

Exploring/the weather



Kate Beckett, 2, constructs a weather vane with some help from her father Doug, and big brother Will, 5, at Exploration Place's Super Sunday. JEFF HOODSON/FREE PRESS

RCMP BRIEFS

Fatal MVA

A logging truck driver is dead after a collision near Hixon during Monday's early morning snowstorm.

The accident occurred at about 7 a.m. just south of Hixon, 40 minutes south of Prince George.

The southbound fully-loading logging truck apparently crossed the centre line into the path of a northbound flatbed semi-trailer.

The two vehicles collided "almost head-on," killing the driver of the logging truck, according to police.

The driver's name had not been released at press time pending notification of next of kin.

The police investigation of the scene continued early this week.

RCMP foil attempted bank robbery

Three men, including two who were on parole for previous bank robberies, were arrested and charged with attempted bank robbery after they were found in the vicinity of a stolen vehicle parked outside a city bank.

A stolen pickup truck was spotted by police near the Scotiabank at Spruceland Mall Friday afternoon.

Two men were arrested outside the bank and a third was arrested later.

Two of the men, aged 32 and 41, were federal parolees on mandatory supervision after serving sentences for previous bank robberies. Neither is from Prince George. The third man, 32, is a Prince George resident.

RCMP spokesperson Constable Mike Caird could not say what in the case justified "attempted" bank robbery charges.

"It depends on what they found [in the truck]," he said. "Did they find weapons? Did they find masks? That kind of thing."

He was also not able to supply names of the suspects.

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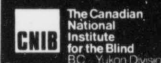
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