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## News briefs

Council of Canadians says Canada Post is cancelling door to door delivery to subcontract it to low-pay gig labour, and hand over profitable routes to private couriers including one with friendly ties to the Liberal party.

The New York Times reports that A.I. company Anthropic's "Mythos" A.I. has the ability to find and exploit security weaknesses in banking software worldwide. The company has so far limited release of the A.I., sharing it with only 11 other companies and organizations at this time.

COFI held its annual convention in Vancouver earlier this month with the theme "Forestry is a solution."

## News of the Odd:

Employees at a Lowes in Pennsylvania, using a forklift to bring down a pallet of boxes from a high shelf in the garden department, were surprised to discover a litter (or two) of kittens living on top one of the boxes.

A local shelter was called. The kittens, named Forklift, Herb, Pallet, Planter, Grass, Lowe, and Rose, are now up for adoption.

*via goodnewsnetwork.org*

## Canadians "good", say Canadians

Americans top the list of "Somewhat Bad" in a survey measuring people's perceptions of the ethics and morality of their fellow countrymen.

The survey, conducted in 2025 by Pew Research Center, found that 53% of U.S. citizens regarded their fellow citizens as "Somewhat" or "Very" bad ethically and morally.

Out of 25 countries surveyed, Canada was at the bottom of the list, with 92% of respondents regarding their fellow citizens as "Very" or "Somewhat" good on the same scale.

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## EVENT SCHEDULE

This weekend is so jam-packed with events, we couldn't fit it all here.

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera (just open your camera and point it at the code, then tap the link that pops up) to view the full schedule!

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## Norway tests short range e-hybrid flights

The Norwegian government is experimenting with short, 9-passenger hybrid-electric planes to replace long driving routes with short range flights.

The tests use the U.S.-made Electra aircraft which has an ultra-short configuration and electric vertical takeoff capability, allowing it to take off and land on smaller surfaces, as little as 50 metres.

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## The Macktown Buzzette

April 23 -  
May 6, 2026

## First year funding for Morfee Mtn Road tenure approved

The District will spend \$67,000 from its McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest dividends on road grading and maintenance, safety and traffic signage for Morfee Mountain road this year, after Council approved the funding last week.

Liability for use of the road will now be held by the District.

A 10-year management plan estimated to cost \$1.68 million will be tabled this year, with road inspections and maintenance likely being sourced from

*See 'Morfee Mt Rd.' over →*

## Quotes:

“When an inner situation is not made conscious, it appears outside as fate.”

-- Carl Jung

The District was granted a license of occupation for the road in 2025 to take over responsibility from Telus, following increased recreational traffic from trail development on the mountain (see also Buzzette October 2, 2025).

## Gym users ask for return of hours

A letter and petition presented to Council last week asked Rec Services to consider restoring the Rec Centre gym hours or reduce Rec Centre membership fees.

plan which included seasonal closure of the Rec Centre, including the gym, for half days on Mondays and full days on Sundays from April to October. (See Buzzette March 6, 2025)

The issue of reduced hours at the Rec Centre has been raised with Council at previous meetings as well.

Council discussed the concerns but defended their decision in light of the sharp reduction in industrial tax revenues in recent years.

Last year, Council approved a cost-cutting



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## Trivia:

What is Barbie's little sister's name?  
(Answer this page) →

## Tsay Keh Dene Timber LP FOREST OPERATIONS MAP

# Tsay Keh Dene Timber FLA99439 2026-2

Tsay Keh Dene Timber's Operations Map # Tsay Keh Dene Timber FLA99439 2026-2, public review and comment from April 23 - May 23, 2026, at link below, or in person by appointment Mon-Fri 8 am - 4 pm. Contact the forestry department at the email or phone number below in order to schedule an appointment. 1200 Mill Road, 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.

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## Roses & RAZZBERRIES

To the men's shed for the help they provided after we lost our shingles in the last wind storm. - FD

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## MAGIC SQUARE

Each row, column and centre diagonal must add up to the same sum. No repeating numbers!

3		16	
15	14		
	7		12
			8

## COMMUNITY NOTES

**SPRING EXPO** April 24 - 25  
@ the Rec Centre Arena.  
Contests, swag, dance w/ live band and vintage cars at the Show n' Shine (Sat).

**COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY** May 5. Register your team at the Rec Centre.

**MACKENZIE 60<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION** May 15 - 17. BBQ, Dance, Community Scavenger Hunt and more.  
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## 'Morfee Mountain Road'...

contractors, according to a staff report from last year.

Caribou information signage will also be posted this year and barricades placed at the top parking lot to prevent vehicle and

ATV traffic from entering the Caribou moratorium area, per federal / provincial requirements.

Asked whether the District can manage these obligations with a budget of only \$67,000, Mayor Atkinson said the sum represents the budget cap for this year's requirements and added that some work may be able to be sourced in kind from local companies and volunteers.

The mayor says a local road users group will be set up to share in planning and decision-making.

No discussion was raised by Council prior to their vote.

## WORD JUMBLE

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

E	U	T
L	T	B
A	N	R

MINI-CROSS from last issue - select answers: Across: 1. Organic 7. Force 8. Fail 12. Repairs 16. Dyads. Down: 1. Offered 2. Roamed 3. Gripped 6. Chassis 9. Wired

TRIVIA ANSWER: Skipper

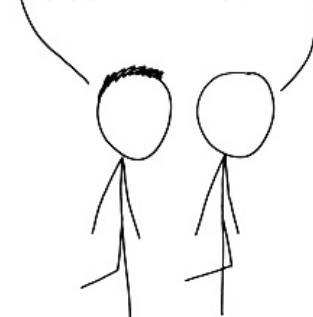
My interviewer asked me to describe myself in one word. I replied "Vague."

He asked, "Can you elaborate?" I said, "Yes."



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XKCD.com