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What insect has an estimated population of 20 quadrillion on earth (and how many zeros is that)? (Answer back page) →



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## The Macktown Buzzette Nov 3 - 16,

#### **Paper Excellence** expands into lumber, newsprint

Paper Excellence, the company that owns Mackenzie's now shuttered pulp mill, is poised to become one of the largest forestry companies in North America with the pending acquisition of Montreal-based Resolute Forest Products in the new year, a deal announced in July but approved Monday by Resolute shareholders.

The purchase is being made through PE's subsidiary Domtar, which was acquired last year.

With the two recent acquisitions, Paper Excellence is now second only to W est Fraser Timber in size in North America, according to Business in Vancouver. Read more about it in The Prince George Citizen.

### **Parsnip-Finlay in** level 4 drought

B.C.'s ongoing and historic drought continues in most areas of the province and is particularly acute in the southwest and northeast, according to data from B.C. Drought Information Portal.

In the last two weeks of October, the Parsnip and Finlay basins around Mackenzie entered level 4 of drought, the second highest rating out of five, and one which is described as having "likely" adverse impacts ecologically and socioeconomically.

Fort Nelson and the Peace region are in level 5 of drought, the most severe level, in which

See "Drought" over →

# 100 years ago

in the Cariboo

On November 4, 1922, The Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal reported

"Tomorrow will see the passing of the mail stage from the old Cariboo road. After that date the mail will be carried straight through from Squamish to Quesnel by P.G.E. trains.

"Residents of the Cariboo district, especially those living along the roadside, will view the disappearance of the mail stage with deep regret. In the early days

See '100 years ago' over →

#### Animal control: dogs, cats, rooster

in July & August Mackenzie Animal Control reported 17 calls regarding loose dogs. Six were impounded, five were returned to their owners and one was transferred to PG Humane Society.

There were six complaints regarding barking dogs, numerous calls reporting missing cats, along with "other calls regarding abandoned kittens." There was one complaint about a rooster crowing. Officers were unable to locate the bird, and the complaint was later dropped.

Note: The September and October reports have not yet been made available.

## What's On

**FUNSPIEL** Curl

Mackenzie Nov 5th, 10 am -4 pm. Entry Fee: \$45 cash @ the Rec Centre. Afterparty w/ Beer, Prizes and Pizza (\$5/slice) at the Elks.

REMEMBRANCE DAY **PARADE** Driving parade followed by shortened ceremony, 11 am at the Legion.

WINTER MARKET Nov 18, 6 - 8 pm. Indoor/outdoor market with vendors from Purple Bicycle to CNC

**CHAMBER AUCTION** 

Event Space.

Nov 26th @ the Legion. See details this page.

#### **Top 15 countries** to retire in

Canada made the Top 15 of best countries to grow old in for 2022, but just barely. It has moved to 15th place from 10th place last year, according to a Global Retirement Index rating conducted by Natixis Investments.

Norway tops the list, followed by Switzerland, Iceland. Ireland and Australia. Germany moved to 11th place from 8th place last year. The U.S. is in 18th place, followed by the U.K.

The index factors in economies, retirement security, political stability and health.

## Juotes:

Switzerland is a place where they don't like to fight, so they get people to do their fighting for them while they ski and eat chocolate.

- Larry David

### Fall back Sunday!

Clocks turn back an hour early Sunday morning with a return to Standard Time.



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#### **Mackenzie Mixed Dart League Standings**

Oct. 19, 2022

- 1. Outsiders 16
- 2. Sharp Shooters 12
- 3. Dart Vaders 11
- 4. We Can Fix That 9
- 5. Blazing Darts 7
- 6. Capps 7
- 7. Shazaam 6
- 8. Bulls Eyes 4

High Scores: Joe 129 Steve 112

Rick 119

Low Scores: Jim x2, Jason x2, Arlene x2, Jeanne, Anita, Tony, Kailey, Dylan, Maggie, Cindy, Lorraine

### 'Drought'...

adverse impacts are considered "almost certain".

Data from Environment Canada (noted as incomplete) shows total precipitation for Mackenzie for October 2022 as 13 millimetres.

Other years in the last decade (also with incomplete data) show typically above 40 millimetres, with

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a high of 148 millimetres in 2014.

BC Hydro says the continuous dry weather has created problems for rivers and watersheds across the province. Inflows into reservoirs at some smaller facilities in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island are at near or recording-breaking low levels.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

JR. YOUTH GROUP @ The 92! Grades 5 - 7 (& option for Grade 8's) Fridays, 6 - 7:30 pm. Games, Snacks, Friendships.

TRIP TO PG STUDIO FAIR Artisan event. Sat Nov 5th. Kimta Bus leaves 8 am. returns 4 pm. \$40. Inquire: (250) 997-5818.

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## Did you know?

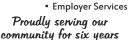
Christmas Truce On Christmas Eve of 1914, five months into World War I, British and German troops in parts of the Western Front shared in caroling and lighting lanterns from their respective trenches.

On Christmas Day, the two sides met in No Man's Land and exchanged gifts, took photographs and played football. They also took time to bury their casualties and repair dugouts.

After Boxing Day, and for most of the rest of the war, these meetings ceased.



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## PLAY FOUR

- 1. Devoid of coverings, embellishments
- 2. Sinister, malevolent
- 3. Active form of see
- 4. Insects that live in colonies

#### Down

- 1. Pioneer horror actor (first name)
- 2. Home-distributed cosmetics
- 3. Loud or violent gathering, mobbing
- 4. Service club

WORD SEARCH from last issue: Bonus word: Witch. Trivia answer: Ants and 15 zeros.

Where lipstick is concerned, the important thing is not color, but to accept God's final word on where your lips end. - Jerry Seinfeld



# Facts:

- In a World War I battle called "The Attack of the Dead Men" Russian soldiers poisoned by chlorine and bromine gas scared off attacking German troops due to the ghastly appearance the gas attack gave them, which the Germans likened to "zombies".
- A crew on the TV show Six Million Dollar Man discovered the real corpse of an Old West outlaw while filming in a funhouse. In previous decades his mummified body had been used for display in a funeral home and in a traveling carnival.

## 'Cariboo - 100 years ago'...

be looked forward to, the gay and dashing stage driver was a wonder to outsiders and a hero to the girls along the way...

"The genial Fred McLeod, who has driven the mail car

"stage day" was an event to and horse stage on this end for the last few years, will be sadly missed in town and along the road where his coming was always an event.'

> Source: <u>Ashcroft-Cache</u> Creek Journal Nov 2, 2022

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