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Trivia:

Can you guess the top five most
popular boys' names in B.C. over the
last 100 years? (Answer back page) →



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Trails beckon in winter too

Mackenzie Outdoor Routes
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(MORATA) has been
deploying its new Snowdog
groomer this winter on local
multi-use trails such as the
perimeter trail (now known
as the Azan Trail.)

The Snowdog packs down
snow on the path, allowing
for fat biking, snowshoeing
and walking/hiking.

Some courtesy and safety
are requested though.

MORATA suggests not
using the trails if your boots
or wheels are sinking into
the snow, which will leave
ruts or holes for other users.

If snow is fresh or soft, use
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Lillooet calls for forestry changes

In a letter and petition sent to
B.C. municipalities, the Dis-
trict of Lillooet is calling for
changes to forest practices that
will empower local people,
First Nations, ranchers, and
"boots on the ground" workers
to provide input on what it
calls "the inconsistencies and
shortcomings [in] forest man-
agement and wildfire preven-
tion."

The letter blames current
forest practices for mill clo-
sures, mudslides, rising house
insurance costs, and loss of
critical wildlife habitat.

The petition cites an Ontario
'All Hazards Agency' that
manages wildfire, slides and

See 'Lillooet' over →

Olivia, Liam, Noah still top B.C. baby names

Olivia remains the most
popular baby name in B.C.
for the fifth year in a row,
followed by Liam and
Noah. Emma and Charlotte
came in as the next most
popular girls' names. A
new top entry for 2021 was
Jack, at fourth place.
Knocked out of the top
nine were Lucas and Ethan.

Oddest name spikes in the
last 100 years in B.C.? Pos-
sibly 'Merry', which shows
up in the stats for one year
only: 1960, with five girls
named. And the name
'Horace' for six boys in
1930, but never appearing
again.

Shop local ... win prizes!

A new contest offered by the
Mackenzie Chamber of Com-
merce will bring some value-
added to shopping local in
Mackenzie.

Starting January 15th for one
month, local shoppers can
save their purchase receipts to
bring to the Chamber office
and be entered into draws for
Mackenzie Bucks worth
\$100 (or \$1000 if you get
your Mackenzie Loyal card.)

Details, including bonus
entries, are available at the
Chamber.

News of the Odd:

A 19-year-old from Germany
claimed to have hacked into
over 20 Tesla electric vehicles
this past week, giving him the
ability to remotely run com-
mands that could open and
close windows, turn on the
car stereo, flash headlights,
and start keyless ignition.

He posted his discovery on
Twitter on Monday.

Describing himself as an "IT
security researcher," David
Columbo said the hack was
accessible through third party
software, not the software
built into Tesla cars them-
selves. Columbo said he con-
tacted Tesla about the
problem and was trying to
contact the car owners.

Quotes:

"If you choose not to
find joy in the snow, you
will have less joy in your
life but the same amount
of snow. — Unknown

Posted on 'Mackenzie Hikers' Facebook

Continued over →

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RCMP Report

Investigations of Interest — December —

- On 2021-12-02 RCMP were
called to the McLeod Lake
Indian Band for a report of an
assault. One male had
assaulted another male. One
person was charged and
released on conditions and to
appear in court at a later date.
- On 2021-12-02 RCMP
attended an address on Pine
Crescent for a report of an
male assaulting another male.
One person was arrested and
held in custody for a bail hear-
ing. They were later released
and will attend court this
month.
- On 2021-12-08 RCMP
attended a residence on Cen-
tennial Dr and apprehended
one male. Numerous firearms
were seized and firearms
charges are being recom-
mended to crown counsel.



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Place the numbers (from 8 to 15) without repeating. Every row, column and diagonal must add up the same!

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‘Lillooet’...

floods. Such an agency in B.C., it says, would employ people year round in forest management and restoration.

The town of Lytton, near Lillooet, burned to the

ground last June from a wildfire sparked during a record heat wave. The area also suffered landslides and highway breaches during the November flooding.

[Correction from first print: It was Lytton, not Lillooet that was decimated by fire in June.]

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English is Funny...

“Gotcha!” short for “Got you!” can mean “Caught you!” (as in a chase) or “I fooled you!” (as in playing a trick) or “I found you out!” (discovered your secret).

It ALSO can mean “Understood!” (as in, “I understand”, “I got it”, “I get the point.”) *What English language oddities can you think of?*

The four building blocks of the universe are fire, water, gravel and vinyl. – Dave Barry

RCMP Report...

- On 2021-12-11 RCMP were called to a possible impaired driver on Selwyn Dr. Upon arrival, the driver was not cooperative, he was transported to UHNBC by EHS with a police officer and a blood demand was completed to see if he had been consuming alcohol.
- On 2021-12-11 RCMP executed a warrant under the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act. One male was arrested and numerous firearms and drugs were seized. One assault rifle was found loaded by the door. He was released to attend court.
- On 2021-12-27 a male entered the McLeod Lake store and left a baggie of suspected Methamphetamine. Charges are being recommended.
- On 2021-12-29 police attended a residence on McIntyre drive for a report of a domestic assault. One male was arrested and held for a bail hearing. He was later released.
- On 2021-12-30 police attended a residence in Mackenzie where a male on conditions not to be in Mackenzie was suspected to be. A warrant was obtained and with the assistance of the Prince George Dog Service and North District Emergency Response Team, one male was taken into custody. He was transported to Prince George.

Fun Facts:

The shopping cart was invented in 1934 by grocer Sylvan Goldman. He saw that shoppers stopped loading their baskets when they became too heavy to carry.

The carts did not immediately catch on. Goldman had to hire actor shoppers to push carts around to demonstrate their convenience.

Mini-Cross answers from last issue:

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Trivia answer: 1. Robert, 2. David, 3. Michael, 4. John, 5. James.

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WORD MORPH from last issue: COLD - FOLD - FOLK - FORK - PORK - PORE - POPE - PIPE

Home assessments up in north

Northern B.C.'s home assessments increased from about \$72 billion in 2021 to over \$81.7 billion this year. A total of about \$1.24 billion of the region's updated assessments is from new construction, subdivisions and the rezoning of properties.

Comparisons of 2021 versus 2022 typical assessed values were posted by the Northern BC Real Estate Board.

These are market estimates for single-family residential properties:

Mackenzie: \$143,000 to \$157,000 = + 10%
 Prince George: \$333,000 to \$401,000 = + 20%
 Chetwynd: \$232,000 to \$245,000 = + 6%

Communities that saw no change or decreases, according to the NBCREB, were Taylor (-4%) and Kitimat (0%).

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