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Slow growth for Kimta PG shuttle

Operating losses for the year to date for the Kimta shuttle service to Prince George are just over \$23,500* [*corrected figure], attendees to Kimta Transportation Society's Annual General Meeting learned last week.

The service, now in its second year, offers 5x/week return shuttle service to Prince George in its six-passenger van.

Ridership for the shuttle has increased slightly from 29 passengers per month in 2023 to 43 this year, with the best month totaling 61 passengers.

In answer to a question, Kimta President Mark Robillard said that a doubling of the current passenger numbers would be a realistic goal. However, he emphasized that Kimta's focus remains on fundrais-

ing, with the potential need for a new van in 2026.

Robillard said that despite low ridership, the shuttle service covers a larger portion of its operating

See 'Kimta shuttle' over →

Fun Facts:

In 1982, the Florida Keys declared indepen-

dence from the U.S. and, with the tossing of a piece of stale bread at a naval officer, launched a war that lasted approximately one minute. The dispute was over U.S. border patrol blocking the Keys' only highway in and out.

Shortly after war was declared, Key West (rechristened 'The Conch Republic') officially surrendered and requested \$1 billion in foreign aid. The aid was denied but the blockade was ultimately lifted.

Missing ballots counted in PG-Mack

A judicial recount of a ballot box in the Prince George Mackenzie electoral district took place last week after discovery that votes from that box were not counted or reported on election night.

The box was reported to have contained 861 ballots, seven of which were from out of district. The final tally registered 860 ballots. The breakdown was:

Kiel Giddens: 548
Shar McCrory: 222
James Steidle: 79
Rachael Weber: 11

Total votes for Prince George Mackenzie were 18,564, with

See 'PG-Mack' over →

Health Canada urges radon testing

November is Radon Action Month. As the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, exposure to radon claims more than 3,000 lives in Canada each year.

Radon, which is found in every home in Canada, is a radioactive gas that comes from the breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. It is invisible, odourless and tasteless.

When radon is released from the ground into the outdoor air, it is diluted and is not a concern. However, in enclosed spaces, it can accumulate to high levels and become a risk to the health of you and your family. One in five homes in Canada has a high radon level. Exposure to radon and tobacco use together can significantly increase risk of lung cancer.

There are two options for testing a house for radon:

- Purchase a do-it-yourself radon test kit
- Hire a certified radon measurement professional

To learn more, call Health Canada at 1-833-723-6600 or e-mail hc.radon.sc@canada.ca

Quotes:

“ The penalty for success is to be bored by the people who used to snub you.
-- Nancy Astor



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Trivia:

I am 4x as old as my daughter. In 20 years, I will be twice as old as her. How old are we now? (Answer over →)

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Salvage logging needs rethink, say forest advocates

Prince George-based forest advocacy group Conservation North is calling for a new provincial forestry act.

A seminar held this summer at UNBC with biologists and conservationists from B.C. and Montana presented a new vision for forestry that would shift priorities to maintaining ecological balance in forest ecosystems while developing community-based jobs, the group says.

Spokesperson Michelle Connolly is particularly crit-

ical of salvage logging, the practice of cutting down forests that have been attacked by beetles or fire. She says burned primary forests retain much of their structure and biodiversity, and dead trees provide critical habitat niches. The accumulation of decaying wood creates a healthy forest floor and is vital for forest ecosystems.

The seminar can be viewed at conservationnorth.org and on Youtube. It's called "Gaming the Ecosystem: The Truth about Salvage Logging."

'PG-Mack ballots'...

BC Conservative candidate Kiel Giddens winning 61% of the vote.

More of a nail-biter were the recounts in Surrey -Guildford and Kelowna Centre with the top two candidates separated by 27 and 38 votes respectively.

Because of the extreme closeness of the races, judicial recounts were automatic. To add to the drama, a data entry error in Surrey-Guildford's initial count resulted in 14 votes not being reported.

The final numbers after the recounts saw the Conservatives edge out the NDP by 40 votes in Kelowna Centre. In Surrey-Guildford, the NDP won by just 22 votes.

Otto Watt



Did you know?

"Hara hachi bu" is a Japanese practice that advises to eat just up to the point when you're 80% full. It is a Confucian teaching that translates roughly to "stomach 8 parts full."

Advocates say the practice leads to a lower body mass index and increased longevity. It is a popular philosophy on the island of Okinawa, where life expectancy is much higher than the global average.

