzie was invited by the province to provide comment on the

See "Tsay Keh IPCA" over →

News of the Odd:

A search of what appeared to be regular industrial air

compressors in a shipment at Hong Kong International Airport last month turned up a surprise for airport security.

An X-ray examination of the compressors revealed inner machine parts that had been fashioned out of gold but painted silver to match the rest of the equipment. Air compressors typically are made of cast iron or aluminum.

The find thwarted a plan to smuggle 146 kilograms of gold into Japan in what was likely an attempt to avoid \$1 million (USD) in tariffs.

A 31-year-old man was arrested. (via businessinsider.com)



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Mackenzie Mixed Dart League

PLAY OFFS - April 10, 2024

A	A vs B	Dick 100; Ashley
Outsiders 5	Dart Vaders 2	100; Jim 100; Cody
Dart Vaders 6	Blazin' Darts 0	100; Matt 100;
Sharp Shooters 3		Collin 100; Jordan
We Can Fix That 4		100; Dave 100; Matt
		100; Nate 100
	High Scores:	
	Nathen 140 x 2,	
	125, 137, 100 x 5;	
	Joe 140, 100;	
Cereal Killers 4	Jeanne 140; Jason	Low Scores:
Blazin' Darts 6	121; Mike 121;	Jason x 2, Terrance,
Double Vision 4	Kerri 115; Darci	Nate, Robin, Collin,
Shazaam 4	105; Michelle 101;	Dick, Dave x 2, Erik,
		Matt

Trivia:

How much is a 'smidgeon'?
(Answer back page) →



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COMMUNITY NOTES

EARTH DAY @ The Arts Centre, April 20, 9 am - 5 pm. BBQ, live music, Lotions & Potions making.

LUNCH WITH MADO April 20th 11 am - 1 pm @ the Arts Centre. Enjoy a free lunch and discussion with McLeod Lake Elder, Mado (Doris). Sign up at (250) 997-5818.

'HOW DO I...' **SPEAKER SERIES** April 21, 2 - 4 pm: Learn grounding meditation w/ Sunshine and Bodhi. Sign up at Mackenzie Community Services. Free.

BEAR SAFETY FOR CAREGIVERS April 25, 6:30 pm @ Mackenzie Rec Center. w/ CO Hilary Desmarais and Child Care Resource and Referral. Free.

The best way to teach your kids about taxes is by eating 30 percent of their ice cream. – Bill Murray



EARTH DAY @ the Library, April 22. Create whatever you like all day with weird and wonderful bits and bobs from our cupboards.

MLMCF PUBLIC INFORMATION SHARING Community Forest updates + presentation on Moose Ecology & Timber Harvesting. May 2, 6:30 pm. Sas Da' Ghe Rm, Mackenzie Rec Centre.

RAY GARRATT AWARD Accepting nominations until April 30th for a local Performing Arts youth in music, writing, poetry, acting or other. Nominations to MCAC: (250) 997-5818 or MackenzieArts@outlook.com

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP for Alzheimer's 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.

MARKING TIME: *Art in the Age of Mass Incarceration*. Traveling exhibit from the U.S. @ Two Rivers Gallery, Prince George, opens April 26.

BOOK CLUB @ the Library. May's book: *The Terror* by Dan Simmons. Available for loan May 6. Discussion June 3, 5 pm.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY EDUCATION WORKSHOPS May 13 @ the Rec Centre: *Supporting friends on the dementia journey*, 10 am; *Understanding communication and behaviour*, 1 pm. First Link Helpline® 1-800-936-6033 to register.

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JUNK IN THE TRUNK Prince George's Largest Garage Sale. CN Centre Parking Lot, 2187 Ospika Blvd S.. April 27th, 9 am - 1 pm. Rain or Shine.

Did you know?

Legend has it that during WWII, the Germans built a fake airfield in occupied Holland, building wooden aircraft, vehicles, and hangars to trick the Allies. These kinds of decoys were not uncommon.

Britain's Royal Air Force watched the project in secret for months, patiently waiting for the Germans to finish. When the airfield was done, the story tells that the RAF then flew over, dropping a single wooden bomb on it.

(Other versions of the story say the bomb, which was typical of ones used in training, had the words "Wood for wood" on it.)

'Fraudsters'...

"Even if a person attends your home with what appears to be legitimate credentials, it is always a good idea to call that company yourself to double-check the information," states Cpl. Jennifer Cooper, Media Relations Officer for the Prince George.

