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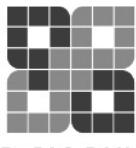


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International Bat Week is from October 24 - 31st, and it's a great time to bust some bat myths, says the B.C. Community Bat Programs. They are encouraging everyone to learn about the 15 species of bats that live in British Columbia.

Bats are major predators of insects, devouring many insects that are considered pests to our forestry and agricultural industries. This makes them an important part of our economy as they provide millions of dollars worth in natural pest control.

"Most bats in BC only have one pup per female in the summer, and they face many threats to survive," says Tina Watters, Omineca Community Bat Program coordinator.

"People can help us monitor bat populations by keeping an eye

See 'Bat week' over →

In Mackenzie 29 years ago...

- The Williston Lake Transporter was conducting sea trials. The ice-breaking log ferry was constructed in Mackenzie earlier that year and had a cargo capacity of 5000 long tonnes.
- Mackenzie's Landing picnic area and campground were in planning and feedback stages.
- The Rocky Mountain Riders received permission from Council to have snowmobile races at the Rodeo Grounds.
- Subway restaurant was just opening. It originally had a drive-thru.
- Gar's Meats and Groceries were welcoming their new butcher, Jamie Sitter.
- An Op-Ed by BC Reform Party leader Jack Weisgerber argued "Why Government Should Not Fund Sex Change Operations"
- Top Country Album that week was Shania Twain's "The Woman in Me".

Compiled from The Mackenzie Times, October 17, 1995.

Hats in the ring for Mack byelection

Nominations closed October 11 for Mackenzie's upcoming council byelection on November 16.

Voters will choose one new council member to fill the seat vacated by Amber Hipkiss when she stepped down in August.

Candidates for the seat are Cassandra Carter, Joy Davy, Megan Devlin, Kevin Joubert and Peter Kyllo.

District of Mackenzie Council consists of seven members, including the mayor.

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Mackenzie Mixed Dart League Standings

October 16, 2024

	Outsiders 12	High Scores:	Jarrod 100, 115, 100; Chantel 103; Maggie 102; Rick 100
1.	Blazin' Darts 11	Brenda 125, 124; Arlene 100; Steve 174, 100; Nate 140, 116; Jason 120, 100x2; Ashley 100, 101, 114; Cody 120, 100; Cindy 132; Peter 140; Dave 121; Nick 100;	Maggie 102; Rick 100
2.	Dart Vaders 11	Low Scores:	Jarrod, Nick, Kelly x2, Chad, Dave, Cindy, Shauna, Eliane, Debra, Barry, Anita, Jason x2, Nicole, Nate
3.	Cereal Killers 10		
4.	Double Vision 10		
5.	Sharp Shooters 10		
6.	We Can Fix That 9		
7.	Re-Caps 7		
8.	Darts of Hazard 6		
9.	Shazaam 4		

Quotes:

“One life is all we have and we live it as we believe in living it. But to sacrifice what you are and to live without belief, that is a fate more terrible than dying.”
-- Joan of Arc

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The Macktown Buzzette

Oct 17 - 30,
2024

Frank Oberle Sr.
1932 - 2024

The family of former MP Frank Oberle sent out communications last month that Frank passed away September 12 at the age of 92. He was pre-deceased just two weeks prior by his wife, Joan Oberle.

Frank Oberle was Member of Parliament for the Prince George - Peace River riding from 1972 to 1993. He represented the Progressive Conservatives.

Oberle immigrated to Canada in 1952, working as a baker, logger, miner, and insurance salesman. He entered politics in 1963, becoming an alderman and later mayor of Chetwynd. He won his first federal election in 1972.

Wrongful dismissal suit against Northern Health

Northern Health is being sued by an employee it dismissed last spring allegedly for expressing support for Palestinian human rights on her personal time.

Reports say the firing occurred after Northern

Health received complaints from four individuals regarding a song performance and Instagram post by the woman.

The BC Civil Liberties Association has spoken out in support of the lawsuit.

Macktown represented at powerlifting event

On November 2, the Northern Powerlifting Classic will take place at X-Conditioning in Prince George. Mackenzie's Pierce Northcott will be competing.

Northcott lifted 402 pounds at the regional

qualifying event hosted by Mackenzie Special Olympics this past June. The event was a success thanks to all the athletes and volunteers.

Mackenzie Special O wishes Pierce good luck on November 2!

Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Eastern Pipeline Route Amendment

Public comment period open from October 15 to November 14

Online Information Session

October 29, 2024 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm PST

To register, visit the link or QR code below.

Learn more about the project and tell us what is important to you:



engage.eao.gov.bc.ca/PRGT-A2

Feedback is also accepted by post mail:
PRGT Eastern Amendment, PO Box 9426, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, B.C. V8W 9V1



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Man arrested in major crime

A local wanted man was arrested October 4 for second-degree murder in Mackenzie.

North District Major Crime Unit (ND MCU) was deployed to a suspicious death of a person that occurred in the early morning hours of Sep-

tember 29. A warrant for the arrest of Drake Matthew Kerr was issued a few days later.

"We are glad to report that Mr. Kerr is currently in police custody and will be held in custody to appear before the courts," said a B.C. RCMP statement.



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MCAC CHOIR Practice Oct 18th, 6 - 7 pm. Living Joy Church Sanctuary.

