

**DATE** Friday, July 15  
**LOCATION** Mackenzie Recreation Centre  
**TIME** 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

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**5 o'clock cutoff to mail access hurting some**

Canada Post Mackenzie branch has been fielding numerous complaints since its recent decision to restrict access to mailboxes to business hours only.

The new policy has the inside doors to the mailboxes locking at 5 p.m. on weekdays and remaining locked over weekends. The new hours are due to a security concern which arose last month.

A spokesperson at the branch said the new hours are indefinite until the security issue can be addressed. She said the branch knows it has been "hugely inconvenient" for many.

Talks about installing a security camera for the mailboxes are "in the air" at the moment.

**Asphalt repairs coming**

A tender for asphalt paving and repair services was issued by the District last month. According to Public Works documents, the work to be done includes patching around town and on Cicada Rd.

The District also purchased several pieces of major equipment for asphalt repairs in May, including a compressor, hot patch paver, crack router and a new tar kettle to replace the one that was 30 years old.

*Why doesn't the District do its own repairs with its new equipment?*

Public Works Director Ken Gawryluk said, "The asphalt works coming up is for larger areas that need milling of asphalt, possible digging out sub-grade and re-pave..."

*See 'Asphalt repairs' over →*

**Walk faster, age slower?**

If you want to age slower, walk faster, says a study at the University of Leicester.

A lifetime of brisk walking can shave 16 years off your biological age, which is not necessarily your chronological age, the study says.

Any kind of regular walking is good, but brisk walking (5 kph) reduces normal wear and tear on our chromosomes when our body's cells divide. Brisk walking helps maintain the DNA that guides cell replication.

*Source: World Economic Forum*

**PG, Mack weather radar down**

Environment Canada's weather radar for Prince George has been offline since June 23.

The weather radar maps on the agency's weather website allow viewers to track storm systems almost in real time and to see where precipitation is heading. The Prince George radar covers Mackenzie and points west and south.

Environment Canada says a new radar is being installed at that location but won't be on line until December. The

small footprint of land at its mountaintop site means the old radar has to be removed before the new one can be built.

Two nearby radars (Carvel and Spirit River, AB) have had their range extended from 240 km to 400 km.

Environment Canada says weather warnings and forecasts will continue to be issued during the radar outage.

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**News of the Odd:**

A mystery monument in Elbert County, Georgia, was the target of an explosion this week, sustaining major damage and requiring demolition.

The Georgia Guidestones, as they're called, appeared in their location in 1980, built by a mostly anonymous group calling itself "a small group of loyal Americans."

It stood almost 20 feet tall, comprising six granite slabs with inscriptions that included cryptic and, to some, questionable proposals, such as "Maintain humanity under 500,000,000...", "Be not a cancer on the Earth...", "Avoid petty laws and useless officials."

Similar to Stonehenge, the monument was designed to serve as a calendar, a compass and a clock.

**Alaska Highway detour open**

The Alaska Highway detour is now open. The highway, which starts at Dawson Creek and runs through the Yukon to Alaska, had been severed by flooding earlier this week due to heavy rains washing out a beaver dam, according to news reports.

The breach was just north of Liard River.

Northern BC Tourism says: "Travellers are encouraged to watch for the detour at km 900 for southbound traffic leaving from Watson Lake, and km 897 for northbound traffic leaving from Fort Nelson."

**Quotes:**

**“** To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing and be nothing.  
— Elbert Hubbard

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**Trivia:** The shape of a Pringles potato chip is called what? (Answer back page) →

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## WHAT'S ON

**BC BUS NORTH ROAD SHOW** Friday, July 15, 11 am - 1 pm, Rec Centre. Snacks, free trip draws. See details front page.

**COMMUNITY MARKET** Thursdays through summer, 5 - 7 pm, Market Park. Mack Blvd & Centennial Dr.

## OUT OF TOWN

**BMO COMMUNITY ART DAYS** July 8 & 9, 10 am - 3 pm, Canada Games Plaza & Two Rivers Gallery, Prince George. Art games, music, theatre, food vendors. "Citizen Pong": playing ping pong on tables designed by local artists.

