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Feedback is also accepted by post mail: Lawyers-Ranch Project, PO box 9426, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, B.C. V8W 9V1



**EAO**

Environmental  
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## X-country ski day Sunday

Come connect with the Mackenzie Nordiques Ski Club on Sunday, February 1st, from 10 am to 3 pm at our clubhouse next to the golf course. Enjoy a hot chocolate and cookies

(donated by Kelly's Bakery), learn about trail etiquette and pick up your membership card. Non-members can buy day passes and try out our trails.

## Fall symposium to focus on wellness

A two-day community symposium will bring together local agencies and service providers to focus on youth, school-based, and community wellness supports.

Spearheaded by local council member Jesse Wright, the Mackenzie Mental Health Summit is planned in cooperation with School District 57

and the Mackenzie Youth Wellness Society.

Wright says the event will feature speakers and a "mixture of education, networking, and promotion of mental health supports available to the Mackenzie community."

The event will be held November 13 - 14. Jesse is looking for interested people to help with planning and organizing.

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## Letters

### Needs phone booth installed

Mayor and Council  
District of Mackenzie

Dear Sirs/Madame,

It is with great reluctance that I write this letter, however the "individual approach" has proven futile in this case.

Since early February of this year I have been increasingly distressed at the non-availability of my telephone for personal and at times professional use.

I appeal to you and particularly to Alderman McMullen

*Continued over →*

**News of  
the Odd:** Local police in Syracuse, New York, responded to a call about a woman sleeping in the cemetery through the winter.

Rhea Holmes was discovered sleeping on her husband's grave site, which has been her nighttime sleeping spot since last spring.

The 55-year-old lost her husband the day they signed the mortgage for their new home in 2024. After that she fell into depression and lost her job and home.

During the day she volunteered at a food kitchen where she could also eat. At night, she would slip into the cemetery.

An angel in the form of a police officer connected her with a local non-profit that builds tiny homes. Within 20 days she had a new home.

*via goodnewsnetwork.org*

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## Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for September 2026 began this week. Children whose fifth birthday falls on or before December 31, 2026, are eligible to enter Kindergarten this September.

Registration must be completed through School District 57's online forms, available at [sd57.bc.ca](http://sd57.bc.ca).

## Quotes:

**“**Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities.

-- Voltaire

*Certainement qui est en droit de vous rendre absurde, est en droit de vous rendre injuste.*



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## The Macktown Buzzette

Jan 29 -  
Feb 11, 2026

### Demo budget demolished

This fall's demolition of the Ernie Bodin Centre (EBCC) plus two other structures came in at almost double the original cost, according to a staff report received by Council on Monday.

New costs arose from several "known unknowns" in the original budget, including asbestos abatement in the Centennial Drive house and the amount of backfill required at EBCC.

Other costs included the unexpected extent of the concrete foundation under EBCC, requiring extra transport and crushing. The

### Heads outpacing beds: OSA

Data showing the slow pace of building new public long-term care beds and assisted living units in B.C. was released this week by the Office of the Seniors Advocate.

A summary report shows a 5% increase in the number of long-term care beds since 2019/20, compared to a 19% increase in the population of seniors 65+

*See 'OSA' over →*



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## Trivia:

*How long is a year on the planet Mercury?  
(Answer back page) →*



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### Letters cont...

(who might use his personal influence) to have a telephone booth erected at the end of my driveway at [REDACTED] Blackwater Crescent, for the personal use of my wife Marilyn, whose passionate affair with Mr. Bell's invention has grown to alarming proportions.

I would be willing to provide or pay for all necessary installation or maintenance expenses, should such be necessary.

Please inform Mrs. Kent that this letter is written and that the dishes and floors are done and what would she like me to do next.

Yours incomunicado,  
Paul G. Kent, M.D.

Letter printed in The Mackenzie Times May 31, 1978.

**Did you know?** The Buzzette publishes letters too! 200 words or under (or ask). E-mail: TheBuzzette@gmail.com

### McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest Corp.

### FOREST OPERATIONS MAP # MLMCF K2M 2026-1

McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest's Operations Map # MLMCF K2M 2026-1, public review and comment from January 29 - March 1, 2026, 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. 127-403 Mackenzie Blvd, 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 cutblock or construct a road displayed on the FOM.

