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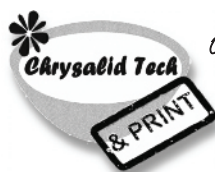
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News of the Odd:

An employee at a Wells Fargo office in Arizona was found dead in her cubicle on a Tuesday last month after last clocking in to work the Friday before. According to news reports her death, which was not considered foul play, went unnoticed for four days.

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Extra \$\$ approved for fire hall

Council approved the request of additional funding up to \$250,000 to be used to complete the new Fire Hall.

As of late August this year, the project budget of \$6.5 million had been exceeded by \$27,920. (See also Buzzette Aug 22 issue). Bigger line items for the new allocation include the cladding at \$50,000 and landscaping at \$20,000.

The bay garage doors also will incur a new cost of \$50,000. In response to

Councillor Tapper, Fire Chief Jamie Guise explained that the doors were misaligned due to improper sequencing during construction where the doors were put in before the drywall. He said a door fell during a fire call. Guise said the doors were able to be salvaged but had to be "commissioned".

A staff report states that the money will come from what remains of the Northern Capital & Planning Grant Reserve.

Site C reservoir begins to fill

BC Hydro began filling the Site C reservoir August 25, following the completion of construction this summer.

Hydro says it will take about two to four months to fill the reservoir, with water levels rising between 30 cms and 3 metres a day. The reservoir will be 83 kilometres long, about five percent of the size of Williston Reservoir.

Photos of the rising lake have been shared on social media with a mix of excitement, sadness, and anger from some.

Ken Boon, whose former farm at Bear Flat is already under water, said in an Op-

See 'Site C fills' over →

Slowdowns at Conifex, Canfor

Employees at Conifex have been working a reduced schedule since late August when the company announced a reduction to one shift "for the foreseeable future" along with a curtailment of its power plant operations until Sept 30.

The company cited low lumber prices, reduced demand, "punitive lumber export duties" as well as what was then an impending CN rail lockout. The rail lockout lasted only one day.

Low lumber prices, a lack of "economic timber" and

See 'Mill slowdowns' →

Quotes:

Remember, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.
-- Dale Carnegie

Recycling returns mid-September

A Recycle BC depot at the Mackenzie Landfill and Regional Transfer Station will begin operation Sept. 16, according to a Regional District update. The depot will have multi-material recycling including styrofoam, glass and other recyclables which were not accepted previously in Mackenzie.

Dump hours have also changed as of Sept. 1:
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'Site C dam'...

ed in *EnergeticCity.ca* this week: "Bear Flat is the first place where the valley is visible coming from Fort St. John on Highway 29, and traffic has slowed down dramatically and often stopped as folks absorb the changing landscape."

He said that wildlife have been caught by the rapid rate of flooding and have been seen attempting to "swim out through rafts of floating debris."

At a cost of \$16 billion, Site C dam is the most expensive dam in Canadian history, according to The Narwhal.

Provincial Election 2024

"Who's on First?"

In a move that shocked many, **BC United** suspended its campaign last week and endorsed the **BC Conservatives**, who were outnumbering the once commanding provincial Liberals in fundraising and polling.

In turn, the Conservatives have made room for several United candidates on the Conservative slate. This includes **Kiel Giddens** now running as a Conservative in Prince George – Mackenzie, replacing Mackenzie's **Rachael Weber**, who was originally declared for the Conservatives in August 2023.

Giddens was declared for BC United in September 2023.

Weber pre-empted the official announcement on her campaign Facebook page late on Monday, stating that the provincial Conservatives have "allowed BC United candidates to infiltrate the party and have lost sight of the real Conservative values we as Conservatives hold dear."

On Wednesday Weber announced she would continue her campaign, **running as an independent**.

Reactions from BC United candidates to the change have been mixed.

Peace River South MLA **Mike Bernier**, who has held the seat for the BC Liberals/BC United since 2013, announced on Tuesday that he will now run as an independent. [Update 09/05:] **Dan Davies**, BC United MLA for Peace River North, will do the same.

Longtime BC Liberal MLA for Prince George – Valemount **Shirley Bond** told media she was shocked by the party's decision. She withdrew as a candidate shortly after the announcement. She has also now announced her retirement.

No word as of print time on a PG-Mack candidate for the **BC Greens**, who are still filling their slate.

Expect more shuffling as nominations for candidates close **September 28**. General Voting Day is **October 19**.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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OUTDOOR NATURE WORKSHOP Sept 14th, 9 am - 3 pm. ID plants, animal tracks, forage foods, make tea blends. Free. Contact Cheyenne (250) 988-8397. Funded by FWCP.

SENIORS JEOPARDY is back! September 20th, 1 pm. Sign up @ the Library.

COLONIZATION ROAD Film screening in honour of Truth and Reconciliation Day Sept 30, 1:30 pm @ MCS, 500 Mackenzie Blvd.

FREE FOREST BATHING AND TEA Sept 22nd, 2 - 4 pm. Meet at Morfee Lake Beach 2. Pre-register at 250-617-8135. Funded by the Neighbourhood grant.

FALL PROGRAMS @ THE LIBRARY: Lego Time, Dungeons & Dragons, Family Time, Story-time & Anime Club! Check the Library website, stop in or call 250-997-6343.

Have a **public notice?**
thebuzzette@gmail.com

OUT OF TOWN

PRINCE GEORGE RCMP BLOCK PARTY September 14th 10 am to 2 pm. Learn about the different policing units and meet some of the officers. Food vendors on site.

GREAT NORTHWEST FIBRE FEST Sunday Sept 8, 10 am - 4 pm. Connaught Youth Centre, 1491 17th Ave., Prince George

Mack Fire Base to lose a legend?

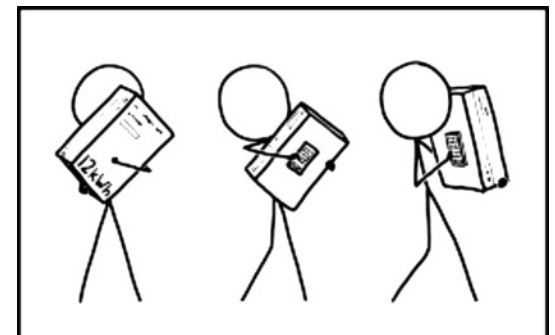
Rumour has it **Gord Shaw** is finally retiring from the BC Wildfire Service.

Shaw has been fighting wildfires since 1981 and has worked in a steady role supervising Initial Attack and Parattack crews at the Mackenzie Fire Base for many years (yes, we can even say decades). Could retirement be possible?? We'll know for sure on **September 13**.

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