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Correction to last issue

In the December 14, 2023 Buzzette, the Kimta Shuttle was incorrectly described as a 24-seater (see 'Good first year for Kimta PG bus'). In fact, the shuttle service to Prince George uses a six-passenger van.

Quotes:

"The Law of Raspberry Jam: The wider any culture is spread, the thinner it gets."

— Alvin Toffler



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Ten hams and 23 Robert Borden's!

Staff at the Mackenzie Forest District office organized a small food drive last month.

The office put out a friendly challenge to forest industry partners to collect donations for St. Peters' Pantry. By the end of the drive, the effort had raised \$2300 and 10 hams. Conifex earned bragging rights as the top contributor and winner of the challenge.

The organizers also thank Dunkley Lumber, King Brothers Logging, Back Country Logging, Woodcock & Sons Contracting, and staff at the Mackenzie Ministry of Forests for supporting this challenge.

Superintendent named at SD57

The Board of Education of School District No. 57 has appointed Jameel N. Aziz as the new Superintendent of Schools, ending an almost year-long search to fill the role which has seen high turnover over the last seven years.

Mr. Aziz, who currently is with Yellowknife Education District No. 1, will take over from Acting Superintendent Pam Spooner on March 25.

The School Board also changed its executive at the November public board meeting. Mackenzie trustee Rachael Weber, who served as Board Chair the previous year, declined to run for Chair again. Trustee Craig Brennan was elected.



News of the Odd:

In 2021, a daredevil YouTuber crashed his single-engine plane while livestreaming his flight over Los Padres National Forest in California.

Recorded on a video he entitled, "I crashed my airplane", the crash was later found to have been deliberate, as a ploy to boost the number of viewers on the man's channel.

The footage garnered millions of views on YouTube. It shows the amateur pilot experiencing engine trouble, then ejecting himself from the plane -- selfie stick in hand -- and parachuting into the forest below.

Cameras had been placed all over the aircraft to show its descent and crash landing.

The man, now 30, received a six-month jail sentence this past November after accepting a plea deal.



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No extension for Ernie Bodin tenants

A request by Mackenzie Arts Centre to extend the occupancy of Ernie Bodin Centre by a year was voted down 4 - 3 by Council at their first meeting of the new year. (See also Nov 16th Buzzette.)

Several community members were in attendance, with some speaking at the meeting.

A proposal by the District to offer the Arts Centre and

B.C. baby names: Noah still trending

British Columbia parents have spoken. For the second year in a row, Noah is the front-runner for the most popular name for babies born in B.C.

Noah is followed by Oliver, Olivia, Theodore, Liam, Jack, Emma, Sophia, Ethan and Leo, according to the Vital Statistics Agency's preliminary figures for 2023.

In 2022, the top names for babies born in B.C. were Noah, Olivia, Oliver, Liam, Theodore, Jack, Emma, Lucas, Leo and Sophia.

These results are similar to those in the U.S., with the difference there being James and Henry making inroads in 2023, along with Amelia and Mia for girls.

Sources: BC Gov News; Names.org

Dentist rumours confirmed

Talk of a new dentist coming to town was confirmed this week with town council authorizing the District to draft an equipment use deal with Dr. Johannes Yliruusi, who has expressed interest in opening a clinic in Town Centre Mall, according to a staff report. The District has been storing equipment there from the former dental clinic on Centennial Drive, which was demolished in 2022.

See 'Dentist' over →

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Input sought on biodiversity plan

The BC government is soliciting feedback on its draft “Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework”. According to the Ministry website, the initiative seeks in part to “[M]aintain and enhance biodiversity and ecological integrity, and ensure healthy communities and economies for the future.”

Members of the public can access the draft framework and provide comments until January 31, by e-mailing biodiversity.ecosystemhealth@gov.bc.ca.

Conservation North, a conservation group based in Prince George, is holding a public information event January 19th to discuss principles it wants included in the framework. When: Friday, January 19th, 7 pm at Omineca Arts Centre, Prince George.



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Williston Reservoir operations open house

BC Hydro is hosting open houses in Hudson’s Hope and Mackenzie to discuss Williston Reservoir operations. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Due to low inflows from ongoing drought, below average water levels are forecast for Williston Reservoir this spring.

Hudson’s Hope public information session:

- Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024
- Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm MST
- Location: Hudson’s Hope Community Hall, 10315 Kylo St., Hudson’s Hope

Mackenzie public information session:

- Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024
- Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm PST
- Location: Mackenzie Recreation Centre, Sas Da’Gheroom, 400 Skeena Drive, Mackenzie

We want to hear from you and hope to see you there.



