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No answers yet on Woodlands incident

RCMP have released no information so far on a 12-hour police blockade that took place outside a mobile home in Woodlands trailer park on August 12.

Witnesses say several police cars were present, including a SWAT team from Prince George. Police could be heard addressing someone believed to be in the home through their loudspeaker and commanding they exit with their hands up. The barricade, which blocked entry to and from the park, lasted into the night.

Lacie MacDonald, who resides at the mobile home in question, said she offered to let police

See "Woodlands" over →

News of the Odd:

Working
on a 150-
year-old
house in

May, an Illinois carpenter found a message in a bottle inside one of the walls.

The message, written by 14-year-old Stephanie Herron in 1975, contained a simple time stamp and facts about the girl's family and home. Time capsules were a big thing in 1975.

The carpenter, Dakota Mohn, located the woman, now 61, shocking her with his find and going viral on Tik Tok in the process.

Mohn is reportedly working with the house's new owner to build a shadow box into that same wall. The box will allow the new owners to leave time capsules of their own.

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Prayers for the bears

Forest fires and a poor berry season due to ongoing drought in the province are believed to be the reasons for large numbers of bears in town this season, including grizzly bears.

As previously reported here, bears accessing garbage for food has been an ongoing problem in Mackenzie, with this year being unprecedented.

The Conservation Service has not released the number of bears destroyed in town as yet but it has been both concerning and heartbreaking for many to see bears so hungry and so heedless of human presence.

Sun - Thurs hours back for dump

The Mackenzie Transfer Station will return to its previous hours of Sunday to Thursday, 9 - 5 pm, after a summer pilot project tested expanded hours.

The Regional District cited staffing "challenges" for not being able to keep the trial hours. A spokesperson there elaborated:

"The Regional District has had to deal with all the same staffing challenges that most other businesses face these days, whether

See "Dump hours" over →

New vacancy at Animal Control

The District is seeking again a new top Animal Control/ Bylaw Enforcement officer this month.

Eligibility for the position requires two completed levels of Bylaw Enforcement training or an equivalent.

Asked whether local applicants would be considered if they were registered for the training, District HR Coordinator Kaleena Wilson replied that the position requires completed training. She added if no qualified applicants come forward, discussions with the Union on next steps would take place.

The absence of Animal Control/Bylaw staff over much of the past year has

See "Animal Control" over →

Yes to backyard ducks

The amendment to Mackenzie's Animal Control bylaw to allow backyard ducks passed at the August 14 council meeting, with a single 'no' vote from Councillor McMeeken.

Quotes:

"The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule but to schedule your priorities."
— Stephen Covey

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Chu Cho Forestry LLP Forest Stewardship Plan Amendment

Chu Cho Forestry plans on adding Conifex Timber Inc, Dunkley Lumber Ltd, and Sasuchan Development Corporation as agreement holders on its approved Forest Stewardship Plan.

This amendment is available for public review. Please call 250-645-4982 ext. 3 to book an appointment or to arrange to receive more information.





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Local Mountie brings home gold

Mackenzie RCMP Constable Jenny Fu competed in the World Police/Fire Games in Winnipeg July 28 - August 2, taking the gold for singles tennis and, with her doubles partner from Brazil, a silver.



Fu said, "This was my first time being a part of the World Police & Fire Games, and it was such a unique and amazing experience... Thank you to Winnipeg for hosting this year's Games and definitely looking forward to the next 2025 Games in Birmingham, Alabama!"

COMMUNITY NOTES

CROQUET FOR SENIORS Mackenzie Public Library. Have fun in the outdoors! Refreshments provided. August 25, 1 pm.

POTATO FESTIVAL Sept 3 - 4, Huble Homestead, north of PG. Live music, lawn games, ice cream and cheese making. Pancake breakfast 10 am - noon.

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Forest Practices Board calls for urgent action

The BC Forest Practices Board (BCFPB), an independent watchdog for forest and range practices, says there is an urgent need to change how BC's forests and landscapes are managed to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

In a new report released in June, the Board states that 45% of public land in BC is at high or extreme threat of wildfire.

"We can't afford to continue the status quo," Chair Keith Atkinson said. "We need the B.C. government, jointly with First Nations, to lead the development of a vision and action plan that will align provincial priorities and actions to restore landscape resilience and coexistence with fire. Landscape fire management is the way to achieve this."

Read the news release and report at: www.bcfpb.ca

Level 5 drought

Much of north central B.C. continues in Level 5 drought since July, including the Finlay and Parsnip regions, according to the B.C. Drought Information Portal.

Level 5 is the most severe drought rating, with adverse impacts considered "almost certain".

'Dump hours'...

that's recruitment lag, absenteeism, vacations, temporary or long term leaves or other issues."

"Staff from other solid waste operations in other communities were deployed to Mackenzie on several occasions to help fill the gap and keep the facility open."

The spokesperson said that one new staff was hired at Mackenzie Transfer Station this season and that the RD is not currently recruiting. As to how many other local applications had been received, she declined to answer.

'Woodlands'...

into the home and told them that the only occupants at the time were her pets. It is not clear from her account who the police were looking for.

MacDonald says she was not allowed to enter her home during that time and her cats and dogs suffered some trauma from the event, which included what she said were "pepper and smoke bombs" lodged by police through her windows into the home.

MacDonald told *The Buzzette* that at one point she saw a text mistakenly claiming that her animals were dead, but found out later that her dogs had been let out and handled by an RCMP dog handler.

Her cats have now returned home, but she said she is left with broken windows and other damage to the home.

The *Buzzette* reached out to RCMP but by print time had not received a reply.

Crossword solution (Aug 10):

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'Animal Control'...

been noticeable in the community, and many welcomed the arrival of a new enforcement officer to the department this spring.

Wilson would not confirm whether any positions at Bylaw are currently staffed, but the most recent reports to Council noted only one staffed position at those times.

WORD MORPH

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

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B L E N D

WORD SCRAMBLE from last issue: Parsnip Cres, Pioneer St., Heather Cres, Crysdale Dr.

Candy

(Comic strip circa 1947 - 1956)



SLIDE YOUR JIVE, TED! WHAT BRAND OF HEAP IS YOUR UNCLE GIVING YOU?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT WON'T BE IN A CLASS WITH THESE RATTLE WAGONS!

HE SAID HE'D TAG A NOTE ON IT! BUT I'M SURE IT WOULDN'T BE ANCHORED WITH THESE COFFEE GRINDERS!

WELL, YOU'RE NOT WHISTLING "DIXIE"!

IT SURE IS ALL BY ITSELF!