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## RCMP Report

### Investigations of Interest – July

... Mackenzie RCMP noted  
an increase in bear calls  
and continue to engage  
Conservation on them.

- On 2023-07-02 Mackenzie RCMP were conducting a check stop in Mackenzie when they noted a driver was displaying signs of intoxication. Police completed a mandatory breath sample road side to which the driver produced a sample of their breath resulting in a "fail". The driver was suspended from driving and the

vehicle was impounded.

- On 2023-07-05 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a report of a suspect breaching their Undertaking conditions. Police arrested the male who was held for court and later released for a court date in Mackenzie.
- On 2023-07-06 Mackenzie RCMP responded to an assault in progress. Police attended the business and spoke to the employee who provided a statement. Members arrested the suspect who was released by police on an undertaking with conditions to protect the victim and to attend court in Mackenzie.

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## Kirby's cabin destroyed by fire

A fire destroyed Kirby's cabin late on Monday night and is being investigated by police.

Mackenzie Fire Department responded to a report of smoke past the golf course late Monday evening and found the cabin engulfed, with fire just starting to spread toward the bush, according to Fire Chief Jamie Guise.

The crew deployed its sprinkler unit, and was able to stop further spread, but the cabin was destroyed.

The cabin is a popular first stop on a cross-country ski trail starting south from the golf course. Guise said that same cabin burned down several years ago and had been rebuilt.

The Fire Department referred the incident to Mackenzie RCMP who are investigating for arson.

The incident follows a fire on Friday in Century Trailer Court which totalled a mobile home.

*See "Cabin fire" over →*

## News of the Odd:

### Favourite TV Families

A recent poll of U.S. streaming viewers by Plex found old and new TV families as favourites:

1. The Addams family - from *Wednesday*
2. The Simpsons
3. The Brady Bunch
4. The Bundy family - *Married With Children*
5. The original Addams Family
6. The Barone family - *Everybody Loves Raymond*
7. The Taylors - *Home Improvement*
8. The Tanners - *Full House*
9. The Bravermans - from *Parenthood*
10. The Banks family - *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*

## FSJ man in custody after local vehicle stolen

Mackenzie RCMP responded last week to a report of a stolen vehicle in the area. The vehicle was spotted by police in the area of Azousetta Lake, but then fled.

RCMP Air Services were called in and spotted the vehicle at Kennedy Siding. The suspect appears to have tried to hide the vehicle, according to the news release.

The suspect was seen fleeing from the vehicle's location but Air Services, working with Police Dog Services, was able to track his movements, and the man, who is from Fort St. John, was arrested and is in custody.

The release stated there has also been a warrant out of Alberta for the man's arrest.

## Quotes:

“Everyone has a reason for what they do and how they act. We may not think it's a good reason but it is a reason.”

-- Dolly Parton



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Caribou by John D. Lambie. Photo submitted by the Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program.

## Mac 1 demo begins

The School Board announced this week that preparations for the demolition of Mac 1 school have begun.

The news release said the demolition project was tendered through BC Bid and awarded to Napp Enterprises of Prince George. The company has experience in demolition and hazardous materials handling in British Columbia since 1991.

The contractor is already on site and completion is scheduled for the end of November. For the safety of the community, construction fencing will be set up around the site.

The School District invites anyone with questions or concerns to contact the SD57 Administration Office.

## Yeas/nays neck and neck on ducks

Council will decide on amendments to the Zoning and Animal Control bylaws to allow backyard ducks at their upcoming meeting in August. (See *Buzzette* July 27). Backyard hen enclosures are already allowed in Mackenzie.

Residents have had oppor-

## Remove bear attractants, says CO

The Conservation Officer Service is in ongoing discussion with the town regarding solutions to the garbage bear problem, says Hilary Desmarais, recently arrived Conservation Officer for Mackenzie - Omineca Region.

Desmarais says the town is working on reinforcing its garbage bin lids and that they have seen some success with that.

"The main issue we see with bears in town is the accessibility of garbage. The removal of one bear just makes room for another, and the cycle will not stop until the attractants are removed," says Desmarais.

*See "Bear control" over →*

tunity to submit comment, and Council held a public hearing July 24.

Six written comments were submitted on the topic and one provided in person. According to Land & Environmental Coordinator Luke Thorne, out of seven total submissions, Yeas = 4, Yeas = 3.



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### MORFEE LAKE SCRAMBLE

happens Aug 19, Second Beach. Contact MORATA or the Rec Centre for more info.

### 111th ANNUAL BC NORTHERN EXPOSITION

Aug 17 - 20. Including live music, rodeo, entertainment. @ Exhibition Park, Prince George. Tix \$0 - \$10. More info: bcne.ca

### MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

Friday, Aug 18: *Guardians of the Galaxy III*. 9 pm @ Spirit Square.

