



1998 Senior Citizens Executive, left to right back row: E. Jacobsen, D. Coyle, M. Johnson, E. Erickson, front: G. Comeau, B. Golovin, N. Huff, I. Johnson, V. Jenner, President Ray Jarvis.

## Seniors plan Superstar Bingo

Big jackpots are the big attraction planned for February as Superstar Bingo comes to Princeton.

Princeton Senior Citizens Branch 30 plans to install some expensive equipment to link the local bingo players with other Superstar bingo players in B.C. There will be from 50 to 60 halls connected, with a \$20,000 jackpot as the grand prize.

"We need to keep up with the times or people go to other halls. When we install Superstar bingo, Princeton will be known for it," Senior Citizens President Ray Jarvis told members.

B.C. Gaming Commission gave approval for the new venture, and local Senior Citizens members gave their consent to start the

bingo hall changes: To protect the new equipment, a secure room will be built inside the hall.

Players will buy a three-card strip at \$1.00 per strip for a shot at the Superstar jackpot. Players cannot enter just to play the Superstar game. They must participate in the other games prior to the 8:30 Superstar game. Superstar cards will be sold up to 8:00 p.m.

Senior Citizens anticipate increased revenues for their organization as a result of Superstar bingo, but the picture is broader than money. They hope to see an increase in the number of people travelling to Princeton for the bingo, with spin-off benefits to the community at large.

# Need surprises hamper team

The Christmas hamper committee was surprised at the number of new people in desperate need in the Princeton area. A total of 98 hampers were delivered this year, more than what Crisis Assistance Society had anticipated.

Half of the needy were new on the list.

Everything went smoothly, according to Crisis Assistance Chair Ted Worthington.

"We had plenty of volunteers to wrap gifts at Santa's Workshop, and we had 17 volunteers to pack the hampers."

Worthington was impressed by InterAct youth who devoted a

Saturday to bagging vegetables for the hampers. He was grateful for the dedication of Peter and Carol Ruoss and John Wilson, who worked for an entire week.

"What a difference that made," Worthington said.

Six volunteers from the Fire Department delivered the hampers to local homes on December 23.

Money donations were good, and despite the higher number of needy, Princeton people came through for Christmas.

"We had \$60 over by the end of the hamper drive," stated Worthington.

The 'turkey man' from Osprey.

Lake donated almost half of the turkeys needed. Toward the end of the campaign, Worthington was still short ten turkeys, and Glenn Glowinski donated them. Princeton Bakery donated all of the bread.

Among the needy families, there were 100 children. They received teddy bears. Nearly 150 teddy bears were donated, enough to

give to residents of sheltered housing and Ridgewood in a visit from Santa Claus and Princeton Royalty.

"Kids at the schools did a tremendous job," Worthington said, "A lot of kids were involved in the giving to those who were in need. That's the spirit of Christmas."

Worthington gives credit to the

support of The Similkameen Spotlight for the advertising done on behalf of the hamper drive.

Single people in need were treated to turkey dinner on Christmas Eve, sponsored by Village Kitchen Restaurant and Crowsnest Realty.

Worthington claims, "There isn't another town like this one."

## Gabriel heads Community Services

Joann Gabriel is the new Chair of Princeton and District Community Services Society. She takes the reins from Ted Worthington. Worthington resigned effective December 1997, saying he needed a rest.

At the annual general meeting, held at Vermilion Court, reports showed the high level of achievement through the years, with 1997 as the crowning year when sheltered housing became a reality. The reports gave a clear picture of intense effort during the past few years.

The programs undertaken by Community Services reflected the high activity level of Community Services. A model of the organization revealed thirteen

programs in operation and five properties under management.

Administrator Joyce Fraser announced her intention to retire sometime in 1998, and advised society members of the need to plan for the next 50 years, so that succeeding boards of directors would have a clear understanding of the intent and purpose of the society. She advised preparing a plan to deal in the future with property owned by the society.

The meeting was not Fraser's swan song, as she will remain in her position until a smooth transition is possible.

