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Arts Centre luncheon

About 15 people attended Lunch w/ Mado at the Arts Centre March 30, enjoying chowder and sandwiches catered by Little Teapot, and conversation about McLeod Lake history and medicinal plants. The next lunch is planned for April 20.

Happiest countries

Scandinavian countries again dominate the top rankings of the World's Happiest Countries in 2024, with Finland taking the No. 1 spot for the 7th year in a row.

Canada ranks #15 on the list, scoring particularly high (#8) for residents 60 years and over, but much lower (#58) for residents 30 years and under.

The survey measures GDP per capita, social support, healthy life expectancy, freedom, generosity, and perceptions of corruption.

Source: worldhappiness.report

Recycling depot: a new proposal

Local company Green Phoenix Recycling is looking to provide a Recycle BC depot in Mackenzie, potentially operating it from a rear unit of the strip mall at 320 Mackenzie Blvd., facing Osilinka Road. The idea received support from Council at their latest meeting, as well as approval of a Temporary Use Permit to allow the operation in a C-1 zone.

The Mackenzie Elks had considered the same idea in 2022 and obtained a Licence of Occupation from the District to expand at their location but so far have not pursued it.

Recycling BC depots offer comprehensive recycling including glass, styrofoam and plastic bags.

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Rec Access program expands

A family of four with a household income of less than \$51,128 will now qualify for an Access pass at Rec Services. For individuals, the qualifying income level is \$27,514 or under.

always an accurate indicator of current income.

The pass, which residents must apply for, waives Rec Services drop-in fees.

Quotes:

“ Trying to be popular in high school is like trying to be mayor of a city that won't exist in four years.”

– Jenny Holzer

Changes to the policy raising the income levels and adding Little Mac Ski Hill to the pass were approved by Council at the last meeting, after some discussion. Councillor Wright objected to the requirement to provide a Notice of Assessment, stating that these are not

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Dog signage improvement?

Council will ask the District to improve dog signage at First and Second beaches. Raising the issue at the last meeting, Councillor Wright says that current signage does not clearly indicate Second Beach as off-leash.

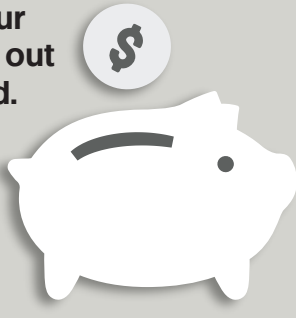
Councillor McMeeken added that First Beach

signage prohibiting dogs should also be more prominent.

On a question by The Buzzette, Council expressed unawareness of Bylaw Amendment 1473 from 2022 which changed the default for all District recreational trails to off-leash for dogs.

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Williston update

The March update for the Williston Reservoir has expected levels between 2155 feet and 2160 feet, higher than the forecast provided last month.

BC Hydro says the increase in expected levels is due to addi-

tional system precipitation, milder March weather, and continued imports of power.

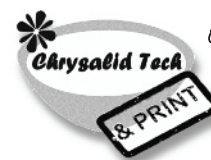
The report forecasts Williston to be above 2150 feet during its spring minimum: "...[O]perating below 2147 feet is now very unlikely."

Fun Facts: Cruise ships have lots of things but some you may not guess.

- **Morgue** Most cruise ships are required to have a small morgue and body bags. A deceased passenger is often removed at the next port of call but sometimes must remain on the ship 'til the end.

- **Jail** Known as "the brig", a ship's jail is typically just a small secure room with a bed and bathroom.

- **Hidden pools, bars, for crews** With often more than 1,000 crew on board, ships have hidden rec and relaxation facilities for them.



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"On the biggest dammed lake in the world"



Three dead

An intense five-day search for this aircraft came to a halt last Wednesday, when the Piper Cherokee was spotted in a thickly wooded area near the Mackenzie airport runway. Three men on board, all from Mackenzie, are believed to have died on impact.

Geohazards study

The District of Mackenzie is taking part in a study looking at geohazard risks in the region.

The study is conducted by Fraser Basin Council and BGC Engineers who will assess hazards such as

floods, steep creeks and landslides that could impact populations

Other towns and First Nations throughout the Regional District are also taking part. Work is underway with a final report expected in July 2025.

