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The Macktown Buzzette

May 26 -
June 8, 2022

Mail-in voting on slate for Mack

Municipal elections take place this October and the District of Mackenzie is amending its elections bylaw to allow for mail-in voting and an extra advance voting day, to take place the day before general voting day.

In keeping with its tradition, the District has appointed senior District admin staff as Chief and Deputy electoral officers.

Nominations for mayor and council will open August 30.

Don't burn the doggie bags!

In its report for April, the Fire Department noted an incident of crews called to Morfee Trailer Park on report of a person walking through the park lighting fires.

Crews found a Dog Bag Station at the corner of Fraser Boulevard and Stuart Drive on fire. The fire was extinguished.

April Animal Control: Dogs, dogs & crows

Animal Control reported nine complaints of loose dogs in April, with impoundments occurring.

Officers responded to three complaints about a house with too many dogs.

Several complaints were filed about a neighbour feeding crows.

Quotes:

“Has it ever struck you that life is all memory, except for the one present moment that goes by you so quick you hardly catch it going?”

— Tennessee Williams

Voting machine “worth cost” – District

Many communities in B. C. have brought in electronic vote counting machines over the last decade.

In 2011, Mackenzie's Automated Vote Counting bylaw was adopted to allow for electronic vote counting.

The District rented a machine for the 2011 general election at a cost of \$5,680. Ultimately, no ballots were cast that year as all the candidates ran uncontested.

In 2013, the District purchased a machine for \$7,380 plus annual licensing fees. The machine is manufactured by Election Systems & Software of Omaha Nebraska, which is the largest supplier

of voting machines in the U.S.

In Mackenzie's 2018 general election, 540 ballots were cast.

Given often low voter turnout in Mackenzie, *The Buzzette* asked why the District needs a vote counting machine. Corporate Services Director Emily Kaehn replied that hand counting in the past was conducted by up to 24 hired election workers, required three separate ballots and could take 4 - 5 hours.

Kaehn said that now, with the machine, results can be tabulated within minutes, and only three officers are required.

WHAT'S ON

LUMBERJACKS

LACROSSE Upcoming home games: May 28 - 29 vs *Quesnel Crossfire* 8 pm, 11 am. Thursday, June 2 vs *Prince George Bandits* 8 pm. Allan Sheppard Arena.

PLANT SWAP at the Mackenzie Public Library, June 3, 10 am - 12 pm: Drop off plants & get tickets. 12 - 4 pm: Exchange your tickets for new plants.

GO-BY-BIKE WEEK

Register at: gobybikebc.ca/ May 30: Kick off @ the old Dental Office corner. June 4: **MORATA Bike Rally** @ Spirit Square, 10 am - 2:30 pm. Collect tokens to win great prizes!

There's more going on in Mackenzie. To share your news & events, e-mail: TheBuzzette@gmail.com Phone: (250) 997-5038

News of the Odd:

A man in Wales has been fighting his town administration for permission to dredge the local landfill to retrieve a hard drive he mistakenly discarded in 2013.

The reason? Over half a billion dollars in Bitcoin stored as data on the drive.

James Howells was an early adopter of Bitcoin and had accumulated 8,000 coins by 2013, then valued at \$1.4 million. Since then, Bitcoin price has quadrupled many times over.

Despite offering the town a 25% cut from his fortune, town officials have so far refused.

Thought of the Day...

“Let's take a moment to honour the sacrifice of our brave school children who lay down their lives to protect our right to bear arms!” -- Sign displayed after more than a dozen mass shootings in the U.S. this month, the most recent at a grade school, killing two adults and 19 children.



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Trivia:

I have branches, but no leaves, trunk or roots. What am I?? (Answer back page) →

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Tips for seniors returning to the skies

(NC) After skipping a year due to lockdowns, many seniors are facing the challenge of having lots of family to visit and just one holiday season in which to do it.

It's a nice problem to have, but it might mean taking a plane to quickly cover more ground, even if it's not something you do very often. Fortunately, following just a few quick tips before hitting the airport can help you up move through security screening with ease and make flying a breeze.

- Remember your mask: Even with vaccinations in

place and some measures being lifted, you still need a mask when you get to the airport.

- Pack your liquids properly: Liquids going in your carry-on bag should be in containers of 100 millilitres or less and should all be able to fit in a single resealable one-litre bag. Prescription and non-prescription medications are exempt, but you should make sure they're clearly labelled. Either way, they should be removed from your carry-on when going through screening.

- Understand allowable extras: You can also bring medical supplies, equipment and mobility aids on board with you in addition to the two carry-on bag limit.

Find more tips and information from the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority. You'll find a page dedicated to seniors and special sections for people with limited mobility or medically necessary equipment on their website at: catsa.acsta.gc.ca.

Source: www.newscanada.com

Recession imminent? Yes, say strippers

Strippers in the U.S. are saying a recession is imminent. How do they know? Strip clubs are suddenly empty.

As "canaries of the economy" workers in not just strip clubs but other places of rec-reational spending are the first to notice when customers are feeling flush with cash and when they're not.

As a stripper confirmed on Twitter last week: "the strip club is sadly a leading indicator and i can promise y'all we r in a recession lmao"

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WORD SCRAMBLE from last issue: burritos, hamburgers, onion rings.

TRIVIA ANSWER: A bank

Your Buzzette lucky lotto numbers for June:

1 2 3 4 5 6



6 y.o. couldn't remember the word "tomorrow" so she called it "nexterday" so that's the word now.

-- @kbrough

WORD MORPH

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

G O O F Y

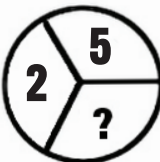
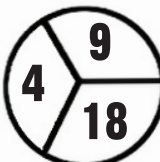
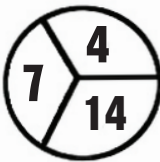
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Mini-cross from May 12

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MISSING NUMBER

How do the three numbers in each circle relate mathematically? Figure out the logic and you can guess the missing number.



A QUEBEC WOMAN CREATES A SENSATION, RIDING THROUGH ST. JOHN STREET IN A HEARSE, RECLINING ON THE COFFIN-BED, AND SMOKING A PIPE.

Illustration in a U.S. newspaper in 1871. Publication unknown but some commentary accompanied it:

What will women do next to distinguish themselves, we wonder! A female in Quebec, the other day, perpetrated a ghastly joke, mocking death in His own domain, by lying down in a hearse and smoking a pipe as the funeral chariot was driven through the street. If this exhibition had been made in the United States, our neighbors at the North would have made it the subject of very strong animadversions.