Elections returned Torry Small, Walter Wiese, and Jean Marlin to the board of directors, and Dawn Johnson returned after many

years absence. Joann Gabriel, Jean Haugland and Charlene Ottie remained for the second year of their term in office.

The board held its first meeting on December 16, and began to plan for some of the changes to take place in the future. The first action was to establish committees for the year.

A new project will identify the community investment in Community Services by listing the assets donated by the community, whether in the form of goods, cash, or labour. This will be a major project requiring a great deal of research time, but will serve to protect community interests during a time of regionalization of health services.

### ate Breaking News

## Avalanche kills local man

A local man, whose name has not been released as we go to press, has been killed by an avalanche in Kokanee Glacier Park, 20 kilometres from Nelson. It is not expected that the name will be released until the body has been recovered and positively identified. Stormy weather has hampered search teams.

Reports indicate warnings of

high avalanche danger had been issued days before the six skiers were granted access to the park. Officials expressed disbelief and horror in learning of the presence of the skiers in the park.

A total of eight people were killed by avalanches in the Kootenays during the past three days.



# The year in review: 1997 highlights

The loss of revenue from mine closures in Princeton and Nickel Plate was the greatest proof that tourism and recreation are not the biggest attractions in our valley. People follow jobs. Many local families moved to new locations where a paycheck was available. The local economy felt the stress of job loss.

Princeton's sawmill renovated the log deck area. More jobs vanished to new technology.

At the same time, there was expansion in other sectors, and some promising steps made toward future development. Princeton finally obtained land for its business park, while both Keremeos and Cawston saw expansion in their retirement community. New homes were constructed on Chuchuwaya Reserve at Hedley, and new homes were evident in Tulameen. The tourist trade was in a decline last summer and orchardists suffered losses due to storms. Ranchers suffered hay losses from summer rains and calf losses in an autumn epidemic.

The Princeton golf course expansion project entered a new phase, promising future benefits in tourism and in reclamation of

tailings. This project is an outstanding example of creating something good from something bad.

Problems with river erosion of crop land have not been solved, but old-fashioned riverbottom scalping proved its worth during the heavy spring freshet. We need more money for this kind of work on the river.

Cougar problems did not go away, but our voice was heard in distant places and the bag limit was increased. The efforts of local groups to retain power in environmental decisions showed increasing evidence of success.

The impact of outside environmentalist groups decreased dramatically last year. Public consultation on local environmental problems receives appreciative support from Similkameen Valley residents. This support leads to greater consultation and decreases confrontation. The people of the Similkameen watershed have created a strong voice through a combination of local independence and sensible co-operation with government.

Princeton saw the completion of the 10 year sheltered housing

project, now a residence called Vermilion Court. Like so many Community Services Society initiatives, it has become a model for other communities to follow.

Princeton people attended an open house at the new Community Skills Centre. This excellent facility completes the adult education opportunities for Similkameen Valley people, who can now attend The Bridge to complete secondary school, then cross the hall to the Skills Centre for further training.

A number of local citizens achieved outstanding recognition in 1997.

The Brewer family, in Tulameen, was awarded the Century Farm gate sign indicating the same family on the same farm for 100 years.

The Willis family saw cousins achieve in sports. Tyler Willis moved up in professional hockey, Hallie Willis went to the finals in pro rodeo, and Renee Willis took top honours in junior rodeo events.

Maria Walman received provin-

cial recognition for her work with the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Al Porritt received the highest award granted by Dominion Command to a Canadian Legion member: the Palm Leaf to the Meritorious Service Award.

Princeton Rotarians outdid themselves in fundraising last year in their assistance to The Pit, the Hospital Foundation gala night, and the golf tournament to help construct a cancer lodge in Kelowna.

