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23rd ANNUAL AUCTION

Saturday, November 15th

**Live and Silent Auctions,
Toonie Bags, Heads n' Tails,
Taste of Mackenzie**

Royal Canadian Legion
Doors open 6:00 pm
Entry: \$5. 19+ event.

News of the Odd:

New homegrown research may have debunked the fringe physics theory that the universe and our lives are a computer simulation.

In simple terms, simula-

tions require algorithmic rules. A mathematical proof presented by Dr. Mir Faizal at UBC Okanagan and a team of international physicists argues instead that the deepest properties of reality can only be described in "non-algorithmic" terms that no computer could ever simulate. — Read more at phys.org

Trivia:

How do you spell 'candy' in two letters? (Answer back page) →



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Residential kennel approved

A three-year Temporary Use Permit (TUP) has been approved for a kennel type operation at 25 Gagnon Place.

Owner Christina Amouzou, who runs Kahu pet sitting, will operate a doggy daycare & overnight services at her home.

In a letter to Council, Amouzou emphasized that "This is not kennelling. It is selective guest visits."

Residents were invited to submit letters or speak to Council at this week's meeting. According to District staff, six letters were received, three supporting and three opposing.

Discussion at Council centred on whether there should be

See 'Kennel' over →

First B.C. visit for blues artist

22-year-old singer and guitarist Irvin Miller from the east coast via Manitoba spent his first night ever in B.C. entertaining a small gathering of 30 or so attendees last week at the Mackenzie Arts Centre.

Miller, who was filling a last-minute hole in the Home Routes house concert schedule, played raw blues guitar and sang standards and some originals.

The Arts Centre has taken on the house concerts now after several years of hosting by Linda Jones. Linda is also

See 'House concert' over →

Mackenzie Pulp Mill purchased

The former Mackenzie Pulp Mill site has been purchased by Ontario-based BMI Group, the District announced on social media last week.

There is no announcement yet on what the site will be used for. BMI Group specializes in redevelopment and environmental remediation of decommissioned industrial ("brownfield") sites and has also recently purchased a former paper mill in Espanola, Ontario.

Renaming the Mack Pulp site Willmarck Mackenzie, the com-

See 'BMI Group' over →



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Macktown biz changes

A few changes on the Mackenzie business landscape have occurred over the past few weeks...

To the dismay of many of its local customers, **Scotiabank** announced it will be closing its branch here on June 4. The bank has been sending out letters to customers.

Announced last week, the former **Mackenzie Pulp Mill** site has been purchased. No word yet on what will be built there. (See article this page.)

On the small business front, three new storefronts have popped up along the main drag: **The Rack**, a clothing consignment store; a **tattoo shop** beside that; and, after several years in planning and regulatory hoop-jump-

ing, **Mackchu Brewing**, a craft brewery and eatery next to Kelly's Bakery.

With the new **Seniors Drop-in Centre** also getting closer to completion, Mackenzie Boulevard should be seeing a little more foot traffic and activity.

The former **Fields** store, which closed in July, will

See 'Mack biz' over →

Quotes:

“If you love a flower, don't pick it. If you pick it, it dies and ceases to be what you love. So if you love a flower, let it be. Love is not about possession. Love is about appreciation.”

— Osho



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Inside Mackenzie Recreation Centre at 400 Skeena Drive

'Kennel approved'...

limits to the number of dogs outlined in the TUP. It was noted that any potential problems would fall to Bylaw enforcement.

Council voted to approve the TUP without a stated limit.

'BMI Group'

pany's news release states, "The Mackenzie Mill was an important part of northern B.C.'s economy, and

Willmarck represents an opportunity for renewal shaped by community partnership, the land, and the people who call it home."

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'House concert'...

looking for people who can offer overnight accommodation for the visiting artists.

As all proceeds go to the artist, the Centre makes no money in the deal but MCAC director Michelle

Bobrel says it brings new people into the centre and helps expand its use and purpose.

There is no November house concert this season. The next concert will be in February.

DISTRICT HALLOWEEN FIRE-WORKS Oct 31st, 7 pm.
Rec Centre upper parking lot.

2025 WINTER SKI & GEAR SWAP Saturday, November 8th, 10 am at Purple Bicycle

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'Mack biz'...

be the new location for **Mackenzie Community Services** (formerly Mackenzie Counselling Services) which will enjoy the additional space that provides.

The Buzzette has not heard what will become of the current MCS building. It has housed restaurants in the past such as **Merabello** and the **Turn**, according to local memory.

In the mall, **Northern Trendz** clothing and accessories store has announced it will be closing after 17 years in Mackenzie.

Owner and operator **Rae Surgenor** said there were a few reasons behind the decision, but noted that store traffic over the last year has dropped considerably. She cites the higher cost of living and says that people are simply spending less. Surgenor expects to finalize closure by the new year or shortly after.

Also in the mall, **Terry's Tiny Cafe** is up for sale; it is keeping its regular open hours in the meantime.

COMMUNITY NOTES

REMEMBRANCE DAY AND CEREMONY Tuesday, November 11, 10:40 am at the Legion

SEATED EXERCISE
@ the Legion Mondays 11:15 am - noon. Ten classes for \$50 w/ instructor Fedo de Baat (250) 997-3722

CHAMBER ANNUAL AUCTION @ the Legion November 15th. See details front page.

CRAFT SALE at the Legion on Saturday, November 22nd from 10:00 to 4:00 and Sunday, November 23rd from 10:00 to 3:00.

OPEN STUDIO @ MCAC Tuesdays & Fridays 5 - 7 pm. Free for members, by donation for non-members.

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- ACROSS**
- Fuzzy fruit
 - Not new
 - Major electronics & radio brand (20th cent.)
 - Combatant whereabouts unknown (acr)
 - Hung from a lobe
 - Indicates a choice
 - Either of the bears in astronomy
 - Archaic form of 'lady'
 - Desert, leave behind

- DOWN**
- Ring of light
 - Tree in Xmas song
 - Education (acr)
 - Smaller units of currency
 - Type of beetle
 - Tangled, bogged down
 - Repeated occurrence
 - Destruction, collapse
 - German for 'yes'

WORD SEARCH answers from last issue is posted at themacktownbuzzette.com. Bonus words: Ghouls, Haunted

Trivia answer: 'C' and 'V'

I was going to tell a time-traveling joke.
But you didn't like it.



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

cinema score _ _ _ _ _

crone gangs _ _ _ _ _

a ragtag id _ _ _ _ _

101 uses for ... paper plates!

Protect stored dishes
Protect dishes in storage or moving by inserting a paper plate between each one.

Paint can drip catcher
To prevent drips from falling on the floor, place a paper plate under the paint can.

Frisbee flash cards Write the numbers, letters or

words you are teaching on paper plates and let the kids toss them like Frisbees when they get a right answer.

Seasonal decorations
Paper plates offer perfect pre-cut circles to make paper snowmen or other decorations.