250-997-8155

generalmanager@mlmcf.ca  
<https://fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects>



### 'OSA'...

cate. "Government's own data shared in our report last July shows 16,000 more long-term care beds will be needed over the next decade and, as of today, the Province has no plan to meet this demand."

Currently there is a

2,000-bed shortfall. B.C.'s senior population is projected to increase 26% in the next 10 years.

The Ministry of Health's current 10-year bed expansion plan aims to increase the number of long-term care beds by 10% (2,935 beds) from 2025 to 2030; no additional beds are planned after 2030.



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### Mackenzie Mixed Darts League Standings... from 1992!

#### HIGH SCORES

Al Kneeland 100, 100; Norm Rogers 133; Doug Wilson 140, 100; Bryan McGunnigle 100; Marg Hannington 103, 114, 120; Steve Neilson 140, 100; Gary Baal 104; Lorne Kozak 140; Davey Lim 100; Jack Hammond 134; Dave Kirby 125, 125, 100; Jim Morris 125, 100, 140; John Hinkelman 131; Robyn Sinclair 117; Ray Rodgers 121; Lionel Hannington 100; Wayne Steinke 100; John Moore 100; Darryl Slagget 100; Iain Stedeford 121; Elaine Proctor 101; Steph Killam

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With apologies to Stephanie Killam... ☺

## COMMUNITY NOTES

### KARAOKE NIGHT

Friday, Jan 30th @ the Legion. Doors 7:30 pm.

### MACKENZIE

NORDIQUES Club House Sunday, Feb 1, 10 am - 3 pm. Kelly's hot chocolate and cookies. Buy a membership, try out the trails!

### BEGINNERS SKI & SNOWBOARD

LESSONS Little Mac Ski Hill. Weds: Feb 11 & 18, 5 - 7 pm. Register at Rec Services. Age 6+.

### EDI TALK with Monique

Brown @ the Library. February 18th, 4:30 pm

### LIFE-SIZED CANDY-

LAND @ the Library February 19th - 20th. Sign up: (250) 997-6343

### MOUNTAIN MAGIC

WINTERQUEST happens February 20 - 22. Find details @ Rec Services.

### BOOK CLUB @ the Library

February: *Pride and Prejudice*. Discussion February 23, 5 pm. Sign up: 997-6343

### HYDROPOONICS TALK

with Clint O'Neil, @ the Library. February 26th, 5 pm.

## OUT OF TOWN

### FROM FAR AND WIDE: THE SOUNDSCAPES

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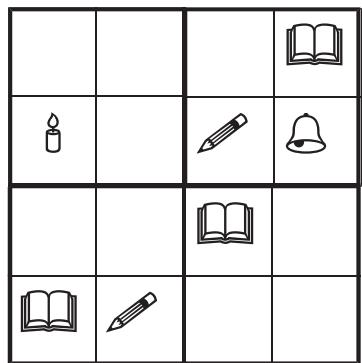
P A R T Y



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## Sudoku



Each row, column and quadrant must contain each of the symbols

CRYPTOQUOTE solution from last issue: Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time. – Thomas Merton. MINI-CROSS select answers: Across: 1. Disobey 9. Canada 13. Tidbits 18. Garages. Down: 2. IOC 3. Slander 4. Boating 6. Years 10. Nob 11. Stag

Trivia answer: 88 days.

## Omineca wind project proposed

Plans for a large-scale wind energy project located approximately 160 kilometres north of Vanderhoof and west of Williston Lake have been shared with the District and Council.

Toronto-based Capstone Infrastructure acquired what it calls the Wolverine Project in early 2025 and will submit its application in response to BC Hydro's 2025 call for power. The company operates 36 other renewable power generation facilities in North America.

The site can accommodate up to 200 megawatts (MW) of installed capacity, translating to approximately 25 to 30 wind turbines, according to the company's synopsis.

If successful, construction could begin in 2030 with operations starting in 2032.

The company says the location was chosen for its available wind resource, BC Hydro grid access, and environmental considerations.

The Manson Plateau is an area of rolling uplands with primarily sub-boreal Spruce forests, Engelmann spruce and sub-alpine forests. Wildlife in the region includes moose, woodland caribou, black and grizzly bear, wolf, and mountain goat.

Capstone says the project area "does not overlap with any provincial parks, ecological reserves, or other protected areas."



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