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Fun Facts:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hosts an annual "Name a Snowplow" contest.

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Coming in 2023...

"Ask Madge"

Monthly advice column

Do you have a perplexing personal or social etiquette problem? Send it in anonymously to the Buzzette! Our new columnist will draw on her years in the service and care industries to offer a solution!

E-mail: TheBuzzette@gmail.com. Or use the Contact form at the Buzzette website (only IP addresses can be seen). Or snail-mail it: Dear Madge, c/o Box 2342, V0J 2C0.



RCMP Report

In November 2022, Mackenzie RCMP responded to 185 files. Mackenzie RCMP noted a high volume of false alarms (27) due to windstorms and power outages. Mackenzie RCMP responded to an above average amount of motor vehicle incidents (19) and mental health files (9) believed to be linked to illegal substance use.

Investigations of Interest:

- On 2022-11-02 Mackenzie RCMP attempted a traffic stop of a vehicle on Hwy 39. The vehicle fled at a high rate of speed on only 3 wheels. Members did not pursue the vehicle but later relocated it on Hwy 97 where it attempted to flee police a second time. The driver lost control of the vehicle and flipped into the ditch. The vehicle was stolen out of Alberta stemming from a robbery. Both occupants inside were arrested by police. The two individuals face a court date of 2023-02-09 in Mackenzie. Media release completed on file at the time of event.
- On 2022-11-03 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a report of a break and enter at the

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Quotes:

"I see nothing in space as promising as the view from a Ferris wheel."

– E. B. White



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Air Cadets host visitors

Mackenzie's air cadets were busy with two events earlier this month: a joint training operation with Chetwynd and a visit from the commanding officer of the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific).

787 Banshee Squadron, which started training in 1984, saw a severe decrease in membership during Covid. Bouncing back up to almost pre-Covid numbers in six months has presented them with opportunities both exciting and challenging.

Operation Shiny and New included training on how to be a team member, how to take care of your uniform, understanding piston-powered engines and the forces that act on an airplane.

Highlights were an MS Teams

See 'Cadets' over →

News of the Odd:

A 60-year-old woman at a loose ends during Covid lockdown decided to teach herself guitar. Over several months she became more confident and started writing some of her own music and lyrics, posting it on social media. A friend saw it and helped her produce a single.

Having never picked up the car prior to April 2020, Kym Vincenti has now signed with a label and released three singles, one of which topped the blues charts on Apple Music.

SD57 nixes rebranding plan

A proposed rebranding and renaming plan for School District 57 was put on the backburner by a 4 - 3 vote of trustees this week. The vote, motioned by Mackenzie trustee Rachael Weber, nixes the plan before a public survey on the topic has even closed.

Trustees against the plan cited more pressing financial priorities for the district.

The Prince George Citizen has more of this story.

Iris Energy "weathering the storm"

Beset by low Bitcoin prices and the loss of some of its mining hardware due to a loan default in November, Iris Energy said it is "weathering the storm" in its most recent corporate update.

Its Mackenzie facility on Coquiwalldie Road has been expanded from 50 MW to 80 MW "ahead of schedule" according to the update, with the infrastructure "energized" on December 6th, ahead of operations.

The company's daily operating "hashrate" (processing computations) was 1,445 in November, after a high of 3,899 in October.

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RCMP Report...

- Mackenzie Airport It was noted multiple items were stolen including quads. At this time some of the property had been located/returned and RCMP are actively working to identify suspects.

