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## Mackenzie's Future!

Join us at our Open House to share your ideas and help shape the future of our community.

We're developing an Economic Development Marketing Plan, and your input is essential. Everyone is welcome!

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Tuesday,  
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## Falling tree incidents point to heat & drought stress: biologists

Two deaths this summer from falling trees highlight unexpected effects of drought and climate change, according to a Canadian Press report.

A tree at Cumberland Lake Park campground fell on a mother and her five-month-old son on July 31, killing them both. On August 10, a large

section of a maple tree fell on a woman in Nanaimo, sending her to hospital with serious injuries.

Biologists point to years of cumulative drought in B.C. which can stress trees and result in hidden weakness and rot. Maple trees and western cedar in particular are not very drought-tolerant.

**Trivia:** What five-letter word typed in all capital letters can be read the same upside down?  
(Answer back page) →

## EBCC demolition co. selected

Council last week awarded the demolition contract for Ernie Bodin Centre to Chilliwack firm Clearview Demolition for \$432,597.00 plus GST. The company was one of three bidders.

The price includes demolition of three properties in total, including a commercial airport building and a residential property in town.

Asked why the District was paying for the demolition of a residential property, Mayor

See 'EBCC demo' over →

## Haul truck raises funds for youth

The bright orange Hope Truck at Quintette mine has hauled over 8,344 loads to date, and raised over \$110,000 so far for youth programs in northeast B.C. communities.

The campaign is a collaboration between West Moberly Industrial Metalwork and Conuma Resources, with every haul contributing to the fundraiser.

The truck will run through September, ending in a celebration September 27 at the Saulteau First Nations Cultural Centre.

## Quotes:

“The gateway to China will be from the northwest. My plans were correct. Time will vindicate my reasoning.”  
-- John Jacob Astor

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# The Macktown Buzzette

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## Copper thieves apprehended

Break-ins and thefts in the industrial area, particularly of copper, were notable in August, Mackenzie RCMP detachment commander Chris Bezaire told Council at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting.

RCMP were able to take two individuals into custody while they remained while they awaited bail hearings.

Sergeant Bezaire said the successful apprehension was due to people calling in the thefts as they were happening. Bezaire said he would like the community to know that “We need people calling when things are happening. Not two days or two weeks later... [W]e need that reporting piece.”

Bezaire said that calling 9-1-1 is still the most direct way to report crimes in progress or suspicious activities.

## News of the Odd:

In the 1980s, American Air-

lines, seeking a quick infusion of cash, launched a frequent flyer Airpass allowing unlimited and lifetime first-class air travel for US \$250,000.

Steve Rothstein, a financier, purchased one and, over the next two decades, flew more than 10,000 times, racking up an estimated US \$21 million in costs for the airline.

The airline revoked his pass in 2008, accusing him of fraudulent activity. The company filed for bankruptcy protection in 2011.

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

### DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 7 p.m.  
Mackenzie Recreation Centre.  
Gathering input on a marketing plan for Mackenzie. (More info front page).

### NORTHERN ROOTS

**SYMPOSIUM** Sept 13<sup>th</sup> @ the Rec Centre. Agricultural event w/ harvest contest. info@districtofmackenzie.ca

### TERRY FOX RUN

Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration at Noon. Walk/run/ride. Dogs welcome on leash. Meet outside at the front of Mackenzie Mall.

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

**HOUSE CONCERT** Country-roots artist Ashley Ghostkeeper Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm (doors 6:30). Note new venue: Arts Centre, 9 Laurier Drive. Tix: \$30/\$25.

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE** for our mom Norma Oatman (Blake) will be held September 27<sup>th</sup> @ the Mackenzie Legion, 1 to 3 pm. Forever missed.

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

## OUT OF TOWN

**FILM SCREENING: TROUBLE IN THE HEADWATERS** September 13.

Doors @ 6:00 pm, followed by film and a panel discussion on forest hydrology. Canfor Theatre, UNBC, Prince George



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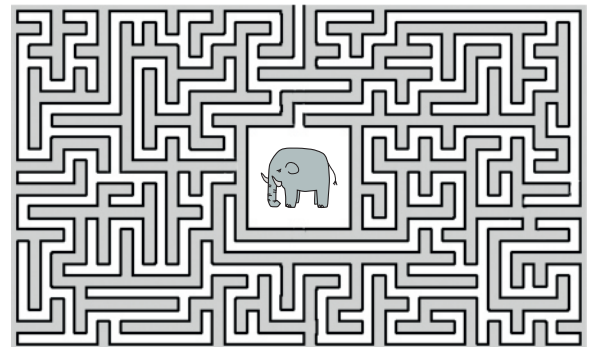
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## Fun Facts:

- Brown recluse spiders, along with Black Widows, are two North American spider species with the most dangerous venom
- One family in Kansas had over 2,000 Brown Recluse spiders in their home for more than five years but never suffered a single bite!

## A-MAZE

Find the animal hiding in the hedge.



If I got 50 cents for every math exam I've failed, I'd have \$6.30 now.



**BUZZETTE CROSSWORD** Select answers from last issue: Across: 1. Smile, 2. Proud, 9. Removal, 13. Malibu, 18. Scary, 24. OOCIC, 29. Orchestras, 35. Anecdote, 37. Signal. Down: 1. Sra, 2. Mexico, 3. Imitators, 6. Playa, 14. Unabashed, 22. Diesel.

Trivia answer: SWIMS.

## 'EBCC demo'...

Atkinson replied only that the decision was made in a closed Council meeting and that the District had been advised by its legal counsel.

Council voted in 2022 to demolish Ernie Bodin Community Centre (EBCC) which had served originally as Mackenzie's first hospital but was considered long overdue for decommissioning and

deemed too expensive for a retrofit.

A short-term option at the time was to extend the building's life by five years by upgrading some fire and "life safety" features at a cost of \$98,000.

Despite other upgrades to the building and grounds in recent years, this option was voted down 4 -2 in favour of demolition.

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## Province receives first tobacco litigation payment

British Columbia received its first payment last week as part of an historic litigation against tobacco companies started in 1998.

After a settlement agreement last year, B.C. will receive approximately \$3.7 billion over 18 years to invest in cancer treatment and primary care, and to expand research into treatments and to promote smoking cessation.

Attorney General Niki Sharma stated: "Today

marks an important milestone for British Columbians, as the Province begins to receive the \$936-million initial payment from the historic \$32.5-billion settlement in the lawsuit against tobacco companies."

In 1998, B.C. initiated legal action against three principal Canadian tobacco manufacturers and their foreign parent corporations to recover the cost of treating tobacco-related diseases.

## How to Walk a Human: a Dog's Guide

1. Allow your human to tether themselves to you. This keeps them from wandering off or running away.
2. Your human will probably need breaks. Be considerate and stop and sniff often.
3. Bark frequently. Humans have short attention spans.
4. After you do your business, walk away. If your human is properly trained, they will pick it up.
5. Periodically drag your human as fast as you can. This is called interval training.
6. Do not allow your human to shorten their walk. Sit in protest if you must.
7. Once home, allow your human to remove their tether. Lick their face repeatedly for positive reinforcement.