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New doctors for Mack hospital

Mackenzie will welcome two new physicians and one Family Practice Resident this year. The two new doctors have practised in Mackenzie as resident practitioners.

At the suggestion of Northern Health, Council discussed a welcome package including six-month rec passes. Some discussion followed as Council has denied complimentary rec passes for other classes of workers in the community.

Councillors Brumovsky and Wright spoke in favour of, with Wright reiterating an earlier position that rec centre passes are a "small thing" the community can do to attract and show appreciation for professionals and other front line workers choosing this community.

News of the Odd:

In 1951, a 66-year-old Swedish man participated in a 1,764-kilometre bike race, the *Sverigeloppet*, up the coast of Sweden.

At the time, he wasn't officially a contestant, being too old for the cutoff age of 40. But determined to take part, he started one minute behind the others, wearing the race number 'Zero' in bright red which his wife had sewn for him.

The six-day race was run in stages, allowing contestants to rest and sleep at intervals. But "Steel Grandpa" as he was later named, did it in two stages pedaling without sleep for three days at a time, his long white beard flowing.

After 6 days, 14 hours and 20 minutes, he finished the race, 24 hours before the other contestants.

Trivia: How long does it take the sun's light to reach the earth?
(Answer back page) →



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Less council travel "wrong direction"?

The District's Finance department provided its annual report on Council remuneration and expenses for 2024, available in the Council Agenda for May 26.

At Monday's meeting, Councillor Wright raised a concern that Mackenzie is "moving in the wrong direction" as one of the few municipalities, he says, that is reducing its council travel budget, while

See 'Council travel' →

District lauded for energy upgrades

The new Rec Centre solar and heat pump system is operational as of this spring, says Rec Director Terry Gilmer, responding to a query from *The Buzzette*.

A 129-kilowatt solar panel system was installed on the building roof last fall and will work in tandem with a new heat pump, which recovers heat normally lost in daily operations and redistributes it to the pool and rest of the building, according to District documentation.

See 'Energy upgrades' →

Letters

Solution needed for Mack Landing road

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to 4D Warner for grading the road to the BC Hydro campground and boat launch. His initiative and community mindedness are greatly appreciated.

Over the past five years, I have raised concerns with elected representatives and town officials regarding the deteriorating state of this road.

I have been told that it's not the District's responsibility

See 'Mack Landing' over →

Quotes:

"I only began to sing because I couldn't get a job as an actress."
— Barbra Streisand

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Small plane crash near Tumbler

Mackenzie RCMP reported a downed single-engine plane last week. They had been alerted by an SOS signal transmitted over the SPOT satellite system.

The plane had been flying from Williams Lake to Fort St. John on May 21 and went down "in a remote area" between McLeod Lake and Tumbler Ridge.

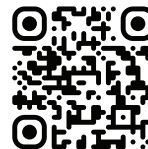
RCMP Air-3 located the crash site, and the pilot – the lone occupant of the plane – was extracted by a Police Service dog.

Mackenzie Search and Rescue was among the response team, including Joint Rescue Coordination Centre. The pilot was transported to hospital.

Sergeant Chriz Bezaire told Council this week that the pilot suffered only a broken wrist. The \$400,000 plane was totalled.



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'Mack Landing road'...

and that the road is "user maintained".

As warden of the BC Hydro site, I have witnessed numerous taxpayers navigating this road while hauling RVs and boats. It is unreasonable to expect the public to maintain a road that serves a widely used public area.

The District should reassess this policy and take steps to properly maintain the road.

Rick Johnstone

'Energy upgrades'...

Efficiencies built into the new arena slab also will reduce energy losses.

The District was recognized at the North Central Local Government Association meeting this month for Community Leadership and Environmental Stewardship for the Rec Centre energy upgrades which are expected to reduce Rec Services energy costs by 27%.

A description and video of the system are posted on the District website.

'Council travel'...

others are increasing theirs, despite province-wide impacts from the forestry downturn.

Mayor Atkinson commented that the decision to reduce travel expenses was made by Council for the 2025 budget year in response to the need to cut departmental expenses.

Councillor Wright, having attended nine conferences in 2024, tops the council list for that year's travel

expenses at \$12,397. Mayor Atkinson reported \$7,491. Councillors McMeeken and Tapper recorded the least expenses, with Tapper reporting zero expenditure on travel last year.

Councillor Wright, who serves as a director for the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) reportedly paid for his own registration and travel to this year's conference.

COMMUNITY NOTES

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS

at the Visitor Centre Sat's 1 - 3 pm. #11 - 600 Mackenzie Blvd. May 31: Jellyfish; June 7: Bird feeder.

ELKS GARAGE SALE &

BBQ June 7th 10 am - 4 pm. See ad this page.

CURL MACKENZIE Annual

General Meeting with the election of three directors Sunday, June 8th, 7 pm at CHMM. 403 Mackenzie Blvd. All welcome!

WELCOME TO KINDER-

GARTEN An interactive event for parent and child. Monday June 9, 12:45 - 2:00 pm at Morfee Elementary gym.



Got news?
thebuzzette@gmail.com

Sudoku

3			
			4
		1	
			2

Each row, column and quadrant must contain numbers 1 - 4!

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is having a

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ACROSS

- Woken up, incited to action
- To write using a keyboard
- Tool for autumn yard work
- Acronym for luxury sedan
- Small New England state
- Teaching Assistant (acr)
- Correspondence, often sent over distances
- Slang for someone new to an activity or group
- Actual, not fake
- Chemical notation for chlorine
- Creative works, field
- Bacteria that can cause peptic ulcers, H. _____
- Devices for capturing images
- Edible seeds inside the husk of a nut or fruit stone
- Acronym for bathroom
- To resupply with munitions
- Southeast (acr)
- Official rule, law, regulation

DOWN

- Oval course for running or driving competitions
- Vessel for ashes
- Summer footwear
- To achieve meagre results with great difficulty
- A label which can be transferred onto another object
- A polygon with three sides
- Persons whose power derives from their wealth
- Around for a long time
- Having grown up, achieved emotional stability
- Emergency room (acr)
- City in Majorca, Spain
- Ivy League medical school (acr)
- Spherical floating light
- Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire (acr)
- Make a mistake
- Chemical notation for sodium iodide
- Liquid measurement (acr)

WORD JUMBLE from last issue: Nine-letter word: Umbrellas.
Other words: Marbles, Rubles, Labels, Melba, Laser, Realm...

Trivia answer: Eight minutes.



- Physiotherapy
- Nutrition
- Acupuncture
- Osteoarthritis management



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If I had Instagram it would just be pictures
of my son. Who is a cat.
— Kate McKinnon



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