COMMUNITY NOTES

MACKENZIE COUNCIL BYELECTION Nov 16, 8 am - 8 pm. Vote at the District Municipal Office (1 Mackenzie Blvd.)

LEGION CRAFT SALE November 23 & 24 10 - 4 pm (Sat) 10 - 3 pm (Sun). Come out and see the local talent. Lunch will also be available.

FIRST NIGHT OF CURLING has been postponed to Nov 22nd, 5:40 pm - 7:40 pm. Intro offer for 3 games: \$40, incl membership. Come at 5:15 to register. Cash or cheque only. All ages and abilities.

HOUSE CONCERT: JAMES GORDON Roots/Americana live music. Nov 27th, 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30. BYOB. Snacks & merch available. 108 Summit Crescent. Call Linda (250) 997-3013.

CHAMBER AUCTION 22nd Annual Chamber fundraiser @ the Legion Nov 30th. See ad front page.

INTRO TO THE GYM ages 60+. How to use gym equipment & cardio room. Two sessions: Thurs Nov 28th, 10 - 11:30 am general overview; Thurs Dec 5th, 10 - 11 am for in-depth review. Sign up @ the Rec Centre.

LEARN TO BELAY Sat, Nov 30th, 1 - 3:30 pm. 13+ Learn about the equipment, knots, communication protocols, and safety techniques with our experienced instructors. Sign up @ the Rec Centre.

INTRO TO EXERCISE ages 60+. Learn exercises you can do in your own home. Two sessions: Thurs, Dec 12th, 10 - 11:30 am overview, Thurs, Dec 29th, 10 - 11 am. Sign up @ Rec Centre.

OUT OF TOWN

WHIMSY & WONDER Holiday Market, Nov 30th - Dec 1st 10 am - 5 pm (Sat) and 12 - 4 pm (Sun). BC artists, artisans & makers + Music, Raffle, Craft Corner, Hot beverages. @ Two Rivers Gallery (Civic Centre).

FESTIVAL OF TREES Nov 27 - Dec 1, Civic Centre, Prince George. Annual display of decorated trees hosted by Spirit of the North Healthcare Foundation

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Consecutive numbers are numbers that follow in a sequence, e.g., 7, 8, 9, 10.

Write the following numbers as a sum of consecutive numbers:

Example:

$$5 = 2 + 3$$

$$6 = 1 + 2 + 3$$

$$17 = 8 + 9$$

- 19 = _____
10 = _____
26 = _____
22 = _____
18 = _____
8 = _____
25 = _____

Are there any numbers for which this won't work?



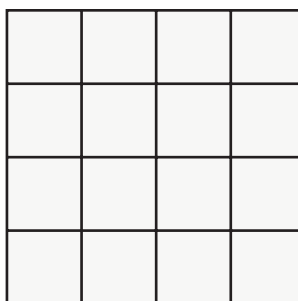
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PLAY FOUR



CRYPTOQUOTE from Nov 1: Did you get the answer? Let the Buzzette know! © WORD JUMBLE: Jackalope, Cloak, Jackal, Joke, Pale, Leap, Clap, Pole, Plea

Across

1. Just, equitable
2. Gaelic name for Ireland
3. Pre-sin garden
4. A concave surface deformation caused by blow or impact

Down

1. To give food
2. Official assistant, ministerial _____
3. Bitcoin mining company
4. Payment for use of equipment or premises

TRIVIA ANSWER: Mom is 40, daughter is 10.

Life starts out with everyone clapping when you take a poo and goes downhill from there. — Sloane Crosley



'Kimta shuttle'...

costs compared to BC Transit services, which typically only recoup 3% of their costs through fares. The Kimta shuttle recoups 15%.

An online booking system operated by Pacific Western Transportation is due this year and the Kimta shuttle will be on it.

Kimta also operates the Kimta Community Bus, a 24-passenger bus that can be booked by groups for local and regional travel. The bus has had 30 bookings to date this year and

has generated a profit of \$3,885.

Kimta Transportation Society has been fundraising since 2016. With the help of public and private grants as well as donations, it launched its Community Bus in 2021 and the Prince George shuttle in 2023.

The shuttle operates five days a week, leaving Mackenzie at 7 am. A one-way fare is \$30; to the airport is \$50. Call Evergreen Taxi to book.

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