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Mon Dec 23 9:30 - 6	Sat Dec 28 9:30 - 6
Tues Dec 24 9:30 - 5	Tues Dec 31 9:30 - 5
Dec 25 & 26 Closed	Wed Jan 1 Closed
Fri Dec 27 9:30 - 7	Thurs Jan 2 9:30 - 6

## Did you know?

**3D printed neighbourhood**  
Wolf Ranch, a community in Georgetown, Texas, is the world's largest 3D printed neighbourhood, consisting of 100 homes "printed" by the 45-foot wide, 4.75-ton Vulcan, developed by ICON. The Vulcan uses a mix of concrete powder, water, sand and

additives which gets extruded like toothpaste into rows which form the walls. Builders finish the rest.

Ranging from 1600 to 2100 square feet, Wolf Ranch houses are outfitted with solar panels and smart tech. They sell from US \$450K to \$600K.

## Much snow, big lot at new MCAC digs

A request from the Mackenzie Arts Centre for District snow removal from their parking lot was turned down by Council at Monday's meeting.

A letter to the District from the Arts board stated that, after late November's record dump, the snowfall was "shaping up to be much more than we can realistically handle." The Arts Centre has been moving into its new facility in the former Sikh temple on Laurier Drive and now has a much larger parking lot to maintain.

Council cited a lack of budget at the District to take on snow clearing for non-profit groups.

## News of the Odd:

In 2016, an Abbotsford woman was found liable for defaming

her neighbour in a Facebook post. The two had had months of rancor which came to a head when the woman posted accusations about the man, which affected his reputation as a teacher at an Abbotsford school.

The plaintiff was not able to prove malice, but the woman, who claimed to her followers to be merely "venting", was ordered to pay damages of \$65,000.

## Thrift Store year in review

This year has been challenging for the Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Store, yet our dedicated team of volunteers were able to make a \$45,000 donation to our local hospital.

This donation will help pay for the "window coverings" in their newly renovated space; some money will also go towards the purchase of needed medical equipment.

A very special thank-you to everyone who supported us through the renovation and relocation to our new space, and for the ongoing support of our valued customers. Looking forward to another successful year at the Thrift.

## Quotes:

"Prosperity is not without many fears and distastes; adversity not without many comforts and hopes."  
-- Francis Bacon



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# The Macktown Buzzette

Dec 12 - 31, 2024

## Wind projects get yes from Hydro

BC Hydro says it received a strong response to its call for new renewable power-generation last spring. It has announced awards for 30-year electricity purchase

agreements to nine wind projects, providing nearly 5,000 gigawatt hours per year of electricity. Eight of the nine successful energy projects will have 51% equity ownership held by First Nations.

## Snow pack stats

North Central BC/ Upper Fraser West was at 114% of its normal snowpack on December 1, according to the province's Snow Conditions and Water Supply Bulletin. This date does not factor in the melt from warm conditions in early December.

The province says it will exempt the projects and all future B.C. wind projects from environmental assessment, "while ensuring First Nations interests and environmental mitigations are protected and maintained."

## Charges for Mt. Polley mine

Ten years after a tailings pond failure dumped mine waste into Quesnel Lake from Mount Polley gold and copper mine, the BC Conservation Service has announced findings with Environment Canada that the breach may have resulted in contraventions

of the federal Fisheries Act. It says 15 charges have been approved to proceed against Imperial Metals, Mount Polley Mining Corp. and Wood Canada Ltd. A first hearing is scheduled for December 18 at B.C. Supreme Court.

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## Trivia:

Who said "Eureka!" and why?  
(Answer over →)



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**Mackenzie Mixed Dart League Standings**

1. Dart Vaders 45	December 11, 2024	Nicole 133
2. Cereal Killers 43	<u>High Scores:</u>	<u>Low Scores:</u>
3. Outsiders 43	Nathen 100x2,	Jim, Brenda,
4. Sharp Shooters 41	140; Todd 127;	Shawna x2, Todd,
5. Blazing Darts 41	Jason 100; Jarrod	Danny x2, Kristina,
6. Double Vision 33	121; 100 x2; Steve	James, Mike, Kerri,
7. We Can Fix That 26	100; Dylan 100;	Kim, Terrance, Lor-
8. Re-Capps 23	Joe 125; James	raine, Terry, Kelly,
9. Shazaam 21	100; Anita 127;	Dylan, Nate
10. Darts Of Hazard 16	Ashley 115;	

