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New research on 'Starry Night'

A group of South Korean researchers think they have found the pre-dawn sky that inspired Vincent Van Gogh in his painting of *The Starry Night*, created in 1889, which depicts a scene from the landscape around the French asylum he had entered months before.

The new research suggests the sky in the painting matches most closely a configuration that would have appeared in July of that year, suggesting that Van Gogh was more literally reproducing what he saw from his view in the asylum.

Source: phys.org

Trivia:

What has four legs and only one foot?
(Answer over →)



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The Macktown Buzzette

Oct 22 -
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Election shake-up brings big change to Council

Last weekend's council election set some new records for Mackenzie, at least in recent history. Pete Kylo received 1,048 votes in his bid for mayor, breaking vote records of the last two decades.

A total of 1,151 ballots were cast, surpassing 2008's count of 1,107.

And 14 candidates running for six council seats was also likely a local record, according to District staff.

While incumbency is normally a strong advantage, incumbents Joan Atkinson and Jesse Wright, both running for council this year, did not get seats

despite maintaining their high vote counts from 2022.

It was a sweep at the top, with some of the newly elected being hometown candidates.

Voter turnout was 46%, a stark improvement from 29% in 2022.

The new council will be sworn in November 2 with its first regular meeting happening November 9.

Quotes:

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act. The rest is merely tenacity."

— Amelia Earhart

Tiny builds keep him busy

Tiny home enthusiasts aren't the only ones who appreciate building on a small scale.

This summer, Heinz Moncher of Pine Crescent built a mini paddlewheel boat in his yard.

Under eight feet in length, the boat has a hand-built wooden paddlewheel that propels the boat and is turned by a gas engine.

Moncher says he had one

when he lived on Harrison Lake, but sold it to a visitor who admired his work. He's hoping to get the current one out on Morfee Lake next summer.

For the winter, though, he's working on another project — a mini chuckwagon. It's built on a trailer that can be towed by a car and has the iconic chuckwagon rounded ribbed top, except in place

See 'Tiny builds' over →

News of the Odd:

A mobile service company in the UK has produced a

very talkative chatbot in the guise of a "granny" who keeps scam callers on the phone with endless conversation.

Daisy, an AI program that talks and sounds like an older English woman, has so far been deployed on thousands of calls, keeping scammers tied for up to 40 minutes on the phone while they think they're talking to a real person.

The company, O2, has produced a video demonstrating how Daisy traps scam callers.

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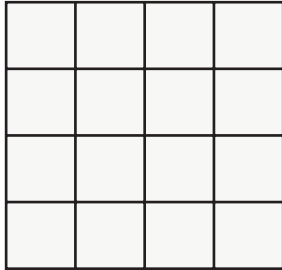
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PLAY FOUR



ACROSS

1. Compiled information
2. Wicked, malefic
3. The little one that wreaks havoc
4. Boundary, outer line

DOWN

1. Athabaskan word for "people"
2. Keen, enthusiastic
3. Sound of a small bell
4. Healing plant

MAGIC FOUR answers from last issue: SHOW, HARE, ORES, WEST. MATH FUN answers: 6, 1 and 8/15, 9. WORD MORPH: Grand, Brand, Bland, Blank, Black, Block, Clock.

Trivia answer: A bed.

Why do they lock gas station bathrooms – are they afraid someone will clean them?



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Mackenzie projects get boost w/ IREN grants

Over \$250,000 was gifted to 21 non-profit groups in Mackenzie last month to help with various projects and community building.

In an October 9 press release, the company announced the recipients, with some of the largest grants going to Morfee Elementary Parent Advisory Committee (\$30,000), St. Peter's Pantry (\$20,900), Mackenzie Men's Shed

(\$17,100), and Williston Lake Elders Society (\$17,000), the latter grant which will be used for concept drawings and early planning for their seniors housing initiative.

Other recipients include Mackenzie Public Library, Mackenzie Community Arts Council, Mackenzie Community Services, and Mackenzie Volunteer Fire Department.

'Tiny builds'...

of canvas, it's waterproof vinyl siding.

This is his fifth one, the previous four having sold, so these trailers are

a going concern.

Nice to know we have a tiny craft builder right here in town!

COMMUNITY NOTES

**PROVINCIAL
ELECTION** Oct 24,
8 am - 8 pm @ the Rec
Centre.

HAUNTED MAZE at the
Arts Centre. Oct 30th
4 - 5 pm (lights on), 6 - 8
pm (lights off). Oct 31st,
11 am - 12 pm, 1 - 3 pm.

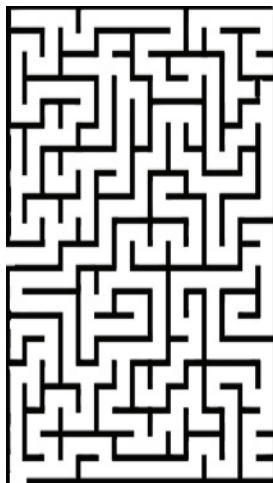
GRAVEYARD SMASH
Costume Rave at the Arts
Centre Oct 31st 9 pm - late.
19+ . Tickets at the Arts
Centre.

Klein steps in as SD57 trustee

In other election news,
Tianna Klein will be Mack-
enzie's new school trustee.

Mackenzie voters did not
go to the polls for the
School Board election this
time around. Only Klein
had stepped up for the
Mackenzie seat held in
recent years by Rachel
Weber.

A-MAZE



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**DISTRICT FIRE-
WORKS** Oct 31st, 7 pm at
the Rec Centre upper
parking lot.

**MENTAL HEALTH
SUMMIT** Nov 14, 9 am -
3 pm at the Rec Centre. 10
am panel: The Rural
Mental Health Experience.
Keynote 12 pm: Corey
Hirsch.

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Nov 7, 10 am - 2 pm @ the
Purple Bicycle. Used gear
drop-off during business
hours Nov 2 - 6.

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'Fall home fixes'...

fencing. Prune them
back to the trunk to
ensure they withstand
winter winds.

- **Upgrade door and window seals:** Worn weatherstripping is a primary source of heat loss. Check all windows and doors, replacing any peeling or damaged material.

- **Seal small cracks and gaps:** Tiny cracks can lead to significant structural damage. Seal all exterior gaps this fall to keep your home water-tight.

- **Spot-check insulation:** Drafty rooms or cold interior walls are signs of insufficient insulation. A professional can help you update these areas to save on energy costs.

- **Replace your air filter:**
A clean furnace filter

ensures your heating
system operates at peak
efficiency during its
busiest season.

- **Secure or store outdoor items:** High winds can turn patio furniture into projectiles. Store items in a garage or use heavy-duty ropes to secure anything left outdoors.

- **Inspect for frost:**
Check your attic regularly for frost or condensation. These are early warning signs of insulation gaps or roof leaks that can lead to destructive ice dams, trapping water where it can potentially seep into your home.

Getting your home safer
doesn't have to be a major
project. By regularly check-
ing up on a few key ele-
ments, you can be much
better prepared. Find more
safety tips at keepintact.ca.