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Taking a moo-ment

Laurel Vohar, with the Pineview 4-H, has a moment with her steer Big Show at the BCNE just before showing him Thursday.

Bear sprayer gets 90 days in jail

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A 22-year-old Prince George man has been sentenced to 90 days in jail for bear spraying a family member and assaulting a police officer the next day.

Terence Bertel Swanson, formerly of Fort Fraser, received the terms in Prince George provincial court on Thursday.

He was also sentenced to two years probation and a 10-year firearms prohibition.

Swanson was arrested July 30 after a general duty officer recognized him as wanted for the bear spraying incident the day before.

When Swanson, who was walking along the 2200 block of Pine Street, was ordered to stop, he instead took off with the officer pursuing him on foot.

Swanson then turned around and sprayed the officer, Prince George RCMP said at the time, and other RCMP were called into the scene.

Swanson was then found hiding in the 1400 block of Strathcona. He tried running once again, RCMP said, but was apprehended immediately.

The sprayed officer, meanwhile, was able to recover and complete his shift.

Swanson was also sentenced to one day in jail for possession of a dangerous weapon from an alleged November 2013 incident.

Three other charges related to the police chase were dropped.

Man faces drug charge from Homeland Inn arrest

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A 31-year-old man has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking after police seized a quantity of cocaine and cash on Aug. 3 from a unit at the Homeland Inn in the 1600 block of Victoria Street.

Leo Milton Kirk has since been

released on an undertaking and is to appear in court later this month to confirm counsel. A 51-year-old woman was also arrested but not charged.

Two more people were arrested in a second raid at the Homeland Inn on Wednesday but as of Friday, charges had not yet been approved.

Meanwhile, Prince George Fire Rescue deputy chief Blake King said the Homeland's owners have been given two weeks to address a list of safety-related deficiencies ranging from missing smoke detectors to electrical issues to inadequate fire separation guards.

PGFR was called in following the Wednesday night police action.

Charges approved in alleged break and enter

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Charges related to an alleged break and enter of a home on Chief Lake Road last week have been approved against two people.

Dorian Shane McCrea, 43, and Andrea Erika Johnson, 37, both face eight charges while McCrea faces an additional six charges, including assaulting a peace officer and three counts of breach of an undertaking related to other charges before the court.

The two were arrested Aug. 2 after the homeowner called RCMP at about 3 a.m. to say some people

with flashlights were filling up a pickup truck with items from his property.

In what police called a "text book example" of how such a situation should be handled, the homeowner stayed on the line as RCMP made their way to the scene.

RCMP have said the two were just about to leave when police showed up.

The man jumped out of the truck while it was moving and attempted unsuccessfully to flee on foot while the woman remained in the truck which rolled into two police cruisers, according to RCMP.

Single-family housing starts lagging

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Starts on single-family homes in the Prince George area continued to remain behind last year's pace, numbers released Friday by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation are showing.

There were 13 starts in July, compared to 28 for the same month last year, and the year-to-date total of 61 was 30 starts behind the total reached by the same point last year.

The lag has been offset somewhat by multiple family construction

which stood at 57 units so far this year, compared to 42 year-to-date by the end of July 2012. There were no starts in that category last month, compared to two during July 2012.

In all, work has begun on 118 units of housing in and around Prince George, 15 fewer than the total reached over the first eight months of 2012.

In its latest forecast, CMHC had predicted 160 starts on single-family homes by the end of 2013, the same as there were in 2012, and also saw 160 starts in 2014.

Nominees named in Dawson Creek

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Four candidates have put their names forward to replace Mike Bernier as the mayor of Dawson Creek.

Dale Bumstead, Ron Gloslee, Bud Powell and Alvin Stedel all submitted their nomination papers prior to Friday's 4 p.m. deadline in advance of the Sept. 14 by-election. None of the candidates are current members of city council.

The mayor's chair became vacant when Bernier won a seat in May's provincial election.

Pilot injured in Quesnel plane crash

Citizen staff

A pilot was sent to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries after his small two-seat plane crashed into the runway at the Quesnel airport on Friday shortly after 11 a.m.

The other occupant did not suffer any significant injury and the runway was reopened within an hour, Quesnel RCMP said.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation by the Transportation Safety Board of Canada.

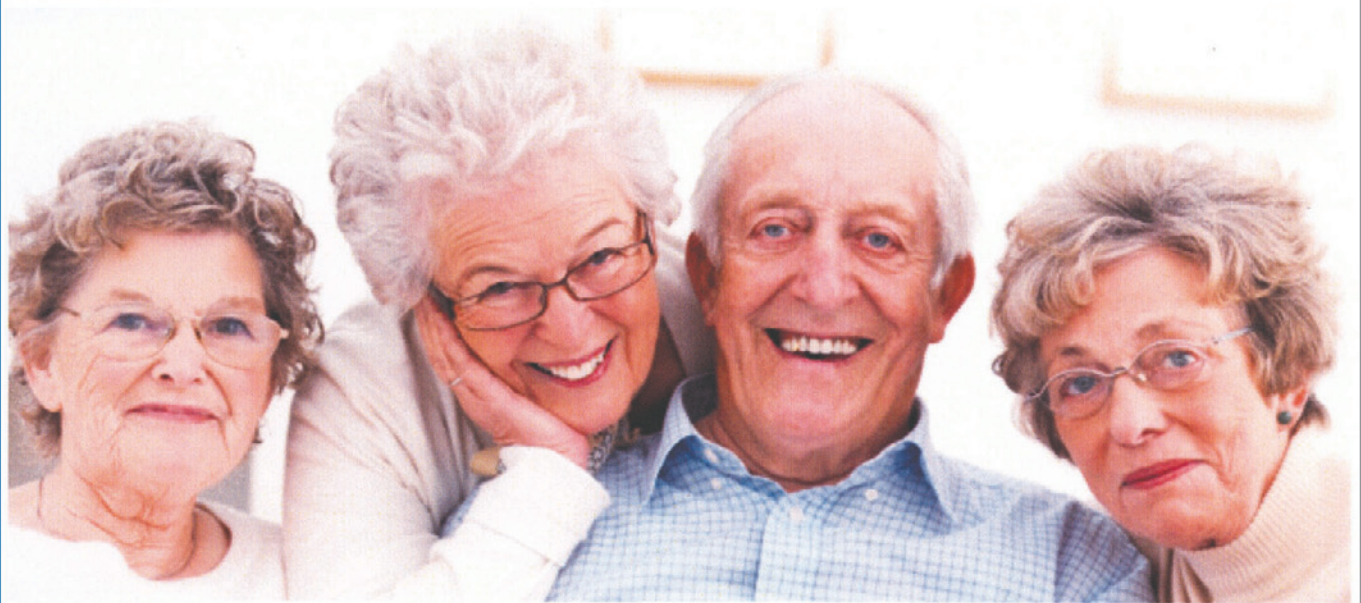
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