### SHOUT OUT TO GUIDO

the Millwright. Hope you catch the Big One! Thanks for all the talks! Wayne (your fishing friend)

### CROQUET FOR SENIORS

Mackenzie Public Library. Have fun in the outdoors! Refreshments provided. August 25, 1 pm. (Corrected date.)

I was at an ATM yesterday. A little old lady asked if I could check her balance; so I pushed her over.

## Great turnout for Ridgeline event

A packed 9 a.m. ceremony at the newly constructed parking area up Morfee Mountain road officially opened the new Ridgeline trail on what turned out to be a beautiful, clear Saturday for the Rockin' the Ridgeline event held July 29.

Shuttle service then followed, with the Kimta bus and trucks provided by local business and community volunteers, taking a large number of cyclists and some hikers up the twisting road to the top of the mountain and trailhead through the day.

Guided tours were offered by MORATA volunteers, and Mackenzie Search and Rescue were on hand.

In-town festivities carried through the day and into the evening outside the Rec Centre with a stage and live music acts alongside arts & other activities.

Hosted by MORATA and the District, the event invited new appreciation for the mountain and its place in Mackenzie outdoor culture, and kicked off what organizers plan to be a developing visitor attraction.

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## Hotel Algonquin the place to be in 1920...

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### HOTEL ALGONQUIN

FRANK CASE.

59-65 West 44th St., N. Y.

## 'Cabin fire'...

The occupant was able to exit with his pets but not much else, according to Chief Guise.

This incident has also been referred to police on the request of the occupant.

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble to spell out four more Mackenzie street names (street type included - abbreviated):

rap princess \_\_\_\_\_

senior pet \_\_\_\_\_

the searcher \_\_\_\_\_

ladders cry \_\_\_\_\_

## RCMP Report ...

- On 2023-07-22 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a report of a loud explosion in McLeod Lake. Members attended with Fire and Rescue and it was determined that lightning had hit a shed in a backyard.
- On 2023-07-23 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a report of a theft from a local business. Police attended and identified the suspect. The suspect was located and returned to the business to pay for the merchandise. Both parties cooperative with police and no charges being pursued.
- On 2023-07-26 Mackenzie RCMP attempted to pull over a vehicle that fled from police. Another officer was able to relocate the vehicle

and stop it. The suspect driver was not local to Mackenzie and received fines under the motor vehicle act. The vehicle was impounded under the motor vehicle act.

- On 2023-07-29 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a report of an impaired driver. Police located the suspect vehicle. Police noted a driver was displaying signs of intoxication. Police completed a mandatory breath sample road side to which the driver produced a sample of their breath resulting in a "Fail". The driver was suspended from driving and the vehicle was impounded.

Note: Three entries have been omitted here. Find the full report at **TheMacktown Buzzette.com**

## BUZZETTE CROSSWORD

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### Across

1. Often fell from cliffs in Roadrunner cartoon

5. Baked confections

9. Not yes

10. Sportswear co.

12. Gabor sister

13. Little one

15. Canadian tree

17. Downhill or x-country

19. Healthy snack

20. Healed tissue

22. Infrared (acr)

23. Third syllable of giant's taunt

25. Close to ground

27. Sci-fi character and/or species

29. Popular army vehicles

33. Upper Respiratory (acr)

34. Jamaican slang for feeling good

35. Surface with ribs or ridges

37. West coast slang for "cool"

38. Flower appeal

39. Beach (Spanish)

41. French stop sign

43. Sixth planet

44. Street suffix (acr)

### Down

1. Of the family *Formicidae*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ and crannies

3. Expressing conditionality

4. Low-income measure (acr)

5. Popular island in South Italy

6. Hold on to, cherish

7. Electric vehicle (abbrev)

8. Old West bar, tavern

11. Statute

14. Habitual spasmodic movement

16. Happy as a \_\_\_\_\_

18. Healing tincture

21. Fish eggs

23. Where trees are found

24. Bird sounds

26. Type of monster wolf

28. Russian currency

30. Mountain range between Europe and Asia

31. Gold touch

32. South Asian stringed instrument

36. Farm structure

38. Man or woman's name

40. Affirmative (slang)

42. Eastern time (abbrev)

PLAY FOUR from last issue: Across: THAN, ROLE APSO, PEON. MISSING NUMBER: 6 and 9. From the left, multiply by 2. From the top, subtract by 3.

## 'Bear control'...

She said the CO Service is also working with Mackenzie Bylaw and they encourage anyone who observes attractant management issues to report them to Bylaw so attractants can be addressed

before the bears have a chance to access them.

"The only way we are going to achieve this is through the town working together with its residents to ensure garbage and other attractants are kept inaccessible to wildlife."