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Council gave first three readings to an amended Municipal Ticketing bylaw that will see some heftier fines for our community transgressions.

Mentioned above in this issue are some new fines for off-leash dogs and poop scooping failures. The keeping of exotic animals anywhere in the District can now

fined \$100 for possessing liquor in a park

changes include noise control, prohibited

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# The Macktown

Buzzette April 14 - 28,

"No room at the

inn" for beetles

Mackenzie Forest District

(FLNRO) will be testing

## Off-leash dog spaces pondered

Questions about off-leash dogs at Second Beach were raised during a Council discussion this week over amending the Animal Control Bylaw to specify areas where dogs can be off leash in the District.

Mayor Atkinson and Councillor McMeeken commented that Second Beach used to have a sign requiring dogs be on leash but that it appears to have been removed at some point.

A proposed new clause in the ticketing bylaw will add a fine of \$100 for failure to keep dogs leashed in public areas not designated as offleash.

Failure to pick up dog poop off public or private property could also garner a fine of \$50.

### The Buzzette skipped a week

With regrets, the Buzzette's scheduled April 7 issue had to be pushed to this week.

The current issue is also coming out a day earlier (normally it's Thursday) in order to beat the long weekend rush.

Happy Easter!

Next issue: April 28.

- Janice @ The Buzzette

### out spruce beetle repellent on some local trails this spring to protect high-risk spruce stands.

Vulnerable trees along Deet Trail and the south end of Morfee Lake Trail will receive MCH pods, which carry a pheremone that signals to incoming beetles that the tree is already overpopulated, so they move on.

Stewardship Forester Elliot Wiechula said the pods, which are non-toxic and will be placed higher up the tree, will go up before the beetles begin to

Wiechula added, "The beetle flies like clockwork when it hits 16 degrees in the forest."

## uotes:

I have a twostorey house and a bad memory, so I'm up and down those stairs all the time. That's my exercise.

Betty White

### Fire hall slated now for June occupancy

The move-in date for Mackenzie Fire Department's new fire hall will now be June. according to a construction update given to Council this week. The schedule communicated earlier this year had hoped for April.

Work to be completed in April and May includes exterior cladding, remainder of windows, remainder of canopy roofing, electrical installation and interior finishing.

## Make use of



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## Notices

## DIAN AIR CADETS are

recruiting! We are looking for youth ages 12-18, adult volunteers and potential officers. For more info or to join as an adult, e-mail: 787air@cadets.gc.ca

### HAPPY DAYS CLUB @

Rec Services. Tues & Thurs starting April 12. 55+ walking, pickleball, squash, aquafit, badminton, floor curling, social tea and cards. Free for April.

ADULT SQUASH **LEAGUE** Starting April @ the Rec Centre.

WALLYBALL starting in April @ the Rec Centre. 3-on-3 leagues w/ all teams co-ed. Adult League: Tues 6 - 9 pm; U16: Thurs 6 - 8 pm; Ū21: Fris 6 - 9 pm.

# News of the Odd:

A flamingo which escaped from a Kansas zoo 17 years ago during a storm has been spotted in Wisconsin, Louisiana and, last month, enjoying the surf on a Texas beach

The African-born bird, identified by its leg tag labeled "No. 492" escaped Kansas with a second, Caribbeanborn flamingo which has not been seen since. No. 492 has also been spotted traveling with wild flamingos.

## Bylaw fines beef up

also garner a \$1000 fine.

The fine for being in a park after 11 p.m. is now \$80, up from \$50, and you can be at any time. Smoking or vaping in a prohibited area carries a \$100 penalty.

Other proposed ticketing and fines

Trivia:

"Coulrophobia" is the pathological fear of what? (Answer back page) →

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## **Buzzette FAQ #1:**

### Did The Buzzette used to be The Mackenzie Times?

Following many community weeklies before it, The Mackenzie Times closed its doors in July 2016 due to a loss of advertising. The Times was owned by Great Thunder Holdings in Toronto. Long-time Mackenzie resident Jackie Benton was the managing editor.