For the tenth time, Princeton and Tonasket held the Pony Express International Friendship Ride, following the Similkameen River from Princeton to Tonasket to deliver saddlebag mail. The Princeton Rodeo Club and Tonasket Comancheros continue to pull off one of the finest cowboy events in North America while cementing friendships. Despite the U.S.-Canada salmon war taking place during last year's ride, the spirit of international goodwill prevailed at the Pony Express border ceremonies. Princeton's Legion Ladies

Auxiliary marked 60 years since charter, and celebrated with a potluck supper and awards night. They remembered the early years, the hard work, and all of the friends they made. The Legion paid tribute to the staunch efforts of the ladies.

The Elks and Royal Purple held a dinner on November 29 to recognize their sixtieth anniversary.

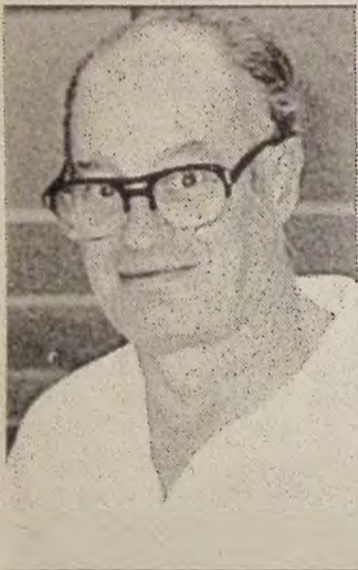
The Upper Similkameen Indian Band made the news several times due to their formation of a consortium with Penticton businessmen to make an audacious bid for Apex Ski Resort. Their bid did not win, but created quite a stir of interest in the South Okanagan business community.

In Tulameen, national recognition went to Reichert Sales and Service as top snowmobile dealer of the year.

As in any year, the valley lost many of its finest citizens. There were sad times, tough times, and some very good times. The people of the Similkameen proved their mettle and came through with a winning attitude.

## Popular bowling coach mourned

For 24 years, Dick Dilling taught local youngsters to enjoy bowling. He coached them to achieve their personal best. He bowled his final game with his grandchild on December 14, and passed away December 19, 1997, after a battle with cancer.



Dick, his wife, Helen, and family moved to Princeton in 1973 when Dick began work at the local copper mine. He began coaching youngsters in 1974. He achieved his Master's Coaching Certificate in 1979.

During his years as a coach, Dick's three daughters, Sandy, Sue and Dawn, received the benefit of their father's coaching

skills. Sandy achieved a perfect 450 game in regular league play in Vernon on December 3, and immediately phoned her father to share her success.

"It was the best gift I could have given him," Sandy says.

Dick Dilling loved to bowl. He travelled throughout the B.C. Interior coaching youth bowling participants in the B.C. Winter Games, while he became a member of the "400" club in 1980.

The family attempted to calculate how many youngsters Dick may have coached, but the task was too much. Hundreds of young bowlers received the benefit of his expertise, patience, and love of the game.

Following Dick Dilling's funeral, friends and family attended a tea at Dick's "second home", the bowling centre.



Sandy Jackson gave a "perfect" gift to Dad, a 450 score.

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Doug and Edith Currie

## Citizens plan local family record

People who make history do not have time to write it.

A group of local people plan to record some of the Similkameen Valley history by writing the histories of local families.

Diane Huey, speaking for the group, told News Leader, "Many communities have already produced a history of the families who lived in their area. We are rapidly losing many of our oldtimers, and we are losing contact with many of the families who formerly resided in our area."

The committee is not part of any other organization. It is made up of Helen Coyle, Evelyn McCallum, Annarose Powell, Dawn Johnson,

and Diane Huey. They decided it is time to write family histories before too much time has passed.

The committee is asking local people to write their own family histories, and to contact people who may have roots here and ask them to write their family histories.

A letter will be available at Princeton Video, News Leader, Ewarts Hardware, Princeton Library, Chamber of Commerce, and Senior Citizens Branch 30. This letter is free, and may be used to explain the project to out of town people.

Questions about the project may be directed to any member of the committee.

## Curries celebrate fifty years

Doug and Edith Currie were married on December 27, 1947. With friends and family, they celebrated fifty years together on December 27, 1997.

