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Police training at EBCC

The empty Ernie Bodin Centre will be the scene of some RCMP training this Friday, according to a notice by the District.

It is a scheduled training exercise lasting from 8 am through the day and

notices will be posted. The District says there is no risk to the public.

The Ernie Bodin Community Centre has been sitting vacant since August 2024 and is awaiting demolition this fall.



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October is small business month

October is Small Business Month and Community Futures has a number of workshops and webinars to help small businesses and entrepreneurs. Check out their offerings at their website.

Speaking of small businesses, yours truly, *The Macktown Buzzette*, is celebrating *nine* years this month! That's right. The Buzzette has been in print since October 2016!

Seniors long term care beds in crisis: OSA

BC Seniors Advocate Dan Levitt says the provincial government is failing in its goals to address the long-term care crisis.

In an Oct. 1 news release, Levitt writes: "We found the long-term care system has gone from 77 beds per 1,000 people a decade ago, to 58 beds today; this will drop to 41 beds by 2035/36 if beds are built and replaced at the current rate."

As the post-WWII "baby boomer" generation ages, health and long-term care facilities are being stretched.

See 'Seniors care beds' →

Mack council attend Victoria convention

Hundreds of delegates from local governments across B.C. met in Victoria last week for the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) conference. Five members of Mackenzie's town council participated.

The annual meeting brings together elected representatives and local government officials to discuss issues of common concern, and allows delegates to have meetings with provincial ministers.

Four of 270 total resolutions submitted were sponsored by Mackenzie with two being

See 'UBCM' over →

News of the Odd:

In 1939, Joe Arridy, a 23-year-old with an intellectual disability,

was known as "the happiest prisoner on death row."

Arridy, who had a reported IQ of 46, was convicted of assault and murder of a 15-year-old girl, a crime he was later widely believed to not have committed.

In prison, Arridy played daily with a toy train set, one of his favourite possessions. He was known to be cheerful and child-like with no understanding of the sentence he was given.

On the day of his execution, he made a point of giving his train set to a fellow prisoner. He was posthumously pardoned in 2011.



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District to take over tenure for Morfee Mountain Road

The District of Mackenzie will seek a License of Occupation from the Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship for the recreational use of Morfee Mountain Road after Council approved the recommendation at their meeting in September.

Mayor Atkinson explained at the meeting that the road tenure is currently held by Telus and that the company was not aware how much the road is being used recreationally. Atkinson said the company was not prepared to allow continued use of the road while they held tenure.

The District was given the option to take ownership

of the road but was guided toward a license of occupation instead.

The District will assume responsibility for road assessments and maintenance. The cost estimate for a 10-year management plan is \$1.68 million. A staff report says this could be funded by a 1.92% local tax increase.

See 'Morfee Mt. Road' →

Quotes:

“ As long as the people don't fear the truth, there is hope. For once they fear it, the one who tells it doesn't stand a chance.
-- Alice Walker

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Trivia:

What do the names Henry, George, Charles, Burger have in common?
(Answer back page) →

BC Greens elect Gen Z leader

The B.C. Green Party held its leadership campaign over the summer months with three candidates vying for the top party position to replace Sonia Furstenuau, who stepped down after being defeated in her riding in the 2024 provincial election.

Two of the candidates were in their early 20s. The third, family physician Jonathan Kerr, was the oldest at age 44.

Emily Lowan, a 24-year-old climate activist and newbie to provincial politics, ran an energetic campaign and surprised seasoned Greens in the late

September election, winning 60% of the vote.

The BC Greens currently hold only two seats in the Legislature. Lowan reportedly said she hopes to win a seat for herself without displacing either of the other two Greens.

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'Morfee Mt. Road'...

The report says that provincial regulations require a Caribou Mitigation Plan which could see some changes to motorized uses of the road, in particular access above the top parking area.

A local road user advisory group will be established to monitor road conditions and make recommendations. A 10-year draft financial plan will be brought back to Council for the 2026 fiscal year.

'Seniors care beds'...

The province has started funding community programs to help seniors remain at home longer but for long term care, Levitt says there is right now a 2,000-bed shortfall.

"[T]hat gap will increase significantly to 16,000 beds needed by 2035/36

to meet the demands of a growing population."


He states, "...I have received no confirmation that an action plan is being developed, or if there is even a plan to create a plan. The lack of long-term care in B.C. is a crisis in the making, and government must act now."

'UBCM'...

endorsed at the convention, according to councillors Kylo and Wright: a call for Rural Foundry Centres for youth mental health and for more local decision-making on Forest Service Road closures.


Two others, including a somewhat wildcard resolution calling for nuclear energy to be reconsidered in B.C.'s Clean Energy Act (see Buzzette January 23), reportedly did not make it to a vote.

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Fall Cinquains

Mrs. Veloo's Grade 4 class reflect on Autumn by writing cinquains.

Leaves
Colorful, beautiful
Leaves falling, playing
It is very fun.
Canada

by Kyle Heldsinger

Geese
Catching fish
Migrating, flying south
Beautiful, V-shaped
Honkers

by Nathan Nault

Fall
Sunny, colorful
Bears are hibernating
Jumping in the leaves.
Autumn

by Tiffany Weissenmayer

Sports
Play soccer
Slapshots, goalies kicking
Having lots of fun.
Activities

by Jocy Carruthers

Fall
Cold, colorful
Leaves falling down
Puppies playing in leaves.
Autumn

by James Teer

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

HARVEST HOEDOWN
for Seniors Week Oct 4th, 5 pm - 12 am @ the Legion. Doors 4:30. Entry: \$10. Raffle, prizes, costume competition.

ZOMBIE WALK Join MCAC's parade of ghouls October 11th (note date change), 4 - 5 pm on the Azan Accessibility Trail (behind Cicada ball diamonds). By donation.

WRITING WITH LINDA Saturdays 1 - 3pm October 4th, 11th, 18th, November 1st @ the Arts Centre, 9 Laurier Drive. Cost: \$30 (\$20 for MCAC members)

LAKE PLUNGE Join the Mackenzie Cold Crew Saturdays 9 am (new time) for a 5-minute soak in Morfee Lake @ First Beach until November.

HOUSE CONCERT: IRVIN MILLER Mani-toba country/roots artist plays Oct 23rd, 7 pm @ the Arts Centre, 9 Laurier Dr. Tix \$30 (\$25 for MCAC members). Doors 6:30.

SMALL BUSINESS WEBINARS free through Community Futures BC. **October: Trademarks; CRA for Sole Proprietors; Canva for Social Media; Digital Design & Brand Identity**, more. mycommunityfuturesbc.ca

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

HAUNTED MAZE returns with **The Museum of Oddities** October 24 - 25 @ the Arts Centre, 9 Laurier Drive. 5 - 6 pm (lights on); 7 - 9 pm (lights off.)

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Bette Nesmith Graham, a typist in 1951, grew weary of having to restart typed pages due to a single error. An ad hoc solution, based on white tempura paint, launched a novel invention known as Liquid Paper.
For the next two decades, Graham manufactured the product out of her garage. She sold the business in 1975 for \$47 million.

WORD JUMBLE
What 9-letter word can you make from these letters? How many other words can you find?

T	P	E
U	N	I
Q	M	E

WORD SCRAMBLE from last issue: Gagnon Cres., Lemoray Dr., McIntyre Dr. **PLAY FOUR: DOWN:** Tech, Ache, Char, Tote.
Trivia answer: They're all kings.

I finally brought my girlfriend home for the family to meet. My kids really liked her but my wife seemed mad.



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