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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 Kylo.

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



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October 16, 2024

1. Outsiders 12
2. Blazin' Darts 11
- 3.. Dart Vaders 11
4. Cereal Killers 10
5. Double Vision 10
6. Sharp Shooters 10
7. We Can Fix That 9
8. Re-Capps 7
9. Darts of Hazard 6
- 10.. Shazaam 4

High Scores:

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;

Jarrod 100, 115,
100; Chantel 103;
Maggie 102; Rick
100

Low Scores:

Jarrod, Nick, Kelly
x2, Chad, Dave,
Cindy, Shauna,
Eliane, Debra,
Barry, Anita, Jason
x2, Nicole, Nate

The Macktown Buzzette

Oct 17 - 30,
2024

Bats good not just for Halloween

International Bat Week is from
October 24 - 31st, and it's a
great time to bust some bat
myths, says the B.C. Commu-
nity 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 indus-
tries. 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 con-
structed 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.
- Garf'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.

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

Frank Oberle Sr. 1932 - 2024

The family of former MP
Frank Oberle sent out com-
munications last month that
Frank passed away Septem-

ber 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 rep-
resented 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 dis-
missed 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 perfor-
mance 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 Olym-
pics this past June. The
event was a success thanks
to all the athletes and vol-
unteers.

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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Environmental
Assessment Office

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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COMMUNITY NOTES

MACKENZIE AUTUMN LODGE SOCIETY has a temporary office in the CNC building, across from the Ministry of Children. They can also be reached at 778-582-0571 or email: mackenzieautumnlodgesociety@gmail.com

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 - 11:30am 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.

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 WALK IN 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.

**YOUR NEWS**

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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

Fun Facts: The U.S government earlier this year auctioned 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 Billey


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)

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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 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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PLAY FOUR

Across

- Fluid as a small spherical unit
- Old Norse divination
- A thought, an inspiration
- Annoyance


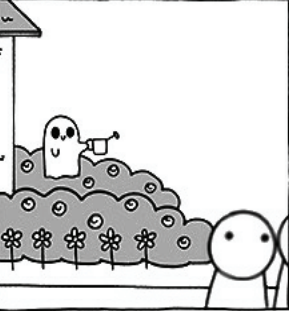

Down

- A size of coffee grind
- Gruff, abrupt, offensive
- The chosen _____
- 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.

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble to spell out three Mackenzie landmarks or locations.

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cuts here err T _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

elk in clam maze M _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ M _ _ _ _ _