As the ranch house filled with well-wishers, laughter rang out as memories were shared. Doug recalled for his brother, Gordie, that Gordie was stuck in a snowbank as he tried to deliver the newlyweds to their home on the ranch. Edith recalled wading through the snow in high heels and silk stockings.

Doug Currie met Edith Whiteford at a dance at the Oddfellows Hall in Princeton.

"I went to the dance with another woman and she introduced me to Edie," Doug recalls, "I never went with that other woman again."

Edith was a teacher at Princeton Secondary School. Doug put his efforts to a successful courtship of the teacher. Their wedding took place at the Whiteford ranch house at Upper Nicola.

Doug had worked for Jack Budd, stringing horses, and racing in the county fairs in the States. He never lost his interest in racehorses, and during the years after their marriage, Doug and Edith Currie raised approximately 100 thoroughbreds on their ranch. They still have a promising horse on the ranch.

Cattle were the mainstay livestock at the ranch. They raised several thousand beef cattle during the years.

Doug remembers one day when Edith was driving home from work and saw a heifer in trouble trying to deliver a calf. Edith stopped her car, put a rope around the calf, tied the rope to her bumper, and hauled the calf out.

"She came home with her dress covered in blood," Doug comments, "I figured if she could haul out a calf with her car, I'd keep her around."

How does a couple stay together for fifty years?

According to Doug, they had a number of 'lively discussions' but 'both of us had brains enough not to hold a grudge.'

Edith says they stayed together by meeting life's challenges from day to day and keeping busy.

"I asked Edith one time what she ever saw in me," Doug laughs, "She told me she thought I had a nice face. Now what kind of a reason is that to get married?"

Whatever the reason, it worked. They have led an interesting life and prospered along the way.

Edith retired from teaching a few years ago, but neither have retired from the ranch or from enjoying life.

## TeenCentre faces crisis

Princeton's teen centre, The Pit, is in a crisis situation due to lack of adult volunteers.

The Pit opened in 1996 with the support of Town Council and caring volunteers from the community. The community invested \$20,000 in time and materials donated to provide a place for local youth to spend leisure time.

Without adult volunteers to supervise the Friday and Saturday night activities, The Pit cannot remain open. Ten volunteers are needed this month. Without volunteer support staff, The Pit must close. If The Pit had

to close permanently because of lack of volunteers, it would be difficult to find future support to start any other program for youth in Princeton.

Whether a person is a parent or grandparent, or just an interested person who wants to contribute to young people in Princeton, The Pit would welcome the help. This month, The Pit is desperate for volunteers who can give four hours on January 23, 30, and 31.

Anyone who can spare four hours is invited to phone Ruth McLeod at 295-3971 or 295-6776. The need is urgent.



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# Princeton's 1998 Horoscope

Although there is no concrete evidence of expansion at this time, Princeton is likely to expand in the next three years. If we compare planetary positions in the past to current planetary positions, we see a trend toward expansion. Planetary positions this year are similar to positions in 1939-40, and 1910-11. Both previous years were forerunners to major periods of development and expansion.

In 1910, plans were made to build a hospital, and planning was done to bring in a railway and build a major hotel.

In 1939-40, planning was done to create a major emergency landing field, expand mining and the brewery.

It is worth noting that these years were forerunners of war, but there are no present indications of war involving North America. Throughout the world, belief systems are changing in a positive way, and will continue to change in 1998. This trend will affect churches in Princeton and perhaps inspire a more positive approach to Christianity, moving from Old Testament traditions to a greater focus on the meaning of Christ's words and actions.

Regardless of denomination or major belief system, 1998 will bring about a transformation in the spiritual component of life.

Expect to have more fun this summer. This summer will feature having a good time with children. The swim club should have an outstanding summer.

Any organization looking for a good date for a fun-filled activity should seriously consider these favourable dates: February 21, April 25, June 13 and 20, July 18, September 12, and November 7.

February 21 is particularly favourable for good news for Princeton. There is a great deal of talk about a 'new age' coming in the year 2000. From an astrologer's point of view, a new era began in 1995.

