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One year ago this week

... in the Buzzette

Kirby's cabin destroyed by fire

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Remove bear attractants, says CO

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Yeas/nays neck and neck on ducks

Great turnout for Ridgeline event

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News of the Odd:

A new breed of flower that looks

like a cat's face was generating buzz this spring.

Called 'Cat's Eye Dazzle' the flower has different versions of cat faces, all with little eyes and mouths and some with ears.



The flower went viral on social media and digital marketplaces with packets of seeds selling for \$15 - \$30.

The problem: the seeds won't give you flowers with a cat's face. The flower doesn't exist. The images were produced by artificial intelligence.

Quotes:

“Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.”

-- Daniel J. Boorstin

Careful with bats!

It's August and bat pups are learning to fly and leaving their summer roosts. BC Bats gets many reports of bats found in unusual spots like entryways, on the ground, or even flying into a house if the door is left open. This is normal at this time of year.

The group says please remember to never touch a bat, dead or alive, with your bare hands.

“Leave the bat alone,” says Tina Watters, Omineca Community Bat Program Coordinator.

“If you find a live bat inside your home, open the main doors and close interior doors until the bat leaves, or follow the steps on how to remove a single bat on our website at www.bcbats.ca.”

Bats are important and beneficial wildlife. All 15 species of bats in B.C. eat insects, including mosquitoes and agricultural and forestry pests. Some bat species have adapted to live in human structures, and colonies

See 'Bats' over →

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Water treatment to go ahead in Gantahaz

Construction on a new water treatment system to remove manganese and iron from Gantahaz drinking water is scheduled to begin this fall.

The plan has generated controversy because it will also add chlorine to the water.

it to be filtered out as insoluble particles.

The chlorine, according to Luke McDonald of L&M Engineering, is being added to comply with a Northern Health requirement for residual chlorine

See 'Gantahaz water' over →

Contrary to earlier speculation by Council about the chemical process, the treatment will use oxidation, not chlorine, to leach the manganese and iron out of the source water and allow

Roses & RAZZBERRIES



To the Rec Centre for putting on Rockin' the Ridgeline... What an awesome event, the weather was perfect the bands were amazing! Great seeing everybody showing up and having a great night.. It was a much needed boost to the community spirit !! LM

Have a Rose or Razz?
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Apply for fish & wildlife grants

We fund projects that help conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.

Our annual grant intake is now open and we're looking for projects that align with our Peace Region action plans.

All grant applicants must submit a notice of intent by Tuesday, September 10.

Grant applications are due Friday, November 1.

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The Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations, and public stakeholders to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.

A little classical on a summer's eve

Orchestra North, a classical music ensemble and academy from Smithers visited Mackenzie and played a concert to a small room at the Legion this week. It was part of a brief summer tour to a few communities.

Regrettably, the Buzzette did not learn of the event in time to list it in the last issue.

Yukon Blonde rocked the Mack

The headline act of Rockin' the Ridgeline held July 27 did not disappoint. The Vancouver-based indie rock band took to the stage in the

Community Bike Park at 8:30 in the evening and had the dance area packed by the end, pleasing old fans and making new ones. They were cheered back for an extended encore.

The new bike park offered a beautiful backdrop to the evening, showcasing an emerging vision for the downtown core.



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'Gantahaz water'...

for all new construction in water treatment and delivery systems, to ensure that nothing grows in the water while it is in storage or distribution.

Currently neither Gantahaz nor Mackenzie has chlorine added to its drinking water.

McDonald, whose firm is representing the District in the contracting, says that "no one wants chlorine in their water," but that the main concerns he's hearing is that the new treatment will not fix what some regard as more pressing water problems there such as low pressure, suspected leakage, and heavy sedi-

ment in some residents' water lines. He says these problems will still need to be addressed.

Gantahaz residents were invited last week to provide feedback to the District to fill in the picture for those issues.

The District has budgeted \$842,470 for the current project, which includes a \$200,000 contingency fund. Just over half of the total is covered by a federal/provincial infrastructure grant. Canadian Western Mechanical is designing and constructing it.

(For background, see the *Buzzette* May 16 issue.)

COMMUNITY NOTES

MOVIE IN THE PARK
Friday, August 9th, 9:00 pm
at Spirit Square. Movie: *Migration*. Free.

CONCERTS in the PARK
Aug 8th, 7 - 8 pm: Grace Hoksbergen. Aug 15th, 7 - 8 pm: Joseph Te Bulte Free. Community Bike Park. Bring blankets & chairs.

Rec Services would like to **THANK** Enbridge, BC Timber Sales, and McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest for sponsoring Rockin' the Ridgeline.

CRYPTO-QUOTE

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WORD JUMBLE from last issue: Nine-letter word: FURNITURE. Other words: nurture, untrue, fruit, tuner, rite, rune, unit, turf...

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.



'Bats'...

may be found under roofs or siding, or in attics, barns, or other buildings.

Under the BC Wildlife Act it is illegal to exterminate or directly harm or harass bats, and exclusion should

only be done in the fall and winter after it is determined that the bats are no longer in the building.

If you have bats on your property, the BC Community Bat Programs can offer advice and support.

Provincial Election 2024

Political contributions raised in 2024 (Q1, Q2)

BC NDP	\$3,388,254.61
Conservative Party of BC	\$1,491,674.80
BC United	\$1,450,593.75
BC Green Party	\$550,246.83

Source: Elections BC - Financial Reports

Candidates Prince George - Mackenzie

There have been no recent announcements regarding candidates for the Prince George-Mackenzie riding.

Mackenzie's Rachael Weber, who announced her candidacy a year ago, is running for the Conservative Party of BC. Kiel Giddens of Prince George is running for BC United (with Mike Morris stepping down before the election).

The BC NDP for this riding says it is having its nomination meeting August 16 and will declare a candidate then.

The Green Party has also not yet declared a candidate.

Fun fact: In 2020, the BC Greens received the largest vote share collected at *studentvote.ca* (Elementary and High School students) in Prince George-Mackenzie and Prince George-Valemount.



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'The Experience' Prince George Sept 3, 8 pm @ CN Centre. TV psychic from 'Long Island Medium'

Did you know?

Oil baron K.C. Irving of New Brunswick, who owned all five of the province's dailies and most of its radio stations, was once convicted of monopoly.

He was fined \$150,000 and ordered to sell two of his daily

papers. The judgment was overturned a few years later, however, by the Supreme Court of Canada.

For decades, the Irving family owned almost all French and English daily papers and community weeklies in New Brunswick until they sold to Postmedia in 2022.



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