	<b>Conifex Mackenzie Forest Products Ltd. Forest Operation Map (FOM) Notice</b> Mackenzie Natural Resource District
Forest Licence:	A15385
FSP ID:	488
Map Number:	CFX-2024-08
Public Review Start Date:	10-Dec-24
Public Review End Date:	9-Jan-24
<p>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.</p> <p>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 (<a href="https://fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects">https://fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects</a>). To schedule an in person appointment, contact the forestry department by email or phone with the contact information.</p>	
<p>Business Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8-4:30</p> <p>Conifex Administration Office 1 FFI Road, Mackenzie BC, V0J 2C0 (250) 997-3201 <a href="mailto:planning@conifex.com">planning@conifex.com</a></p>	

**COMMUNITY  
NOTES**

**CHRISTMAS BINGO**  
Dec 19<sup>th</sup> @ the Legion. Doors 5:30 pm, first 45 numbers are called at 6:45. Bingo starts at 7:15 pm. 19+ only. Door prizes, concession w/ hot dogs.

**ORNAMENT MAKING @**  
the Library Dec 20, 1 pm. Adults. Free drop-in.

**MORFEE ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY SHOWCASE**  
Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm @ the Rec Centre. Performances by school choirs, dance and drama clubs.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**  
competition. See Rec Centre for details.

**HOLI-BREAK @** the Library Dec 23 - Jan 3. Snow globe making, games, D&D, scavenger hunt. Contact the Library for ages and times.

**HOLIDAY MOVIES** at the Rec Centre Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Plus Public Skate 8 pm.

**ZEN IN MOTION**  
Monday mornings at the Legion. Exercise your body and mind. Register at (250) 997-3722.

**WORD MORPH**

Changing one letter at a time, turn the first word into the last word in 6 steps or fewer. Real words only.

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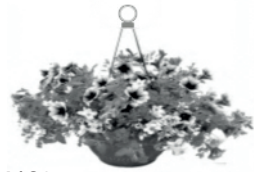
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**See you in the new year!**

Due to how the holidays fall this year, there will be no late December issue of the Buzzette. Send in your news for January 9!

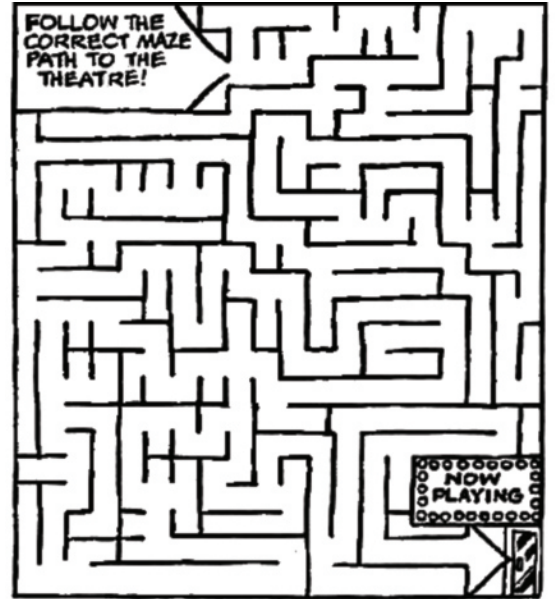
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**A-MAZE** The original version of this maze appeared in a January 1994 issue of The Mackenzie Times!



Nov 28<sup>th</sup> MINI CROSS select answers: Across: 1. Clue 13. Abase  
Down: 4. Beliefs 7. Alkali 10. Wasp. MATH FUN: The ball costs 5 cents.  
his body could be a measure of the volume of his body.  
TRIVIA ANSWER: Archimedes is said to have used the expression  
When, in the bath, he deduced that the volume of water displaced by

Patient: "How much to have a tooth pulled?"  
Dentist: "\$100." Patient: "That much for a few minutes of work? That's expensive."  
Dentist: "I can pull it out slower if you like." 

**Thought of the Day...**

In Einstein's equation, time is a river. It speeds up, meanders, and slows down. The new wrinkle is that it can have whirlpools and fork into two rivers. So, if the river of time can be bent into a pretzel, create whirlpools and fork into two rivers, then time travel cannot be ruled out.  
- Michio Kaku

**SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE MACKTOWN BUZZETTE!**



At Christmas, play and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year.  
- Thomas Tusser

Do you have some thoughts or ideas for the Buzzette? Come over for a coffee and confab! Call (250) 997-5038. Or e-mail: [TheBuzzette@gmail.com](mailto:TheBuzzette@gmail.com)