There is nothing really new in astrology. The planets move in regular cycles. New eras begin over and over through the centuries. The last 'new era' similar to our present time began in 1500 and lasted to 1560. We can gain some insight to the nature of changes if we look back to that time.

That earlier era permanently changed the way people saw the world. It was the era of European expansion in North and South America (with the slave trade to do the work), and major breakthroughs in navigation and manufacturing technology.

That new era saw the great artists and architects employed as never before. It was the era of Michelangelo, Holbein, Corregio, da Vinci, Titian and a score of others.

Knowledge expanded through libraries, the first encyclopaedia was compiled, and an abundance of poets and authors emerged. Great composers and the first music conservatories set new styles in music and dance. Artists and artisans began to earn a good living.

Trade expanded as new products arrived from Americas and Africa. Europeans bought rubber, coffee, cane sugar, tobacco, tulips, turkeys, chocolate, indigo, pineapples, and porcelain.

Printing presses gave the poor access to knowledge, and the ability to read and write spread rapidly. Lead pencils came into common use.

Protestantism swept across Europe. The Pope and kings lost power as the merchant class became rich. Religion and politics changed forever as the balance of social power shifted.

Plagues of influenza and bubonic plague decimated Europe's population. For the first time, the plight of the poor and the insane became a political concern. Hospitals were founded.

These were the trends: expansion of knowledge, merchandising, agriculture, art, music, literature, health care, new belief systems, and concern for the poor.

In this new era, we can expect changes in the same areas. In fact, we are seeing these trends emerge in our society today. Each new era revolutionizes the areas touched upon, and our lives are changed forever.

All of the planets in Princeton's chart indicate a time of stability to be followed by growth and prosperity. It is a good time to invest in Princeton.

The weather in 1998 looks good. Spring will come early, starting with a big thaw in late February. There will be a cold snap in mid-March that will carry over to mid-April. The last two days of April could be quite stormy, with tempers matching the weather. August 22 could see the same short tempers and stormy weather.

Summer temperatures should be moderate this year, with our hottest days less extreme. We

could have some heavy rainfall in mid-August.

Early October will be colder than usual and we may have snow for Thanksgiving, but November temperatures should

be quite moderate. The second week of December may bring temperatures too warm for safety for those living near rivers.

Expect good weather and happy feelings for Christmas Day.

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## Course helps workforce novices

Finding a job can be difficult for people who have no particular skills or training. A new Skills Centre course planned for February may be the answer.

Customer Sales and Service is a course designed for people who are just starting out in the workforce, and for people who may be laid off or who want to find a better job.

Students accepted to the course will be funded. There are 18 spaces available and students will be selected after an initial information session and screening process.

A person on Income Assistance or Employment Insurance now or during the past three years may qualify for a funded space. Any

interested person may attend the information session simply by calling 295-4051 and requesting a seat for the session.

Students will learn sales techniques and marketing strategies, concept of up-selling, follow-ups, the art of good service and standards of excellence. The course includes computer, academic and management skills.

An optional job training placement will be offered students during the course, as well as a final session in writing a resume and doing a job search.

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Officials assisting at Okanagan Regional Camp, left to right: Princeton's Ed Nault and Clay Simmonds, with Doug Cousins, Gwen Lemieux, Cam Kerr, and Bill Innos of BC Amateur Hockey Association. Lemieux will coach the selected team.

## HUNTING SEASON SLUMPS FOR 1997

Conservation Officer Al Lay reports a decline in the number of wildlife shot during the 1997 hunting season. According to Lay, hunter success rates were considerably lower than in past years, possibly due to wildlife populations and weather conditions.

Lay records 684 hunters checked within the Princeton district. Fifty-two charges and warnings were issued. Two moose, one elk and three deer were seized under the Wildlife Act.

Lay is grateful for the concern shown by the public and for the assistance he received through public reports of wildlife violations.