ZOMBIE WALK AND ROCK October 19th, 4 to 6 pm at the Cicada Ball Diamonds. More info: MCAC (250) 997-5818

FLORA LUNA House Concert Oct 23rd, 7 pm. Doors 6:30 pm. Pop-jazz in French and English. Tix \$25. Call Linda to reserve your seat. (250) 997-3013.

HAUNTED MAZE returns to Mackenzie Arts Centre (new building at 9 Laurier Drive) Oct 25 & 26. Lights on 5 - 6 pm. Lights out 7 - 9 pm.

MONSTER MASH PARTY Ages 4 - 8. Oct 25th 11 am - 12 pm @ the Library.

60+ INTRODUCTION TO EXERCISE Oct 24, 10 am - 11:30 am General Overview. Oct 31, 10 am - 11 am Follow-up to review technique. FREE. Sign up @ Rec Services.

BOOK CLUB October's book: *The 7½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*. Discussion Nov 4th, 5 pm. Sign up @ the Library.

CURL MACKENZIE FUNSPIEL Saturday, Nov 9th (tentative). Entry fee: \$45. More details to come.



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'Bat Week'...

out for winter bat activity or dead bats. If you find one, report it," says Watters, who also cautions to never touch a bat with bare hands or allow your pets to contact it.

The Omineca Bat Program works with biologists to collect and test dead bats for White-Nose Syndrome, which has not been found in B.C. yet, but has been found in Alberta and the Seattle area. People can report dead bats online at www.bcbats.ca.

Bat Week also marks the time of year when bats disappear from our neighbourhoods, until the return of warmer weather. As insect-eaters, B.C. bats must leave their summer roost sites and migrate or hibernate to survive the winter.

This absence means that this is a good time of year to do home renovations that you have delayed due to bat presence. You can clean out and repair a bat box, or do bat-friendly exclusion work, without disturbing or injuring bats.

Learn more at: www.bcbats.ca

CURL MACKENZIE

First game of the season Friday Nov 8th, 5:40 pm - 7:40 pm (tentative). Come 15 minutes early to register. Cash or cheque only.

All ages & abilities.

VOTING DAY for B.C.'s Provincial Election

Oct 19th, 8 am - 8 pm @ the Rec Centre. Bring your voter card and/or ID.

CNC'S DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

is accepting new adult clinic patients to get preventative dental care at the Prince George campus. \$50 flat fee. Register at: (250) 561-5810

A WALKIN SUNFLOWERS

October 25 - January 12. Mykola Zhuravel painting, sculpture, performance, and installation @ the Two Rivers Gallery, Prince George.

FREE FOREST BATHING AND TEA

Oct 20, Nov 3 from 2 - 4 pm. Meet at Morfee Lake Beach 2. Pre-register at 250-617-8135.

WALLYBALL CO-ED LEAGUE

Tues nights @ the Rec Centre. 16+ league.

3 v 3. \$20/person. Sign up as an individual or team.



Fun Facts:

The U.S. government

earlier this year auc-

tioned off its

Cheyenne supercomputer. Tagged as "needing repair" the computer fetched a final bid of \$480,085. It has 8,000 Intel Xeon CPUs and 300 terabytes of RAM. It was also built with 32 petabytes of high-speed storage, which were not included in the auction.

The computer, built for about \$30 million, was used by weather and climate scientists in Wyoming and across the U.S.

... Once there was hungry Sarah, the bat. She went to this ocean. A shark ate her.

by Sarah Bille

Once there was a bat who went flying squirrelly. He flew into a house.

by Dalton Jones

My bat was named Tommy. He was hungry. I fed him.

by Mitchell Dixon

Once there was a bat named Shawn. He was sitting on the ground and a pineapple dropped from a tree and the bat flew away.

by Jamie Dugan

Once there was a hungry bat flying. She saw a wolverine, water and bones.

by Erin Newton...

Bat stories from Mrs. Steele's Grade 1 class, November 1995 (in the Mackenzie Times)



Conifex Mackenzie Forest Products Ltd. Forest Operation Map (FOM) Notice

Mackenzie Natural Resource District

Forest Licence: A15385

FSP ID: 488

Map Number: CFX-2024-07

Public Review Start Date: 3-Oct-24

Public Review End Date: 2-Nov-24

The proposed block and road development within this FOM(s) are valid for 3 years and may be relied upon to apply for cutting permits and road permits, to harvest a cutblock or construct a road.

If you would like to comment on the FOM(s), you can do so during the dates above, and can be accessed at the following link (<https://fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects>). To schedule an in person appointment, contact the forestry department by email or phone with the contact information.

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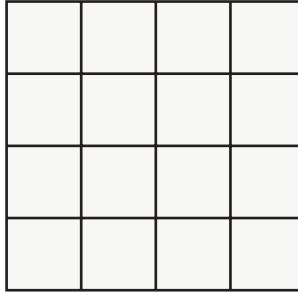
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PLAY FOUR



Across

1. Fluid as a small spherical unit
2. Old Norse divination
3. A thought, an inspiration
4. Annoyance

Down

1. A size of coffee grind
2. Gruff, abrupt, offensive
3. The chosen _____.
4. A kind of moss found in bogs

WORD MORPH from Sept 19: STAR - SCAR - SCAB - SLAB - FLAB - FLUB - CLUB - CLUE

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Just between you and me, I think "everything" bagels are making a lot of promises they can't keep.



WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble to spell out three Mackenzie landmarks or locations.

our dog snored R _____ G _____

cuts here err T _____

elk in clam maze M _____