 - On 2022-11-04 Mackenzie RCMP received a report of a domestic assault. Police arrested the accused for 3 counts of assault and breach of court ordered conditions. A bail hearing was completed and the accused was remanded to Prince George correctional centre. The accused was released on 2022-11-10 and is to appear in Mackenzie court 2022-12-15.
 - On 2022-11-07 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a report of a fatal motor vehicle accident. Investigation completed and no charges for surviving driver. Media release completed at time for file. BC coroner's services has taken the file.
 - On 2022-11-10 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a report of a suspicious persons on a quad. RCMP attended and confirmed the quad to be stolen. Two people well-known to police were arrested and are to appear in court in Mackenzie on 2023-02-09.
 - On 2022-11-20 Mackenzie RCMP assisted Mackenzie fire
- and rescue and BC Ambulance with a motor vehicle collision on Hwy 39 in Mackenzie. Police arrived and confirmed the driver to be impaired by alcohol via an approved screening device. 90-day suspension issues and vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

 - On 2022-11-21 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a report of a motor vehicle incident in McLeod Lake. Police arrived and located the driver. The driver was brought back to the detachment where they provided samples of their breath confirming they were over double the legal limit to be driving. RCMP are completing the investigation at this time and will be forwarding charges of impaired operation of a motor vehicle.
 - On 2022-11-24 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a report of a person breaching a no contact court order condition. Police spoke to all parties and are completing a court package requesting a warrant for the accused.
 - On 2022-11-29 Mackenzie RCMP responded to an unresponsive male in the industrial area. Police attended and confirmed the person to be deceased. Investigation revealed nothing suspicious and the BC coroners service has taken the file.

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WHAT'S ON

Free Community WIBIT SWIM Dec 16, 4:30 - 8:30 pm. Rec Centre Pool. Sponsored by Conuma Resources.

Join Mackenzie Arts Centre in **CAROLING IN THE MALL** Dec 16, 5 - 6:30 pm, Dec 23, 4 - 6 pm. Mackenzie Mall.

WINTER WONDERLAND ARENA ICE SKATE
December 23 & 24, 9 – 11 am, 11:15 – 1 pm, and 1:15 – 3 pm. Allan Sheppard Arena.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE MATINEES IN THE POOL
Dec 23: *Home Alone* 1:30 pm.
Dec 30: *Polar Express* 1:30 pm. Rec Centre.

Mini-Cross solution from Dec 1 issue:

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS classes with Noah Goerz starting January 9. Details at Recreation Services.

BRIDGING THE GAP Grant Program. If you have an idea for a project, program, or service that will promote connection and inclusion for our 55+ population, call Raye McMeeken, Project Planner, New Horizons CNC 250-997-7225 or email mcmeekenr1@cnc.bc.ca

Did you know?


Violins can be 3D printed to a quality that rivals traditionally crafted wood violins of spruce, willow and maple, which can cost thousands of dollars.

The Acoustical Society of America is 3D-printing violins for adults and young people who want to learn to play. The printing uses an engineered plastic polymer.

Other successfully printed musical instruments include guitars and saxophones.

‘Cadets’...

Highlights were an MS Teams call with HMCS Vancouver as it ended a 6-month deployment,



Commander McHale snaps a selfie with some cadets between training sessions, Dec 6th 2022.

swimming and dinner at Sam’s Restaurant. Local cadets went home at the end of the day, but

PLAY FOUR

WORD MORPH from last issue:
 Quickest: WARM – WARS – CARS – CATS. (Other: WARM - WARN - EARN - EARS - EATS - CATS)

When my kids become wild and unruly, I use a nice, safe playpen. When they're finished, I come out. – Erma Bombeck

Accessibility on the radar

Five community members were selected through an application process this month to form a new District committee overseeing accessibility issues in town.

New B.C. legislation requires municipalities to develop an accessibility and age-friendly plan and to build a tool to receive feedback on accessibility in the community.

The PET SET



2-27
 Doug & Jean
 "Hurry, Roger!"

Chetwynd cadets got to stay overnight for the duration of the program.

Next the Commanding Officer and her Chief Petty Officer advisor came to visit. It is no small feat going from one cadet to 11 and she was impressed with the energy of the unit and even posted a Reel to Instagram (co_cadetsbc_cb) set to the song “Happy”.

While the training program is wrapping up for Christmas break, cadets can register at any time and will be invited to join training when it resumes in January.

If you know a youth aged 12-18 who may be interested in cadets, or any adult who would like to donate their time, please visit the Cadets Canada website at www.cadets.ca.