## Arena schedule

Wednesday, January 7  
1:15-2:30 p.m. Adult/tot/senior  
3:20-7:45 Figure skating  
7:45-8:45 Bantam 1 practice  
9:00-10:00 Bantam 2 practice  
Thursday, January 8  
1:15-3:00 p.m. Stick and puck  
3:45-4:50 Novice  
4:50-5:50 Bantam 2  
6:00-6:50 Atom  
6:50-7:45 P.W. Rep  
7:45-8:45 Senior Girls  
9:00-10:30 Gents hockey

Friday, January 9  
1:15-3:00 p.m. Stick and puck  
3:45-4:40 Novice practice  
4:40-5:35 Atom/P.W. practice  
5:45-6:45 Ladies hockey  
6:45-8:00 public skating  
8:00-8:45 Teen (12-18) stick and puck  
9:00-10:30 Pumpkins

Saturday, January 10  
Tyke/Novice Tournament  
9:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.  
5:45-7:00 Public skating  
7:15-8:45 Minor hockey  
9:00-10:30 FOR RENT

Sunday, January 11  
Tyke/Novice Tournament  
during the day,  
FREE PUBLIC SKATING  
4:30-6:00 p.m. sponsored by  
Weyerhaeuser  
6:15-8:45 Figure skating  
9:00-10:30 Gents hockey

Monday, January 12  
11:00 a.m. to noon - Adult/tot/senior  
1:15-3:00 p.m. stick and puck  
3:30-7:00 Figure skating  
7:15-8:45 Pumpkins hockey  
9:00-10:00 Bantam 1 practice

Tuesday, January 13  
1:15-3:00 p.m. stick and puck  
3:00-4:00 Loonie public skating  
4:45-5:45 Senior Girls practice  
6-6:30 - Atom P.W.  
6:30-7:00 Atom/P.W.  
7:00-7:30 Atom  
7:45-8:45 P.W. Rep  
9:00-10:30 Oldtimers hockey

UPCOMING TOURNEYS  
Pumpkins - Jan. 16, 17, 18

# Minor Hockey hosts Team B.C. tryouts

Canada Winter Games tryouts for Team B.C. junior females registered a coup for Princeton Minor Hockey on December 27 and 28.

The Okanagan Region camp saw 28 females under 16 and three goalies demonstrate their hockey skills for evaluation by four officials from B.C. Amateur Hockey Association. Bill Innos, head of the association, was assisted by Cam Kerr, Doug Cousins and Gwen Lemieux, the Team B.C. coach.

Every province sends a team to the Canada Winter Games, held every fourth year. Tryouts are for the 1999 games, to be held in Cornerbrook, Newfoundland.

The camp is one of six regional camps held in B.C.

"This is a real honour for Princeton to be chosen for the camp," commented Sally Nault, speaking for Princeton Minor Hockey.

Nault feels that Team B.C. will finish in the top four at Cornerbrook because of the B.C. Amateur Hockey development program.

"I hope Princeton girls will be encouraged by the calibre of hockey they see here this weekend."

Princeton's Sarah Liberatore, age 13, was the only local girl in the tryouts. She performed well despite being younger than most of the girls.