Mackenzie Mixed Dart League

FINAL STANDINGS March 27, 2024

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Outsiders 111 | 7. Shazaam 54 | Matt 140, 117, 120; |
| 2. Dart Vaders 103 | 8. Double Vision 54 | Collin 100; Anita 115 |
| 3. We Can Fix That 81 | High Scores: Nathen | Low Scores: Jason, |
| 4. Sharp Shooters 73 | 100 x 4, 140 x 2; Dick | Arlene, Joe, Robin, |
| 5. Cereal Killers 67 | 100; Jason 100, 140; | Chantal, Dick, Dave |
| 6. Blazing Darts 61 | Peter 130; Cody 100; | |

Non-area family late for egg hunt!

A woman called the Arts Centre Saturday morning anxious to find the location of the Centre so her children could take part in the Easter Egg hunt planned that day.

Arts Centre admin Cheyenne Leo told her the address but the woman was confused. Leo explained in more detail where

to find the Centre in downtown Mackenzie. The woman said, "I'm right here. You're on the Army Base, right?"

After a pause, the woman realized her error: Mackenzie is in B.C.

Apparently there is a Mackenzie arts centre somewhere in northern Alberta!

COMMUNITY NOTES

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Annual General Meeting April 13, 11 am @ the Mackenzie Community Garden (on Fraser Blvd). Contact Kyle Tapper.

LAUGHTER IS MEDICINE

Comedians Ticia Aksidan, Levi Heathcliff, Tyler Laliberte. April 6th, 7 pm. \$20 @ Two Rivers Gallery, Prince George. tworiversgallery.ca

NERF BATTLES (5+)

Weds 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the Callahan Room | April 10 - June 19. Drop-in fees apply.

46 years ago:

Piper Cherokee crash

A photo in the April 12, 1978, Mackenzie Times showed a downed Piper Cherokee which had gone missing March 31. After what is described as "an intense five-day search" the plane was found crashed in woods near Mackenzie Airport. Three men, Garnett Erickson, 38, Patrick Schindler, 44, and Charlie Kasher, 54, died.

MAGIC SQUARE

Each row, column and centre diagonal must add up to the same number! No repeating numbers.

5			12
10	13		7
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16			

MAGIC FOUR from last issue: EGGS, GOAT, GATE, STEP

Did you know?

Think you don't need to advertise?

Realtor Rick Morgan (rest in peace) once told The Buzzette of a woman who had lived in Gantahaz for 20-odd years who did not know there was a pet store in town.

FREE LEGAL WEBINAR Worker Rights in B.C. (Part 1) Tuesday, April 9th, 12 pm. Sign up @ peopleslawsschool.ca

2ND ANNUAL DART TOURNAMENT April 12 - 14 @ the Legion. Registration \$15/person/event.

'HOW DO I...' **SPEAKER SERIES** April 21, 2 - 4 pm: Learn grounding meditation w/ Sunshine and Bodhi. Sign up at Mackenzie Community Services. Free.

JUNK IN THE TRUNK

Prince George's Largest Garage Sale. CN Centre Parking Lot, 2187 Ospika Blvd S.. April 27th, 9 am - 1 pm. Rain or Shine.

DODGEBALL

Weds April 10 - June 19 Callahan Room. Ages 7-12 4:30 - 5:30 pm. Ages 13+ 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Drop-in fees.

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A solar eclipse, when the moon blocks out the view

of the sun from earth, will take place across North America April 8.

The path of the moon's total shadow will travel from the Pacific side of Mexico around noon Central time, traveling northeast and exiting the continent through Newfoundland around 4:40 pm EDT. Northern BC will only see a partial eclipse, with the moon covering about 14% of the sun,

starting at around 10 am. The town of Niagara Falls in Canada is expecting thousands of visitors to view the eclipse that day.

The eclipse occurs at around 19 degrees Aries. Astrologers say everyone will feel the effects but people with birthdays around the 7 - 9 of April, July, October and January may be more personally affected.

People born on the 7 - 9 of June, August, November and February may notice some beneficial boosts from the planetary aspects.

I just realized "Let me check my calendar" is the adult version of "Let me ask my mom".



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