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Farewell to Drs. Dobson

The community says farewell to Drs. Lindsey and Ian Dobson from the Mackenzie & District Health Clinic who, after 12 years and raising a family here, are moving on to a new chapter this spring. A private farewell party is being held for them by hospital and clinic staff.

[This article has been updated to correct earlier information.]

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News of the Odd:

In 1965 a man went without eating for 392 days.

27-year-old Angus Barbieri made medical history with his year long fast which was sustained by water, vitamins, electrolytes, as well as tea and coffee. Barbieri was morbidly overweight at 456 pounds and had sought medical help.

Under close supervision through a hospital in Dundee, Scotland, he consumed only liquids and vitamins for an entire year and 27 days, relying only on stored body fat for energy. He finished his treatment at 180 pounds and was able to mostly maintain his new weight.

His case set a world record for longest fast. Barbieri died after a short illness in 1990.

Policy needed on water use by data centres: Council

Council approved a motion Monday by Councillor Kylo for District staff to consult with communities in the southern interior to research policy on data and bitcoin mining centres and community water use.

While IREN's 80MW facility in Mackenzie does not use water for cooling, many data centres do and it has created water supply issues in communities around North America.

Quesnel likes its carrot cake!

The world's possibly largest carrot cake is making the news this week after its debut in Quesnel yesterday (March 25). Community members lined up for several blocks outside the Seniors Centre there to partake of the 25-square metre, 2500 kilogram cake.

Architect and baker of the event, Granville's Coffee owner Ted Martindale conceived the plan in celebration of his 80th birthday. For over a month he baked the cake in pieces, storing it in freezers, and a catering company produced the icing, according to CBC News.

The previous world record is believed to be 2200 kilograms.

Quotes:

"You can't be afraid of what people are going to say. You can't be afraid of the judgment of others."

- Michelle Obama

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B.C. new home for 400 U.S.-trained doctors and nurses

More than 400 U.S.-trained health care professionals have signed on to work in B.C. since the province launched its recruitment campaign targeting U.S. health workers last June.

The numbers include 89 doctors, 260 nurses, 42 nurse practitioners and 23 allied health professionals; 31 of them will be working in Northern Health.

The province says it is seeing "strong, continued interest" with more than 1,300 nurses, nurse practi-

tioners and doctors getting registered to practise in B.C.

In April 2025, the BC College of Nurses and Midwives streamlined their credential-recognition process for U.S.-trained nurses.

Mayor Atkinson retiring

Mayor Atkinson has quietly announced her retirement, at least from mayoring, this year. She says she will not run for mayor in the next town election.

Joan has served on Council since 2007 and as Mayor since 2018, the latter role during, Councillor Wright commented Monday, some difficult years for Mackenzie.

[This article has been updated to correct earlier information.]

Fun Facts:

The world's first virtual reality train is open in Australia, offering residents of an aged care facility the option to dine in a locomotive-style dining car, while virtual reality scenery mimicking rail travel of world destinations displays on the "windows", and surround sound mimics local soundscapes.

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Trivia:

When were french fries invented? (Answer back page) →



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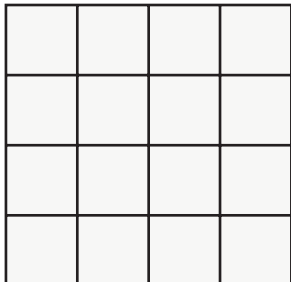
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Across

1. A tender spot
2. To be "____" something (clue trail)
3. Corrosive fluid
4. State of untidiness

Down

1. Type of fertile soil
2. Not twice, not three times
3. Indicating inflammation (suffix)
4. "____ off" (falls asleep)

CRYPTOQUOTE from last issue: *To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing and be nothing.* – Elbert Hubbard. **WORD SCRAMBLE:** Morfee Lake Rd, Nechako Dr., Omineca Cres. **NAME THE SONG:** *Never Gonna Give You Up* by Rick Astley.


TRIVIA ANSWER: Most likely in Belgium in the late 1600s. It was American soldiers in WWI who coined the term as Belgians speak French.

TEACHER: Ricky, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

RICKY: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

TEACHER: No, that's wrong.

RICKY: Maybe it's wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Conifex Mackenzie Forest Products Ltd. Forest Operation Map (FOM) Notice

Mackenzie Natural Resource District

Forest Licence:	A15385
FSP ID:	#488
FOM Name:	CFX-2026-01
Public Review Start Date:	2026-03-26
Public Review End Date:	2026-04-26

The proposed development and road development within this FOM(s) are valid for 3 years and may be relied upon to apply for cutting permits and road permits, to harvest a cutblock or construct a road.

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Here and There

Although Alberta only became a province eighteen years ago, its population has increased fourfold, while the grain yield has increased twentyfold. The total agricultural products of Alberta in 1923 were worth \$223,000,000.

The scheme for the settlement of British emigrants in Canada may assume a new aspect as a result of the presence in London, England, of the Hon. J. A. Robb, Canadian Minister of Immigration. Canada favors the movement of entire families to Canada from Great Britain, rather than that of single men.

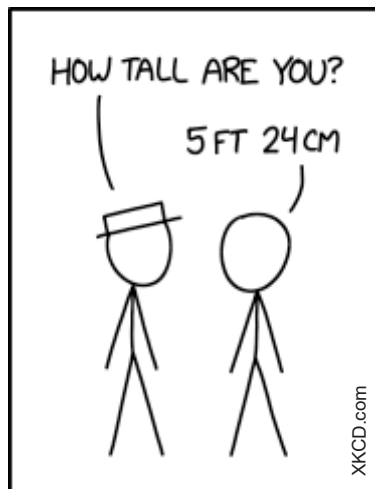
Among the biggest muscalunges caught this year was one landed at the Canadian Pacific Railway's French River (Ont.) Bungalow Camp, by Samuel Franklin, Southern Sales Manager of Claflins, Inc., New York City. Mr. Franklin had a light tackle and had never hooked a lunge before. He had a hard fight to secure the fish, which tipped the scale at 33½ pounds.

A total of 13,743 Canadians, most of them native-born, has been repatriated from the United States during the months of April, May and June, according to figures announced by the Department of Immigration. During these three months 53,425 persons immigrated to Canada, which represented an increase of 12,292 over the same period of last year.

Marquis wheat, originated at the Dominion Experimental Farms and now world famous, has successfully invaded South America, being grown in the Argentine Republic last year with results that, according to authorities there, exceeded the expectations of the most optimistic advocates of the grain. Further shipments of seed are being made to the Argentine by the Canadian Seed Growers' Association.

Column from Interior News, Smithers, September 24, 1924. (Cropped for space)

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COMMUNITY NOTES

NORTHERN EDGE BANKED SLALOM March 28, Downhill Snowboard Race at Powder King. 10 am - 3 pm. Awards 4:30 pm.

NATIONAL FILM DAY 2026 April 15th. Check out local screenings at the Library or Rec Centre.

HOUSE CONCERT April 18th Jordan Coaker and Mallory Johnson 7 pm at the Arts Centre. \$30/\$35.

EARTH DAY EXTRAVAGANZA April 18th Noon - 4 pm @ the Arts Centre. Open Mic & Poetry Slam, Seed Swap, BBQ & more. 9 Laurier Drive. Free.

OUT OF TOWN

28th ANNUAL POPSICLE-STICK BRIDGE COMPETITION Pine Centre Mall April 11th, 11 am - 3 pm. Join BCSEG to learn some basics in structural engineering! Registration required. E-mail: bridgebreakingcib@gmail.com.

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