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Go jump in the lake!

Eleven cold water enthusiasts convened last Saturday at First Beach on Morfee Lake to take a five-minute dip in the lake, now starting to cool off with the colder nights in September.

The group, now calling itself the Cold Crew, plans to make it a Saturday morning event through the fall and invites anyone interested to join in.

Teacher and council member Kyle Tapper

started the tradition informally a year or two ago* [**Correction: Kyle says it was Chris Nofall.*]

This year, another council member, Jesse Wright, has joined in and the two are inviting the community to partake in this chilly but healthful practice.

Show up at First Beach at 8:30 Saturday mornings in your swim suit and take the plunge!

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Forests Canada reaches 50 million tree milestone

A record-breaking planting season of 4 million trees has helped Forests Canada reach its 50-million tree milestone across Canada this year. The national charity began its planting project in 2004.

"Fifty million trees on over 10,400 project sites in collaboration with thousands of property owners and managers is an important part of our history but our work is not done," said CEO Jesse Kaknevicus.

In B.C., the organization partnered with Cariboo Carbon Solutions to reforest on private lands and and First Nations around North Shuswap and Criss Creek in the spring and will also help restore forests around 100 Mile House, Kamloops, West Kelowna, and Princeton.

The Government of Canada's Two Billion Trees program is another public campaign to reforest lands burnt by wildfire. Launched in 2021, it is at 228 million trees planted so far.



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PRGT reroute will go south of town

A decision last month from the provincial Environmental Assessment Office will see the long-proposed Prince Rupert Gas Transmission line routed 55 kms south of town.

The first route, 800 kms long and originating near Hudson's Hope, had been planned to run through Gantahaz subdivision. The new route, which will be 51 kms shorter, will begin just west of Chetwynd and run just below the southern tip of Williston Lake and north of Tudyah Lake, crossing the Parsnip and Pack rivers.

Mayor Atkinson, at the last council meeting, noted that this change should offer some relief to Gantahaz residents who were concerned about the original route.

The new terminus for the line is planned for Pearse Island at the proposed new Ksi Lisims LNG facility after the Pacific North-West LNG facility project on Lelu Island was cancelled.

See 'PRGT' over →

Quotes:

“Show me your hands.
Do they have scars
from giving? Show me your
feet. Are they wounded in
service? Show me your heart.
Have you left a place for
divine love?
— Fulton J. Sheen

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Fun Facts:

In 1994, just before the 'Friends' TV sitcom made its debut, the six actors who would soon become household names were still complete unknowns.

To mark the moment, producer James Burrows took the cast on a trip to Las Vegas. Burrows told them to enjoy it while they can, because it would be the last time they could travel together anonymously.

At the time, none of the cast foresaw the phenomenon awaiting them. Friends would go on to run for 10 seasons. By the final season, the actors were each earning \$1 million per episode, making them the highest-paid sitcom stars in history.

Another fun fact: The original title of the show was 'Insomnia Café'.

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Weight room to honour gold medal locals

The weight room at Mackenzie Rec Centre will be named after local weight-lifter Pierce Northcott who set a world deadlift record for his age class this summer at the BC Special Olympic Games.

Council approved a motion by councillors Barnes and Wright to honor Northcott's achievement. The renaming will also recognize Northcott's trainer, Bryce Surgenor.

A plaque will be made and an event to unveil the renaming will be announced at a future date. In a letter to Council, the Northcotts expressed thanks and described Pierce's rigorous training and diet regime over the last two years.

Pierce has been involved with Special Olympics for many years, first starting out in bowling, swimming and floor hockey.

September heat records broken

Daily heat records have again been broken in several communities in the recent heat spell throughout B.C.

Environment Canada has said 10 communities broke temperature records for this time of year on Wednesday. Kamloops hit just over 34 C, shattering the 1937 record for September 17.

Records were also broken in Kelowna, Penticton, Vernon, Salmon Arm and Cache Creek, among other communities.

Source: Canadian Press via Energeticcity.com

TRD film & dinner night

September 30 is Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada and an event will be held in Mackenzie.

DENE YI'INJETL: The Scattering of Man – about the impact on the Tsay Keh Dene of the construction of the W.A.C. Bennett Dam in the 1960s – will be screened at a dinner event at Purple Bicycle.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite but note that seating is limited.



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Trivia:

What English word keeps its pronunciation even after you take away four of its five letters? (Answer back page) →



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Correction Corner:

The first print copies of the Sept 4 issue of The Buzzette had an incorrect spelling for Saulteau First Nation.

Tsay Keh Dene Timber LP
FOREST OPERATIONS MAP

Tsay Keh Dene Timber FLA99439 2025-4

Tsay Keh Dene Timber's Operations Map # Tsay Keh Dene Timber FLA99439 2025-4, public review and comment from September 18 - October 18, 2025, at link below, or in person by appointment Mon-Fri 8am-4pm. Contact the forestry department at the email or phone number below in order to schedule an appointment. 1200 Mill Road, Mackenzie, BC, V0J 2C0. This FOM is applicable for 3 years and may be relied upon to apply for a cutting or road permit to harvest a cut-block or construct a road displayed on the FOM.

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COMMUNITY
NOTES

MURDER AT THE THEATRE Sept 19th 4:30 pm @ the Mackenzie Library. Be a sleuth in a murder mystery. 18+. Sign up: (250) 997-6343

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Fundraiser for Mackenzie Arts Centre. Sept 21, 8 - 11 am @ The Legion.

