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'Best things' about being a parent?

A British poll of moms, dads, and caregivers of children under 13 found that 84% consider raising children to be the greatest thing to happen to them.

Parents consider patience to be the most important attribute in parenting, followed by a loving nature, and being ready for the unexpected. Seventy-two percent of the 1300 adults surveyed felt that they were a 'better' parent the second time around.

Some of the Top 22 Best Things About Raising Kids under 13:

Watching kids' films together... Reading bedtime stories together... Seeing them do something you've taught them... The cute compliments they give... Feeling like their hero when you replace the batteries in a toy... Taking them to the zoo.... You appreciate your own parents more Getting to make friends with other moms/ dads/ caregivers... Hearing them talk to themselves in bed at night... the cuddles.

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Bears, bears, everywhere!

Mackenzie is seeing a boom in bear visitations this season, with bears lingering in town well beyond the time they would normally retreat to cooler locations.

Garbage bears have often been a problem in Mackenzie but may have become worse in recent years after the switch to uniform residential garbage bins with lids that don't secure. This year has also seen many reports of bears accessing commercial waste bins operated by the District.

A question to Public Works on Wednesday about some of the bins attracting wildlife did not receive a reply by press time, but the District did issue a

See 'Bears' over →

Quotes:

"I hope everyone that is reading this is having a really good day. If you are not, just know that in every new minute that passes you have an opportunity to change that." - Gillian Anderson

NOTICES

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
for Jody Murdick, July 15th, 1 pm @ Mackenzie Landing. Potluck w/ stories & music w/ friends & family. Camping is FCFS. Bring a chair. E-mail: jpmemories@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2023 GRADS MSS & Morfee Schools. "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

THE 92 is seeking help mowing their lawns this season. Anyone with time can pick a section of lawn to mow. More info: Camille 778-582-0516.

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Fire Hall near, but no date yet

As of June 21, Mackenzie's new fire hall is estimated to be 85% complete, according to a Fire Department report to Council this month, which listed still a number of items both interior and exterior to be finished, including electrical and heating connections, details, and teardown of the old firehall.

The last update expected a substantial completion date of March 31 this year. The project consultant now projects September 1, according to the report. This would be two years after the original planned finish date of Fall 2021.

SD57 tightens its belt

The 2023/24 budget for School District No. 57 was adopted at the last Board of Education meeting.

Projecting a shortfall of \$2.3 million, the School Board approved reductions of 12.18% in District Administration, 1.4% in Operations and Maintenance and 0.51% in Instruction. The budget was finalized at \$199,164,132.

"Developing a balanced budget was difficult this

See "SD57 budget" over →

Macktown on Global News

The first of a three part feature on Mackenzie & the forest industry aired this Wednesday on Global News. Two more segments will air later this week, according to the District.

Mischinsinlika bridge rehab pushed to 2024

Design for the rehabilitation of the Mischinsinlika Bridge on Highway 39 has been completed and tender notice is out, according to a June 13 update provided to Council. Built sometime around 1970, the bridge requires deck replacement and rehabilitation of the creek channel.

The District was first notified of the project in spring 2022, with work planned for this summer. Main construction, which will require nighttime highway closures, is now anticipated for summer/fall 2024.

According to District staff, local agencies have been consulted about the work, and a temporary evacuation route in the event of wild-fire or emergency will be in place.

Note: A March 2022 issue of The Buzzette incorrectly reported that work would begin last summer.

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WHAT'S ON

CANADA DAY July 1st, 12- 3 pm, Spirit Square (in front of Rec Centre) Free Community BBQ, games, music and fun! (Rec Centre will be closed, re-opening July 2.)

KID'S SUMMER CAMPS
weekly July 4 - August 24.
More info: Rec Centre.

YOUTH PLEIN AIR TRIPS
@ MCAC. July 5 & 11. Bus leaves 9 am! 997-5818.

SUMMER READING CLUBS Start at the Library
July 5th. Ages 5 - 8: Weds 12:30 pm. Ages 9 - 13: Thurs 3:30 pm. Free drop-in.

OPEN STUDIO @ MCAC
July 6, 2:30 - 4:30 pm.

MCAC PLEIN AIR TRIPS
July 8, 12, 15. Bus leaves at 9 am. Info: (250) 997-5818.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS (full) @ MCAC
July 8, 12 - 3pm. Info: (250) 997-5818.

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JOURNEY THROUGH TIME Magic Show @ the Library. July 14th, 10 am.
Reserve a seat: (250) 997-6343.

MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK Every second Friday @ 9 pm, starting July 7. Check w/ Rec Centre for movie info.

Upcoming:

MARIO KART TOURNAMENT July 21.
Details TBA @ Rec Centre.

'The 92' GARAGE SALE
July 29th @ 92 Centennial Dr.

ROCKIN' THE RIDGELINE Downtown and Morfee Mountain, July 29.

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'Bears'...

notice later that day urging residents and business owners to secure their garbage and reduce odours that could attract bears.

A query to the Conservation Service about bear calls and destroyed bears this spring received a reply from Mackenzie's newest Conservation Officer who said it has been a "busy season."

She confirmed she was currently the sole officer for the district, which encompasses a large area extending around and beyond Williston Lake. Last year, the Mackenzie conservation district had no officer.

Fire chief thanked with service award

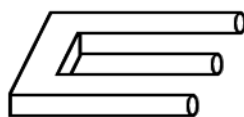
Fire Chief Jamie Guise received a service award this month for 25 years with the District Fire Department.

A report this week by The Fur Bearers conservation group listed Prince George as the top deadliest community in B.C. for bears destroyed by the Conservation Service, with 32 problem bears put down there last year, 263 total over eight years.

"Black bears are often killed when they begin accessing garbage and spend time in human-dense areas seeking unnatural food sources from unsecured attractants," their statement read.

"By identifying communities where bears are killed with greater frequency, questions about systemic issues can be asked, and the killing can end."

IMPOSSIBLE OBJECTS! "The Devil's Fork"



staff in the district.

The Board says that it intends an earlier review of the budget next year with potentially greater reductions to eliminate the structural deficit.

The Board of Education is required to submit a balanced budget to the Minister of Education by June 30.

'SD57 budget'...

year and I would like to reassure parents, students, teachers, rights holders, and stakeholders that our primary goal was to minimize impacts in the classroom," said Rachael Weber, Board Chair.

The budget includes collective agreement increases for unionized

Did you know?

- Crows can form close family units of up to five generations. Yearlings and two-year-olds will even give their parents a hand with chick-rearing, nest building and cleaning, and will feed their mother while she's sitting on the nest.
- Crows will sometimes have "funerals" for dead members of their group. It is thought that the gathering around a dead member helps the birds learn about potential threats or what might have caused the death.

PLAY FOUR from last issue: Across: PIPE, IKON, TEED, YAMS.
MINI-MORPH: FIVE - FAVE - WAVE - WAGE - WAGS - NAGS.

After a long talk, my wife and I have decided we don't want kids.... We are going to tell them tonight after supper. - @leghorn1357



Thought of the Day...

Thanks to the sprawling real estate of cable television and the infinite expanse of the internet, we live in an age of so many information options, so many "news" purveyors, that we have an unprecedented ability to search out the one or ones that tell us precisely what we want to hear, for whatever reason we want to hear it. We needn't reckon with the truth. We can shop for it instead... - Frank Bruni, NYT

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