## NOTICES

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** for BCSF South Peace Snowmobile Development Plan. Deadline: July 22. Details: [bcsf.org](http://bcsf.org) (Posted also on the [Buzzette website](http://thebuzzette.com).)

Have a public notice?  
 [thebuzzette@gmail.com](mailto:thebuzzette@gmail.com)

## Did you know?

An Ohio State University study found that neighbourhoods where people **walk their dogs** are safer.

"People walking their dogs are essentially patrolling their neighborhoods," putting more "eyes on the street," which can discourage crime, said Nicolo Pinchak, lead author of the study.

The study found neighbourhoods with more dog walking had lower rates of homicide, robbery and assault.

Source: [phys.org](http://phys.org)



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## WORD SEARCH

Find the names of 20 other countries spelled up, down, backwards and diagonally. (Hint: Use a ruler or sheet of paper to help view words diagonally) Note: 'Dominican Republic' is hidden as two separate words.

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F	P	N	A	I	I	R	S	N	C	S
T	R	R	F	M	I	L	I	K	L	
L	B	A	P	A	O	M	L	G	E	O
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S	E	N	M	P	E	R	Z	I	A	N
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WORD MORPH from last issue: HAPPY, SAPPY, SOPPY, SOUPY, SOUPS, SOULS... MISSING NUMBER: 7. The numbers in the left and top triangles are added together then divided by 2 in the first circle, 3 in the second circle, and 4 in the third circle. (Yeah, I know that one was a little obscure.)

Two nuns, a cop and a rabbi walk into a bar.  
 The barman looks at them and says:  
 "Is this some kind of a joke?"



## Thought of the Day...

My grandmother was in line to be shot into a pit. She said, "What happens if I step out of line?"

He said, "I don't have the heart to shoot you but somebody will." And she stepped out of line.

For that, I am here and my children are here. So step out of line, ladies. Step out of line!

— Alex Boorstein

## Buzzette FAQ #2:

**What happened to Macktown Calendar?**  
 Answer:

For close to six years, *The Buzzette* has offered free community events listings for local clubs, businesses and organizations.

For the first few years, your friendly part-time publisher/editor spent much time reaching out to groups to gather their news and events to share with the community. After some time, with other tasks pressing, this activity had to be limited, with the hope that local clubs and orgs would continue to send their updates.

It takes but a minute to phone or send in news to be shared with the wider community, which includes visitors and newcomers. Space permitting, all legitimate notices are included.

**Did you know?...** Individuals can also take advantage of free listings (up to 40 words): For Rent, For Sale, Garage Sales, Public Notices, In Memoriam, other announcements... Are you a new business? Why not introduce yourself?

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TRIVIA ANSWER: Hyperbolic paraboloid.

## Doc featuring Tsay Keh Dene making rounds

Screenings of a documentary about the impacts of the W.A.C. Bennett dam on Tsay Keh Dene people were held in the north in June, following a film festival run starting late last year.

Northern screenings were held in Prince George, Dawson Creek, Tsay Keh, and Mackenzie. (Sorry folks, *The Buzzette* was given no information about this.) Online screenings may be available in the near future.

Directed by Dene filmmaker Luke Gleeson, *Dene Yi'injetl - The Scattering of Man* tells the impact of the flooding of the land when the dam was built, including ongoing impacts today of debris and dust storms

**'Asphalt repairs'...**  
 ... "The equipment we have purchased is for smaller potholes and areas that show alligatoring on the edges."

The Request for Quotes closed June 30.

## 101 uses for ... Chest Rub!

### Bug Repellent

Smear some chest rub on your legs and pants or around your neck and ears. Bugs don't like the smell.

### Remove calluses

Coat and cover overnight. Repeat as needed. After several days, calluses have softened or can be removed.

## HITZ AND MRS.

