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News of the Odd:

A man from Fayetteville, Georgia, was given his final pay from a disgruntled employer in the form of a pile of U.S. pennies with a nasty note attached.

The delivery of over 90,000 one-cent coins — all soaked in greasy oil and dumped on his driveway — came four months after the man left his job.

The man said the pennies — amounting to \$915.15 — weighed about 504 pounds. He spent evenings in his garage cleaning the coins, adding many more hours to the original hours he was owed for.

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The Macktown Buzzette

Sept 23 -
Oct 7, 2021

News in brief...

Mackenzie school trustee and vice-chair Shuirose Valimohamed resigned from the board of **School District 57** last week, along with board chair Trent Derick.

This followed a special advisors report that pointed to systemic racism and lowered engagement by indigenous students in SD57 schools, as well as hierarchical decision-making and a "culture of fear" on the board.

The report notes that School District 57 has gone through five superintendents since 2015.

Staffing changes at BC Emergency Health Services will result in some improvements for **Mackenzie Ambulance Station**.

A "scheduled on-call" system will see four permanent, scheduled paramedic positions at the station, covering day shifts 7 days of the week. Previously, staff were exclusively on-call 24 hours a day, carrying a pager.

Mackenzie Ambulance station has two ambulances.

Nursing shortages have created staffing crises in hospitals throughout **North-ern Health**. Some COVID-19 patients have had to be flown to hospitals in Vancouver and Victoria.

Health minister Adrian Dix said this week that the pressure on hospitals due to the fourth wave of coronavirus cases has led to 511 post-

ponements of non-urgent but medically necessary surgeries.

Demolition of the former Chamber and Dental buildings on Centennial is scheduled to begin within weeks. **Western Thermal & Demolition** of Prince George has been contracted. The buildings will require asbestos abatement and will be removed down to their foundations.

Rec Services is eyeing a federal grant that could award up to \$2.4 million in funding for **green upgrades to the Rec Centre**, including a solar energy installation for the roof.

The Rec Centre **arena roof** is currently scheduled to be replaced this fall at a cost of \$332,837, with a federal-provincial grant covering two-thirds of the total.

The District continues to decline questions about **drinking water testing**.

The District's annual water quality reports have shown some elevated levels of manganese in the last three years, and elevated lead in one location last year.

WHAT'S ON

MACKENZIE SENIORS WEEK

Sept 24: **Wine & Cheese**
7 - 10 pm CNC Event Space

Sept 25: Golf Course
Driving Range free for everyone. 3 - 4 pm.

Sept 27 - Oct 1: Check in at Rec Centre for events, including **Guided Trail Walks**.

Sept 28: **Conversation Café** Like speed dating but without the date! 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Rec Centre Community Hall

Sept 29: 1 - 3 pm **Music & Games** Seniors Centre

More events back page ->

Quotes:

“ To have faith is to trust yourself to the water. When you swim you don't grab hold of the water, because if you do you will sink and drown. Instead you relax, and float.”
— Alan Watts

Did you know?

Birds have specialized cells in their eyes that allow them to see the earth's magnetic fields. They use this for navigation during migration season.

During WW1, Britain's MI5 used Girl Guides to deliver secret messages. They preferred Girl Guides over Boy Scouts because the girls were more efficient, less boisterous and less prone to talk and reveal important secrets.



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MACKENZIE SENIORS' WEEK

September 24 -
October 1, 2021



Schedule of Events

COMMUNITY CONNECTION FAIR Friday,
Sept. 24, 3 - 6 pm, Community Hall

UNITY CHURCH SERVICE Sunday, Sept. 26,
11 am - 12 pm, Community Hall

CONVERSATION CAFÉ Tuesday, Sept. 28,
6:30 - 9:30 pm, Community Hall

LUNCH WITH BC SENIORS ADVOCATE -
Isobel Mackenzie Friday, Oct. 1,
11:30 am - 1:30 pm, CNC Event Space



See other events
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ACROSS

- To crush while walking over
- Comes before 'trothed'
- A type of dash (*punct.*)
- Upchucked (*slang*)
- Stirred up; suspended with sediment (e.g., water)
- Shiftless; without goals
- Buzzette is a news _____
- Canadian bank (*abbrev*)
- Move or perform in unison (*abbrev*)

DOWN

- Bigger than a gigabyte (*abbrev*)
- To build again, as after a disaster
- Game using small glass balls
- U.K. city west of York
- Conclusion
- Military corps
- Burning or intense glow
- 27th U.S. president
- "Thus" (*Latin*). To indicate that the quoted text includes original errors.

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CRYPTOQUOTE from last week: *There is no elevator to success. you have to take the stairs.* - Anonymous CROSSWORD solution from Aug 26:
Added to Aug 26 post at TheMacktownBuzzette.com

"I've been called worse things by better people."
- Pierre Trudeau, responding to a comment made
about him by former U.S. president Richard Nixon



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Change one letter
at a time, creating
a new word at
each step.

- B E A R
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- M O O N

Things no one tells you about scattering ashes

- Cremated ashes look nothing like campfire ashes...
- If you're releasing ash into water, release fresh flowers with it. You can visually follow the ash flow that way...
- Even if you have a place in mind, take time to scout alternatives. Keep looking until you reach a place that gives you goose bumps...

From: *The 9 Things No One Tells You About Scattering Ashes*

Thought of the Day...

Thirty years ago, we used to ask: Can a computer simulate all processes of logic? The answer was yes, but the question was surely wrong. We should have asked: Can logic simulate all sequences of cause and effect? And the answer would have been no.

- Gregory Bateson

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