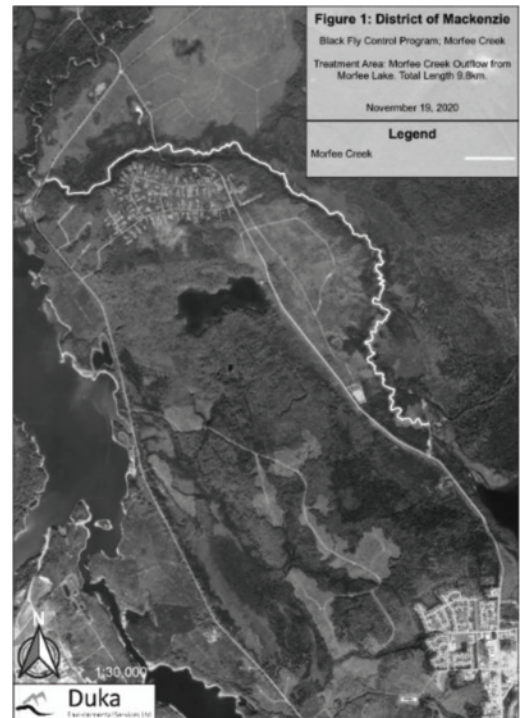
Ed. note: The RCMP Mackenzie non-emergency line is (250) 997-3288.

PESTICIDE USE PERMIT # 233-0024-24/26

Pesticide Use Permit (PUP) # 233-0024-24/26 allowing for the treatment of larval black fly populations at Morfee Creek, located approximately 1.5 km north of the District of Mackenzie town centre has been approved BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

The purpose of this annual program is to reduce localized black fly annoyance for residents and visitors of the District of Mackenzie. The proposed duration of the PUP is from 01 May 2024 to 30 September 2026. The only black fly larvicide product to be used is VectoBac 1200L (PCP # 21062) which contains the natural-occurring soil bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis*. VectoBac 1200L would be mixed with water on-site and applied to Morfee Creek using a calibrated drip bar or by slow steady pour across the stream width. The total area to be treated each season is estimated at 0.6 – 2.0 hectares.

More information on the control program can be obtained, or a copy of the approved Pesticide Use Permit, its application package and maps, are available through the District of Mackenzie Public Works office, #1 Mackenzie Blvd., Mackenzie, BC, V0J 2C0, (250) 997-8183, Facsimile (250) 997 4381. It may also be viewed on the District website www.districtofmackenzie.ca



BUZZETTE MINI-CROSS

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DOWN

1. Confection flavour
2. Mountains between Europe and Asia
3. Island country in Micronesia (*acr*)
4. Common head wear for men prior to 21st century (*two words*)
5. Full name for the letter 'n'
6. Humorous w/ words
8. Illogical, bizarre
13. Village in Ireland
14. ___ loco (Latin for "in its proper place")
16. ___ ll (Elizabeth)

ACROSS

1. Time after which one cannot be outside
7. Country between the Caspian and Black seas
9. Mode of transportation
10. "Iron lung" was cure for (*acr*)

11. Famous gangster Capone
12. Toddlers
14. Type of soy sauce
15. Having the same quantity, size, value
17. Stretchy one-piece garment worn by dancers, acrobats

MAGIC SQUARE from last issue: Top row: 8, 9. Second row: 4. Third row: 3, 2, 15. Fourth row: 11, 6, 1. Trivia answer: It doesn't have an exact quantity, just "a small amount, bit." Possibly from 'smitch', meaning 'soiling mark.' (Mirr-Web)



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'Tsay Keh IPCA'...

Section 17 withdrawal. At the last meeting, Council expressed support for the IPCA but asked for an information meeting with the Ministry to learn more clearly if there may be any impacts to the District.

According to Land and Environmental Coordinator Luke Thorne, a meeting has not yet taken place.



WORD SCRAMBLE

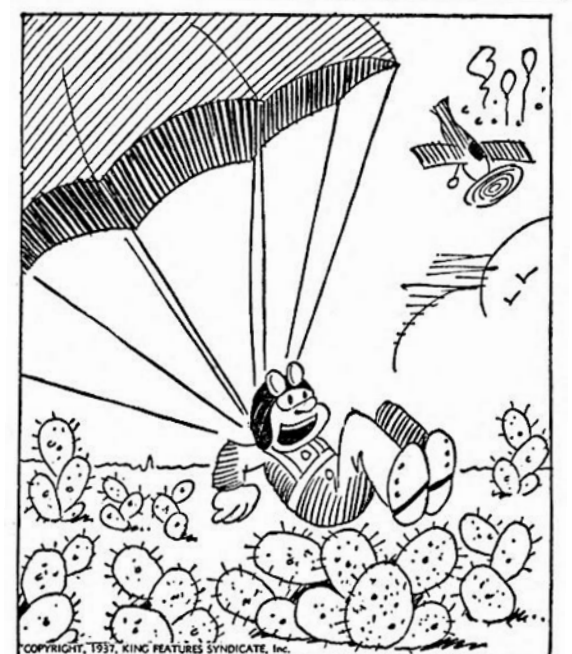
Unscramble to spell out two more Mackenzie street names (w/ abbreviated street types)

toe ripens _____

hearts cheer _____

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EXCUSE IT, PLEASE!



"Oh boy—safe at last!"

Excuse It, Please! by George Swanson, was a one-panel syndicated cartoon strip that ran from 1937 - 38.