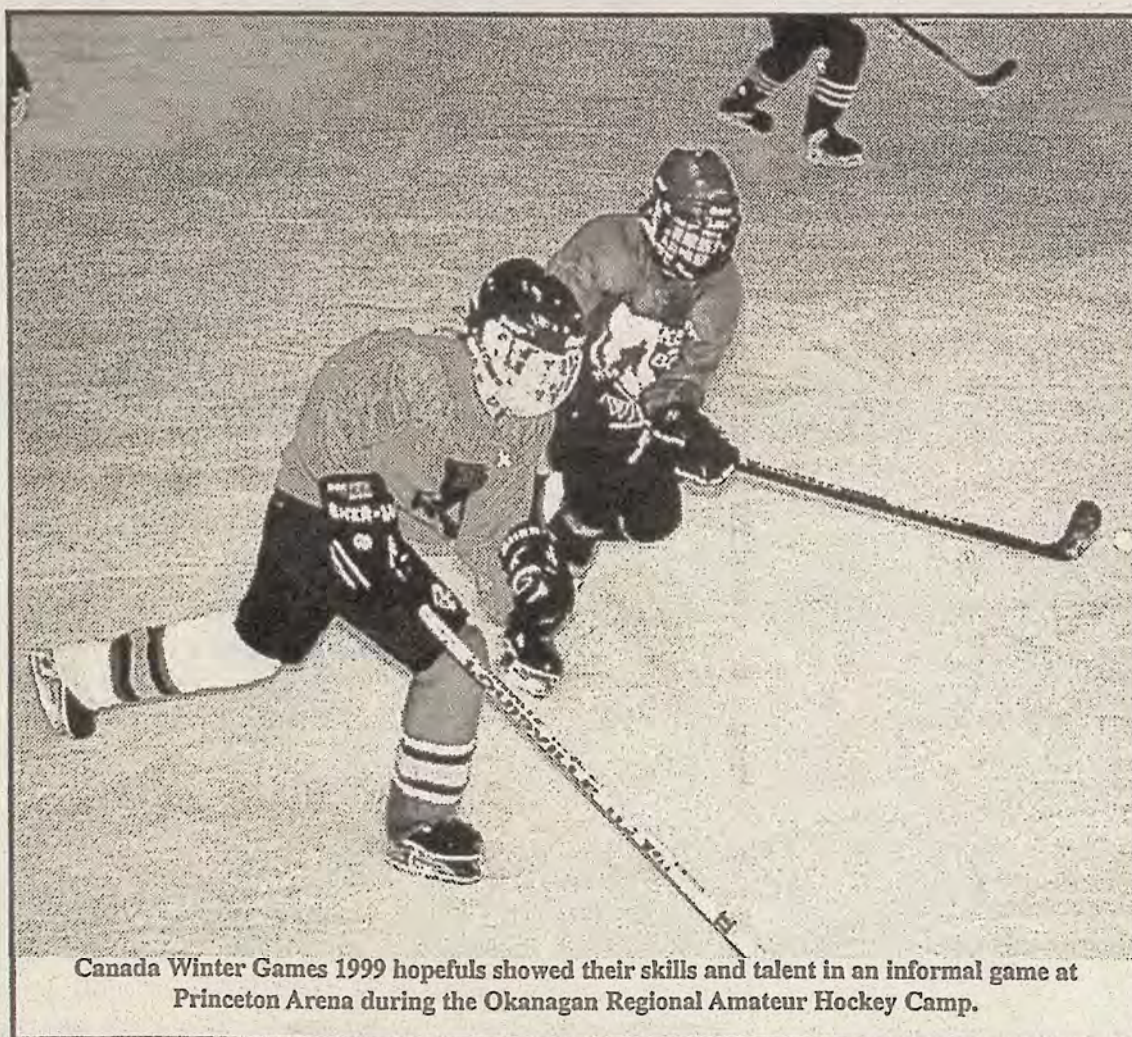
Further tryouts will take place in Sicamous next month when 68

players selected from the six camps will be evaluated once more. Twenty girls will be chosen from the Sicamous camp to form Team B.C.

The first female hockey team to compete in Canada Winter Games was selected for the 1991 games. The current tryouts are the third round for B.C. girls.

Ed Nault and Clay Simmonds were the local assistants for the weekend.

Princeton Minor Hockey did not participate as a fundraising exercise. The fact that Princeton was chosen as a site gives the local association a recognized higher status.



Canada Winter Games 1999 hopefuls showed their skills and talent in an informal game at Princeton Arena during the Okanagan Regional Amateur Hockey Camp.

## COUNCIL NAMES RECREATION REPS

Princeton Town Council has ratified the appointment of Trustee Bob Westran to the Recreation Commission to represent School District #58.

Peter McDonald and Stacey Ligtenberg will represent the town.



# Snowball Bowl sees locals win

Princeton sent two teams to the Snowball Youth Bowling Tournament in Penticton last month. Sixteen teams competed.

A Princeton team placed second. Team members are Erin Lewis, Michael Crawford, Amanda Stewart, Howard Crawford, with coach Reg Krause.

