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INVESTIGATION INTO FATAL CRASH CONTINUES

Dawson Creek RCMP are continuing their investigation into a fatal crash near Adams Road Friday, September 9th.

Police do believe speed and alcohol were factors when a pickup truck carrying five people left the road and rolled into the ditch. When emergency services arrived on scene, 17 year-old Logan Power was unresponsive and later succumbed to his injuries in a hospital.

Courtesy of Peace FM

FORTIS BC TO INCREASE NATURAL GAS PRICES

It was announced September 12th that customers who receive their natural gas supply through Fortis BC are to expect a rise in the price.

Customers can now expect a rise of \$82/year starting in October. The company says this is due to the hotter-than-usual summer months and the fact that natural gas is sold based on open-market prices.

Fort Nelson residents are excluded from this BC Utilities Commission approved price increase.

Courtesy of Peace FM

SAMSUNG ISSUES A PHONE RECALL FOR CANADA

Samsung and Health Canada have issued a recall on all Galaxy Note 7 Smartphones bought from August 19th to September 1st.

Although no injuries have been reported, the issue with the phones is that the battery has the potential to overheat and burn, posing a fire hazard. You can visit Samsung's website on how to exchange your phone.



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LOST & FOUND

Lost: Volkswagon keys on pink lanyard. Call 250-788-6863

Found: Cell phone in a special case near museum. Identify at Coffee Talk.

Lost: iPhone 5c, blue, crack across the screen. Call 250-788-1010

Found: Glasses in case in front of People's Drug Mart on July 19 at 4:30pm. Claim at Coffee Talk.

Lost: Wallet on July 30 by park behind Murray's Liquor Store, has all ID. Reward. Call 250-401-7202

Lost: Black felt bowler hat with pin on front on Friday, Aug 12. Any information appreciated. Call 250-908-0720

Found: Ball glove at Ball Park. To claim call 250-874-0402

Lost: iPhone 4S in black Otter Box since Sept 9, 2016. Call 250-629-3527

Found: Doll from the movie "Frozen." Pick up at Coffee Talk.

Lost: Walled with ID and bank cards, belongs to Nicholis Letendre. Call 250-788-6721

REC VEHICLES

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Diploma or Degree in Human Services, Public Administration or equivalent combination of education and experience working in a non-profit Aboriginal agency.
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Submit your resume, references, and cover letter in person, mail or email Attention: Tansi-Hiring Committee
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EXTENDED to Monday, September 19, 2016 at 4:00 pm.
No telephone inquiries.

We thank all candidates for their interest and regret that only those candidates who are short listed for interviews will be contacted. Pursuant to section 41 of the BC Human Rights Code, preference may be given to applicants of Aboriginal Ancestry.



KELSEY'S CHRONICLE

It's that time of year again - back to school. Parents scramble as they try to get organized for the upcoming months, with schedules, sleep, extra curricular activities and the inevitable illnesses floating around. A good way to get organized is to get kids involved, with helping make lunches and getting their bags packed. In the beginning it seems

easier (especially with young kids) to do it yourself, but in fact, putting some responsibility on your kids not only takes some stress off the parent's mornings but also helps make kids more self sufficient.

Along with organization comes the dreaded bed times. Kids tend to have later bed times in the summer so getting them back into a proper schedule is sometimes difficult. Kids need a lot more sleep than some parents think in order to function properly and be the best they can be at school. 3-5 years olds need 10-13 hours, 6-13 year olds need 9-11 hours and teens 14-17 years old need 8-10 hours of good, well rested sleep.

We send our kids to school believing they will behave like the angels we think they are, however, sometimes that's not the case. Whether its bullying, learning problems or physical problems, be ready to embrace every bump in the road. Positive reinforcement from parents encourages positive behaviour in our kids. After all, it's the parents job above anyone else's to inspire their kids to be the best they can be at school and beyond.