Primarily an advertising flyer, The Buzzette began publishing in October 2016. Produced and printed from a home computer in the posh suburb of SoMac,\* *The Buzzette* is independent and locally owned.

For over five years, The Macktown Buzzette has offered Mackenzie a free print platform on which the community can share a variety of local news and events info – If only Macktowners would take full advantage of it!

### P.S.: Did You Know?

The Buzzette's very part-time Publisher/Editor is also its 2) part-time Ad Sales & Design person, 3) Content Creator, 4) Page Layout grunt, 5) News Writer, 6) Printer, 7) Distributor and 8) Admin person. Yes, just one person here.

If you feel sorry for that person and would like to buy her a coffee, e-mail TheBuzzette@gmail.com or phone (250) 997-5038.

South of Mac 1 school – I just made that up.

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### Lumberjacks season to begin

Lumberjacks lacrosse season starts up again in May. Games will take place in the Allan Sheppard Arena. Watch for game schedules.

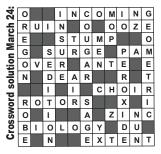
### Swap shed re-opens

Mackenzie's favourite unofficial free store re-opens this weekend along with other swap sheds throughout the Regional District.

Mackenzie Transfer Station's recently changed hours means Sunday will be the first day Macktowners can use the shed. Users will be limited to two at a time while inside the shed.

Items that can be dropped off there include: clothing, books, toys, sporting goods, furniture. Items should be clean and in re-usable condition

Transfer Station hours: Sun - Thurs: 9 am - 5 pm. Closed Easter Monday.

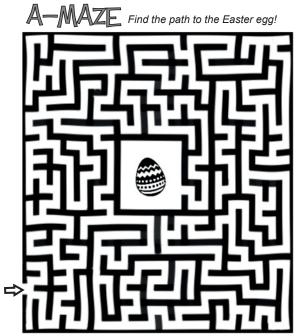


## Did you know?

Hungarian mathematician John von Neumann was the inventor of game theory, the fundamentals of quantum mechanics, and architecture which allowed for the efficiencies of the modern digital com-

At the age of six, he could divide two 8-digit numbers in his head. He could recall from memory complete pages of the phone directory.

Working on the Manhattan Project during WWII, Von Neumann designed the concept of Mutually Assured Destruction to limit the arms race.



WORD MORPH from March 24: TINY, TONY, PONY, PUNY, PUNK, PUCK, LUCK TRIVIA ANSWER: Clowns.



I would enjoy getting out of bed more if I only had to do it three times a week.

## CRYPTO-QUOTE

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### **NDIT: State of the North**

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. -Northern Development released its 2021 State of the North Economic Report last week which highlights the economy in year two of the pandemic and how key industries fared in northern B.C.

The report states that while northern B.C.'s economy remains relatively strong, the region has been left with a "massive" labour shortage.

CEO Joel McKay writes:

"The data shows job vacancies in the region have climbed to 10 185 as of the third quarter of 2021, compared with 5,825 at the same time in 2019, representing a 75% increase. The job vacancy rate has grown to 6.8% as of Q3 2021 compared with 3.7% at the same time in 2019.

"And 2021 census data doesn't confirm the anecdotes we keep hearing about Lower Mainlanders moving to the

region to escape punishing housing costs.

"Census data doesn't confirm the anecdotes... about Lower Mainlanders moving to the region..."

"In fact, among B.C.'s regions the north had the slowest pop-ulation growth between 2016 and 2021, totalling only 0.6%, compared with 5% plus growth rates in virtually every other part of B.C.

"Our region is faced with labour shortages, slow population growth and a myriad of other risks from floods, fires and a war in Eastern Europe.

"However, major project constructions along with strong commodity prices will likely continue to support various industry sectors for the next few years."

Find the full report on the Northern Development Initiative Trust website: northerndevelopment.bc.ca

## Thought of the Day...

Animals are sentient, intelligent, perceptive, funny and entertaining. We owe them a duty of care as we do to children

Michael Morpurgo



Unscramble these anagrams to spell out three Canadian provinces or territories:

dad won funnel a wheats snack airbus limbo itch







