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COMMUNITY NOTES

BOOK CLUB @ the Library. July's book: *Howl's Moving Castle* by Dianna Wynn Jones. Book available July 8. Discussion: Aug 5.

CONCERTS in the PARK
July 4: Katrina Holden / Knotty Mountain String Band. July 11: Rowan Siebert / Dash Velvet. Free. 6 - 8 pm @ Community Bike Park. Bring blankets & chairs.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT
Up Around the Bend Scenes from Hwy 16 in paintings by Emily Wilson at the Mackenzie Arts Centre to July 10th.

CANADA DAY @ Spirit Square July 1. Free Hot Dogs & cupcakes, face-painting, crafts. 12 pm: O Canada, sung by Katrina Holden.
12:30 pm: 3 - Legged Race
1:00 pm: Leg Wrestling
1:30 pm: Running Race (Baby - Toddler - Kids)
2:00 pm: Spoon Egg Races
2:30 pm: Tug-of-War Finale

FOREST BATHING & TEA June 30th, 2 - 4 pm. Free. All welcome. No pets. Children must be w/ an adult. Sign up: 250-617-8135.

FAMILY TIME Tuesdays 11 am @ the Library starting July 2. Ages 0 - 3. Songs and play. Tea for parents.

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Drinking water okay?... Report

The District's 2023 Water System Report was presented at this week's council meeting.

Manganese levels in drinking water in both town and Gantahaz showed some aesthetic exceedances but remained under allowable maximums established by Health Canada.

However, only one sample from Gantahaz is referenced in the current report. It was collected at the Booster Station in February 2024. The next most recent Gantahaz sampling was from early 2022, some of which showed exceedances of manganese, iron and, at one location, arsenic.

Water samples in town were collected in June 2023 at four addresses. The next sample was collected in

See 'Drinking water' over →

AI boom re-ordering market

Computer chipmaker Nvidia edged out Microsoft and Apple to become the Most Valuable Company in the World with its market capitalization surpassing \$3.3 trillion last week.

The company says two forces in the computer industry – accelerated computing and generative AI – have pushed the chipmaker's valuation to the top for the moment, surpassing that of Microsoft, Apple, Alphabet (aka Google), Amazon and Meta.

Computing and information technology (IT) companies comprise seven of the world's most valuable companies currently, with Saudi Aramco, Berkshire Hathaway and Eli Lilly filling in the other spots in the Top 10.

Source: Statista.com

Blood donor centre for north urged

An advocacy group is urging northern B.C. residents to support a petition for a new blood plasma donor centre in Prince George.

The proposed centre would serve the northern two thirds of the province, addressing what they say is a critical need for plasma to produce medications for patients with cancer, kidney disease, and

immune deficiencies.

According to the group, Canada currently collects less than 20% of its needed plasma domestically with only two centres in B.C. at Kelowna and Abbotsford.

The petition, available at ourbloodcounts.com, aims to improve access for rural donors and demonstrate regional commitment to life-saving blood products.

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Trivia: What is the smallest country in the world? (Answer back page) →

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Camp Watters fires kept crews hopping

Two fires four days apart at the former Camp Watters off Airport Road had Mackenzie fire crews working through the night.

The first call came in the wee hours of June 18, with a full crew responding from the Mackenzie Fire Department. A second large flare-up occurred late on June 22, leaving only a few bunkhouses.

Deputy Fire Chief Keinan Carty said the department was able to use its new ladder truck to good effect, getting a hose high up where it could reach the fire source in the middle of the complex.

The camp, more recently named Camp David, and owned by Dave Warner of 4D Warner Enterprises, was being dismantled after decades of operation.

Carty said no injuries were reported. The cause of both fires is under investigation with the RCMP.

Quotes:

“It is in the thirties that we want friends. In the forties we know they won't save us any more than love did.”
-- F. Scott Fitzgerald

News of the Odd: Last month a Louisiana woman met a 90-year-old veteran

pushing shopping carts in the parking lot of a Winn-Dixie grocery store.

It was 90 degrees Fahrenheit outside and she asked the man why he was working so hard in the heat. He said he needed to make ends meet.

Finding out he was an Air Force veteran, she recorded her conversation with him, posting a YouTube video, and started a GoFundMe to raise money for his retirement. Her fundraising goal was \$35,000.

Within 24 hours, over \$200,000 came in. She reportedly had to cut the donation button off after \$233,000.

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DOWN

1. Garden vegetable
2. State of being (Third person)
3. Something sent by air, rail or ocean.
4. Temporary fabric dwelling
5. Lasted, survived
6. Canceled, voted off
9. Remove markings
11. Dull pain in joints

ACROSS

1. Receptacle for holding large volume of water or other

7. Frightfully pale complexion
8. List of keywords for reference
10. Lofty emotion or ecstasy
12. Community planning document (*acr*)
13. Surfer slang for "great",

- "awesome"
14. Core arguments; also academic papers
15. First three letters of an Australian capital city
16. Where a bear hibernates

CRYPTOQUOTE from last issue: *Was it a bad day, or a bad five minutes that you milked all day?* – Abraham Hicks
PLAY FOUR: Four, Eggo, Urge, Desk

TRIVIA: Vatican City, both in size and population

You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there. – George Burns



'Drinking water'...

February 2024 at the Town Booster Station only.

Some councillors expressed confusion over the results. A rep from L&M Engineering attended the meeting online to answer questions.

Mayor Atkinson commented that adding reservoir capacity has been a recommendation in every water report of recent years. She requested that

District staff research the cost of a new reservoir.

A water treatment project is planned for Gantahaz to address manganese and iron levels (see *The Buzzette* May 16 issue).

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Did you know?

- Chewing gum was made from a resin called *chicle*, found in the sapodilla and similar trees in Panama and Central America.
- The Aztecs and the Maya chewed chicle to stave off hunger and keep teeth clean.
- Chiclets brand gum was founded by American Chicle Company, incorporated in June 1899.
- People who harvested chicle were called *chicleros*.
- Most commercial chewing gum since the 1960s switched from using chicle to a synthetic resin.



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PUBLIC NOTICE: FOREST OPERATION MAP REVIEW

In accordance with the Forest Range and Practices Act, Canadian Forest Products Ltd. (Canfor) invites the public to review its Forest Operations Map (FOM ID: 1625) in the Mackenzie Natural Resource District.

The FOM describes area proposed for Road Permit development within the next three years starting on July 28th, 2024 and ending on June 28th, 2027. We welcome your comments and feedback during the review period starting June 28th, 2024. Please submit your comments by July 28th, 2024.

The map is accessible for review and comment submission online at:

<https://fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects#publicNotices>

Alternatively, in-person review and comments can be completed at the following location(s) during regular office hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM):

Northwood Pulpmill Road, P.O. Box 9000,
 Prince George BC V2L 4W2

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