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## Fabric of history

Jennifer Castley works on a history of Prince George tapestry at the Prince George Fibre Arts Guild booth at the BCNE. The Prince George Spinners and Weavers Guild has spent the last five years creating the Tapestry of Prince George History on display right now at the BCNE. It's almost complete and will be ready to celebrate Prince George's 100th year in 2015 when it will be displayed throughout the community for all to enjoy.

# 'I think cooking is an art form'

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“Any chef can do something interesting with resources like that. The real skills of a chef are revealed with simple ingredients like peach or avocado.”  
There was tension. There were jangled nerves on the stage. There was even fire as one chef got distracted and forgot something in the oven. Oops. But in true competition style, the team worked around that setback and carried on with other culinary creations to impress the judges.  
“I think cooking is an art form, whether you are an amateur or a professional,” said Beesley when asked by Blumer what drew him to this competition. “I’m interested to see how these chefs deal with time constraints. I know from my own kitchen creations, so much depends on how you time everything out, so the things

that are supposed to be hot at the end really are hot at the end.”  
Guest judge Al Moffat couldn’t believe his good luck. There to enjoy the competitive cooking, he got his name drawn to participate from inches away instead of down in the seats.  
“Presentation is a big thing for me,” said Moffat, a former commercial cook before his career at a local pulp mill. “If something looks good, you expect it to taste good, too.”  
“There was actually an old quote that says the first taste of food is with the eyes,” Blumer agreed.  
To see how the preliminary rounds turned out, come to the amateur finals at 2 p.m. Saturday.  
The professional chefs have an even larger tournament starting today with events at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. followed by 11 a.m. Saturday. The ultimate finals happen Sunday at 3 p.m.



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**Celebrity chef Bob Blumer demonstrates in the Northern Taste Market at the BCNE Thursday.**

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His paper will be published in an upcoming edition of the peer-reviewed Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences.  
“I think it is a testament to the quality of the medical radiology program and faculty at CNC,” said Mitchell, in a press release. He is currently completing a clinical practicum at the Prince Rupert Regional Hospital.  
Carlsen’s essay was awarded a certificate of merit, coming within five points of the winning piece.  
“I’m thrilled my work has been acknowledged at a national level,” Carlsen said in a press release, noting her excitement in starting her last clinical placement this summer.

## Don’t seek out fires, province warns

Citizen staff

The Prince George Fire Centre is reminding people to stay away from active wildfires.  
According to fire information officer Jill Kelsh, two public vehicles drove to the head of an active fire while airtankers were overhead and about to drop retardant on Tuesday.  
“The aerial attack had to be paused and crews were required to put themselves in front of the fire to ask the public to leave the area,” Kelsh said in a written statement. “When the public enters an area of active wildfire during suppression operations they put themselves, our crew and others at risk.”  
The Wildfire Management Branch reported 21 new fire starts in the expansive Prince George Fire Centre (stretching from the Robson Valley to Fort Nelson) last week. All but one of those fire were caused by lightning. As of Aug. 6, there were another nine new lightning-caused fires and three human-caused fires.  
Additional firefighting personnel arrived in B.C. from Ontario and Quebec this week, as



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well as extra equipment. An airtanker group from Alberta consisting of four amphibious skimmers, one bird dog aircraft and an air attack officer arrived in Prince George on Monday.  
Costs associated with requests for assistance through the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre are covered by the province under the Mutual Aid Resources Sharing Agreement.  
So far, the wildfire management branch has responded to 812 fires this season.

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### Livestock Auction!

The Prince George 4-H District will be holding its  
**2014 Annual Livestock Auction**  
**on August 9 at 6:00pm**  
**in the 4-H barn at the PGX.**

All 4-H animals are Hormone-Free and fed top quality, all natural feed. There will be Poultry, Beef, Swine, Goats, and Sheep. Refreshments and bidding cards are available at the 4H office at 4:00pm.

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