Finding time for homework can seem daunting, with kids having already spent 6 hours of their day at school. It is best to find a specific time, every night, that they sit and work on their homework. You know... between dinner, sports or clubs and bedtime, HA! With everything happening this time of year kids tend to get stressed out over complicated schedules and time lines. It's always good to allow free time a few times a week where they are able to just chill out!

Being that fall is one of the worst seasons for contracting illnesses, you can bet your kid will catch something this season, but there are always ways to help prevent the spread of illness. Frequent hand washing is the single most important tip. Additionally, make sure your kids are aware of sharing drinks with friends. Even the water fountains can give them that cold their classmates have. If your child is sick, keep them at home, no.... don't even go to the clinic, unless you feel it is truly necessary. Studies show that the majority of visits to the clinic in the fall could be prevented by simply keeping sick kids at home in bed where they should be. Many parents believe they are doing the right thing by taking kids to the clinic when they have the sniffles, but all this does is potentially spread the sickness to others. The best thing you can do if your child has a flu or cold is to keep them hydrated and well rested, and seek medical attention if the symptoms persist for longer than a week.

Although the hectic schedules are something that will take time to get used to, you can trust that by the end of the month you will be patting yourself on the back for being that super parent you always knew you were. For the parents just sending their first child into the hands of the school system, trust your parenting, and simply remind yourself that you have done well, and that your little one is ready... even if you aren't.

Kelsey Roberts, reporter Coffee Talk Express

MEET THE MAYOR

September 16, 2016

Coal! That black carboniferous substance that has paid the rent of hundreds of workers in Tumbler Ridge and Chetwynd over the last 35 or so years is back again. We didn't expect it, not just now, which makes its resurgence even more exciting. Once again hundreds of workers who have been subsisting on jobs with lesser pay – or on no jobs – can have hope that this Christmas there will be something under the tree. Hope does spring eternal in the human breast and from time to time it is rewarded.

Coal! That black carboniferous substance that some people hate and abominate as the driver of the end of civilization and others understand for what it is. Not all coals are equivalent. We have the thermal variety which, perhaps, we can do without. There is also the met coal and I'm not sure how even the most committed environmentalist can live without it.

I'm just looking around my desk as I think about my dependence on met coal. I like to keep my fingernails quite short and I don't chew them. Ah, yes, my fingernail clipper made of steel. The scissors standing in the little brown jug just to the right of the clippers – they too are made of steel. The wire binding in my daytimer and the runners carrying my keyboard slider – steel. Let's not forget the post supporting my swivel chair and the prongs on the electric cable connecting my computer to the snowflakes that ultimately power the turbines at Bennett Dam – steel.

But we should be using clean power from the wind and the sun. I don't disagree. But this I have learned: Those gleaming white towers supporting turbines and wind catchers are made of steel – unless they're made of concrete but our wind towers are steel.

This also I have learned: the approximate ratio of coal to iron in the steel-making process is 50-50. Those sleek steel towers contain 50% met coal by weight. Not sure the exact weight of my fingernail clippers but I'm sure there must be 100 million of them in North America – which works out to about 800 tons of steel in fingernail clippers alone of which half is met coal.

Coal! I get the picture.

Conuma Coal Resources Ltd. (office in Tumbler Ridge) as of September 9, 2016, is the new owner of the former Walter Energy properties. On September 12 owner Mark Bartkoski with General Manager Al Kangas met with the Chetwynd Council to present his philosophy of operation. I believe we have a winner here. I have confidence that Mr. Bartkoski is able to follow through with his philosophy of integrity and that it will display not only in staff and business relations but in respect and care for the environment. Mr. Bartkowski is anticipating staffing his operations with local workers living in Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge and avoiding, if possible, reliance on a camp.

Coal mining normally is not a benign operation. It can wreak devastation on the earth and on the miners and their families if it is carelessly prosecuted. That said, if Mr. Bartkoski is true to his word, and I have no doubt that he will be, Brule, Wolverine, and Willow mines will be showcases of business integrity and environmental responsibility.