FOREST WALK & TEA Sept 21, 2 - 4 pm. Meet at Morfee Campground. Free for National Forestry Week.

ASHLEY GHOSTKEEPER Country-roots house concert Sept 24th, 7 pm (doors 6:30) @ the Arts Centre, 9 Laurier Drive. Tix: \$30/\$25

NATIONAL FORESTRY WEEK Sept 21 - 27. Get your Forestry Passport @ the Library and Arts Centre. Collect stamps by answering fun forestry questions at participating businesses. Enter for a draw.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE for our beloved mother Norma Oatman (Blake) will be held September 27th @ the Mackenzie Legion, 1 to 3 pm.

COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE for Seniors Week Sunday, Sept 28th 11 am @ the Rec Centre. Followed by BBQ. All welcome.



BOOK CLUB @ the Library. September: Boudicca by P.C. Cast. Discussion Sept 29th, 5 pm.

COLD PLUNGERS Join the Mackenzie Cold Crew Saturdays 8:30 am for a 5-minute soak in Morfee Lake @ 1st Beach through October.

SENIORS WEEK Sept 28 - Oct 4 **Oct 1:** Conversation Cafe + Family Feud, 6 pm, Purple Bicycle. **Oct 2:** Connection Fair starts 3:30 pm @ the Rec Centre. **Oct 4:** Harvest Hoedown, 5 pm - 12 am @ the Legion (\$10). Daily: Guided walks.

SENIORS BOARD GAMES SOCIAL Oct 3, 10 am - 12 pm @ the Library. Tea & treats. Age 55+

GAME CHANGERS CLUB Board games @ the Library Fridays 3:30 pm. Ages: 9+

PLAY FOUR

- ACROSS
- Care with words or gestures
 - Sound reverberation
 - Light social talk
 - The place you are

- DOWN
- Advanced tools, machines, software (abbrev)
 - Non-specific pain
 - To scorch, blacken
 - A light carry bag

MAGIC SQUARE from last issue: Top row: 7, 9. Second row: 8, 1. Third row: 11, 16. Bottom row: 15, 6, 3.

Trivia answer: Queue. Remove the 'ue'.

The Powerball Jackpot tonight is 1 tank of gas, 6 rolls of toilet paper and a sheet of 1/2" plywood.



Thought of the Day

Laundry day

I needed to do the laundry, but then realized I was out of detergent, so I went to write a shopping list. Looking for a pen, I realized how unorganized the junk drawer was, and started checking pens for ink. When I went to toss the junk from the junk drawer out, I saw that the trash was full. But before taking out the trash I wanted to get rid of the old food in the fridge. In the fridge I saw a juice jug had leaked but when I went to grab a rag, I saw that the pantry closet was a mess so I started organizing it. And that's how I ended up on the floor looking at my old photo albums from the 1990s.

Laundry? Oh yes, I better go find the detergent.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble to spell out three more Mackenzie street names (with abbreviated street type).

no narc eggs _ _ _ _ _
my old rear _ _ _ _ _
mr nerdy tic _ _ _ _ _

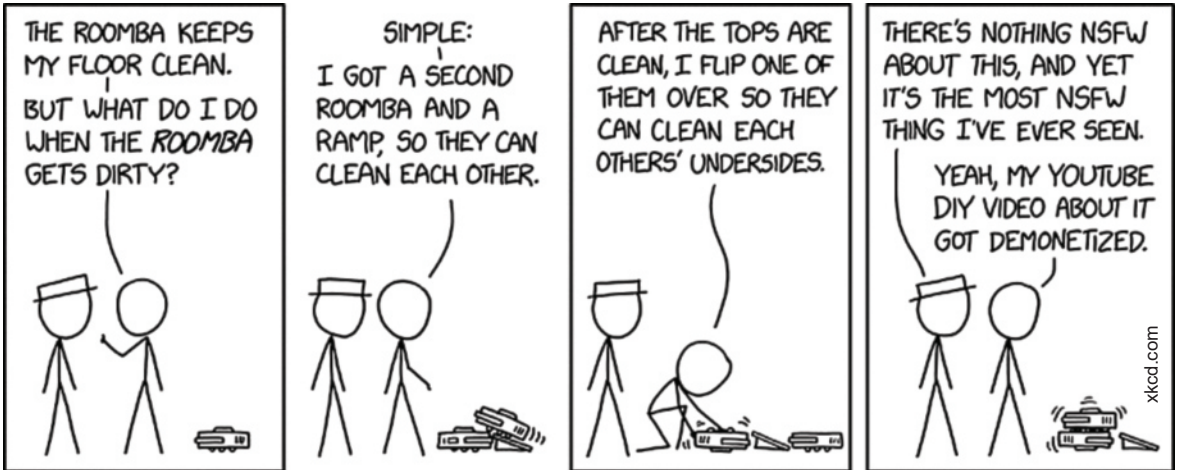


'PRGT'...

The EAO report noted that approval is granted despite consensus not having been reached among all First Nations consulted. The report said the Ministry of Land and Water Resources raised the question of impacts of a second pipeline through the Parsnip River on aquatic life and caribou.

The McLeod Lake Indian Band stated no major concerns except for stream crossings. The route change was preferred by the Saulteau and Blueberry River First Nations.

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