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In the 1980s, A&W restaurants tried to compete with McDonalds’ Quarter Pounder – which had come on the market in 1973 – by selling a 1/3-pound burger at the same or a lower price. The new burger even beat the McDonald’s product in taste tests.

But the product failed. Why? In conducting focus groups, the company learned that most customers thought that “1/4” was bigger than 1/3 .

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Buzzette Mini-Cross December 14:

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COMMUNITY NOTES

BURGER NIGHT at the Legion Friday, Jan 12th, 5 - 8 pm. \$15 for members, \$18 for non-members. Everyone welcome including children.

KARAOKE NIGHT Jan 13th @ the Legion. Doors open 7:30 pm, Karaoke starts at 8. Must be 19 or older to attend.

GYMNASTICS CLASSES start Jan 14th. \$30/five Sundays. Time slot based on age. Register @ the Rec Centre.

PLAY JEOPARDY! Jan 19th, 1 pm @ Mackenzie Public Library. Open to all seniors. Show off your brain skills.

“HOW DO I...?” Speaker series @ Mackenzie Community Services. Jan 21st, 2 - 4 pm: Learn to Bead w/ Wendy Chambers. Register with Cassandra (250) 997-6595.

NOTICE: SEEKING TIA and/or NELLY KROPP (KROP)

Assistance is needed in locating Tia (Krop) Kropp and/or Nelly (Krop) Kropp. I am dealing with the estate of the late Larry E. Johnson of Saanich, British Columbia.

If you know of these people, please have them contact me directly or send me their contact info.

Larry E. Johnson lived in Victoria, B.C. and had different jobs in the local area.

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Executor for Larry E. Johnson
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ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Jan 29th, Noon - 1:30 pm @ Mackenzie Community Services.

SCAMS and IDENTITY THEFT Webinar Jan 30th, noon. Sign up at peopleslawschool.ca

HOUSE CONCERT Jan 30th: Mimi O’Bonsawin & Noelle Frances. Doors 6:30 pm. Concert starts 7 pm. Tickets \$25. BYOB. Contact Linda at (250) 997-3013.

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‘EBCC’...

mate this year upped that figure to \$150,000+ if occupancy was to be extended an extra year. The staff report suggested that money could be spent instead on interim rent support for the two remaining groups.

Rent support has been provided to CHMM Radio, which will be relocating to Mackenzie Mall, in the amount of \$24,650 over four years, as well as a one-time grant of \$2,000* to help with relocation

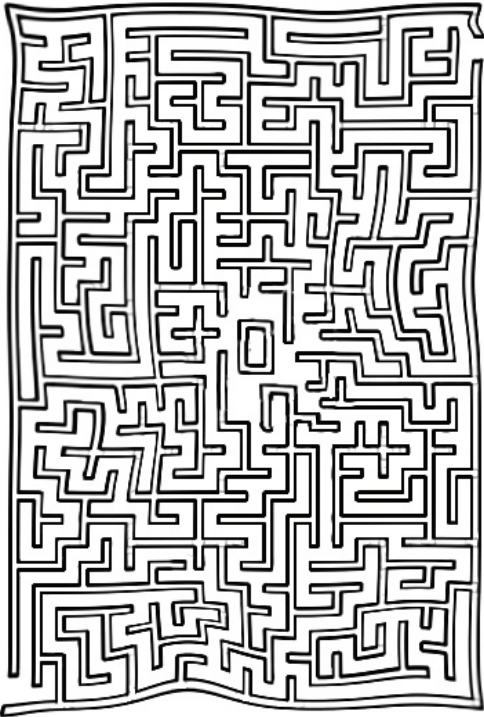
costs. [*Corrected figure from first printing.]

Councillors Brumovsky, Tapper and Wright voted against the motion to deny the extension at Monday’s meeting, citing a need for further conversations.

The Arts Centre has been gifted the former Sikh Temple on Laurier Drive, which will require extensive renovations, including roof repair.

The Museum has as yet found no new location and has been considering a newly built facility.

A-MAZE!



WORD SCRAMBLE from Dec 14th issue: Finlay Forks Cres, Osilinka Dr, Nechako Dr.

Hacker, in a ransom message:
I have all your passwords.
Me: OMG thank you! What are they?



‘Dentist’...

A letter to Council by the manager of Ydenberg Properties notes that Dr. Yliruusi may be uniquely qualified to make use of the equipment as he is also a mechanic and can assemble and repair the equipment, which has been sitting idle for over five years.

Dr. Yliruusi has been operating a traveling dental clinic in the north in recent years.

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