Met coal! At this stage in our lives we cannot live without this black, carboniferous substance. Blessings on those who endeavour to extract it responsibly.

Am I an environmentalist? Indeed! And I welcome and support responsible industry.

Merlin Nichols, Mayor

Graveside Service

Stella Rosenau, a long time resident of Chetwynd, B.C. passed away on Saturday, September 10, 2016 in Chetwynd, at the age of 95 years.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, September 16, at 10:00 am at the Brookside Cemetery in Dawson Creek, where Stella will be laid to rest beside her husband John.

Following the graveside a memorial service will be held at the Chetwynd Fellowship Baptist Church at 1:00 pm. Pastor Bill Evans will officiate.

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NORTHERN B.C. FAMILIES HAVE HIGHEST LEVELS OF FOOD INSECURITY

17.2 per cent of households have trouble putting food on the table, according to report based on 2012 data

Written by Jonny Wakefield/Dawson Creek Mirror, September 1, 2016.

Families in Northern B.C. are far more likely to be food insecure than people in other parts of the province, according to a new study from researchers at the University of Toronto.

In 2012, 17.2 per cent of households in Northeast B.C. were food insecure, compared to 16.4 overall in Northern B.C. and 11.8 in the province as a whole, according to the [report](#) released Aug. 31. Half a million people across B.C.—two-thirds of them in the workforce—experienced some form of food insecurity.

Food security includes everything from worrying about feeding oneself to eating unbalanced meals to skipping meals entirely. Being food insecure is tied to a number of health problems, including depression and anxiety disorders.

Dr. Valerie Tarasuk, a professor in Nutritional Sciences at the University of Toronto, said high food costs and unstable employment were likely behind Northern B.C.'s higher rates of food insecurity.

But ultimately, it comes down to money.

"They're the same issues everywhere in the province," she said. "By the time someone is struggling to put food on the table, it's an income issue." The study is based on data from Statistics Canada's Canadian Community Health Survey, and is based on data from regional health authorities. B.C. opted out of the survey in 2013, meaning there is no data past 2012.

The report comes at a time when Northeast B.C. food banks are in crisis due to the downturn in oil and gas. Networks Ministries in Dawson Creek recently reported a [three-fold increase](#) in food bank customers, while the Fort St. John United Way says food bank use has [doubled](#). The region currently has the province's [highest unemployment rate](#).

"It'll take a few years to see the effects of the oil bust" in the data, Tarasuk said. "But it's got to be making things worse."

The "worst" finding in the report was that 25 per cent of families with children under 18 regularly went hungry.

"That means one in four households in that health authority, the best data that we or anyone else has, one-in-four are struggling for the food they need," Tarasuk said. "That's terrible."

The study also highlights deficiencies in B.C.'s social assistance system. In Northern B.C., 79 per cent of people receiving some kind of income assistance lacked stable access to food, compared to just 46 per cent in Newfoundland and Labrador, where social programs are more generous.

"Somebody who runs out of work and runs out of (employment insurance), if they were even eligible for it in the first place, has no choice but to go on social assistance," she said. "It's important that be programmed to help people meet their basic needs. What's abundantly clear from this work is it's not."

She added that food banks are just a "canary in the coal mine" when it comes to measuring food insecurity.

"They're a place of last resort," Tarasuk said. "Everything we know about food banks would say that most people who are food insecure never even go to food banks, and those who do are still food insecure. The problem is too big for local food charities to deal with."

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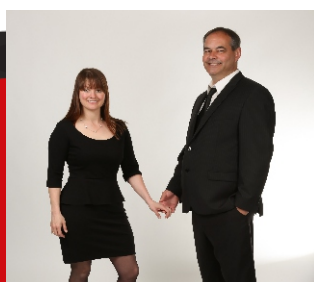
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