Howard Crawford took the senior boys high triple with a score of 3735.

Erin Lewis took the girls high single with 194.

The other Princeton team placed fourteenth. Members of this team were Jonathan Howe, Candice Stadler, Nicole Bertrand, Cody Pasco, and coach Dick Dilling.

# Top family twosomes

One adult and one child who are members of the same family make up a family twosome in a bowling competition. On December 6 and 7, local youngsters chose their partners and bowled to see who could score highest.

Tamara Wright and Dad topped the Smurf girls division, with Kelsi Walton and Mom in second

place. Neko Bertucci and Mom took top spot for Smurf boys.

Ashley Dore and Reg Krause bowled highest for Bantam girls, with Rene Kovacs and Dad in second place.

In the Bantam boys division, Justin Gee and Fred Gee scored a huge 165 to take top spot, with Andrew Doyle and Mom in second place.



Snowball winners left to right top: Coach Reg Krause, Michael Crawford, Howard Crawford, front row: Amanda Stewart, Erin Lewis.

# First half bowling finalists

Bowling leagues finished the first half of the season prior to Christmas. Top teams and top individual bowlers are listed below.

Tuesday Goldenagers saw Newcomers reach the top of the league, with Dreamers and Slowpokes placing second and third. Team high single went to Dreamers.

Men's high triple went to Gordon MacDougall, followed by John Sarich and Bert Blanchette.

Men's high single went to John Sarich, with Jim Nicholson in second place and Pat Mellor third.

Billie McKinnon scored the ladies high triple and the ladies high single. Betty Paterson was second in both, while Ruby took third high triple, and Marg MacDougall took third high single.

Moe's Crew topped the Friday night mixed league, with L & S second, and 2 Balls 2 Short in third place. Team high scores followed the same pattern.

Howard Crawford topped the individual high triples list, with Ron White not far behind. White took the high single, with Crawford following.

Ladies high triple went to Sandy Crimmon, with Karen Blomme in second spot and Donna White third. High single went to

Blomme, with Crimmon and White following.

The WOW'S took first place in the Wednesday mixed league. The Upcomers and Double D's placed second and third.

The Upcomers scored the team high single, with the A-Team second and WOW'S third.

Men's high triple and high single went to Aaron Gould, while Gene Stadler took second in both. Paul Gabriel took third in high triple scoring and Bob Paterson placed third in high single.

Jeannie Williams bowled the top ladies high triple and took second high single. Barb Gould placed second in high triple and first in high single. Lyn Graff placed third in both.

Team leaders in the Monday men's league were the Upcomers, followed by Nick and Turkey Shooters. Team high single went to Nick. Upcomers and Weycan placed second and third for team high single.

Men's high triple went to Barrie Wright, with Aaron Gould second and Nick Malakoff third.

Ron Graff scored the high single of the season, closely followed by Steve Clement and Aaron Gould.

Duzzen Madder was the top team in the Sunday night mixed league. Slippery Dogs were second and the Underdogs were third. Team high single scores went to the same roster.

Roy Davidson scored the high triple for the season, with Bill Garton many pins behind for second spot. Mike Carl took high single, with Pat Mellor following.

Claire Proulx took top high triple for the ladies, followed by Bonnie Bertucci and Anna Mitchell. In the high single scores, Bonnie Bertucci came up with the leader, followed by Crystal Franklin and Claire Proulx.

## BOWLSPIEL WINNERS

A Division  
Sandy Crimmon  
Joe Hebert  
Louis McIvor

B Division  
Paul Adams  
Peter Adams  
Phil Adams

C Division  
Bob Paterson  
Tom Paterson  
Gene Stadler  
Men's High Single and High Triple went to Harry Sande. Ladies High Triple went to Lyn Graff, while the Ladies High Single went to Betty Paterson.

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# Osprey Snowwheelers kick off season

by Patti Harrower  
Highway 40 reporter

Approximately 30 snowmobile enthusiasts turned out for the December 27th "Mini Poker Run" organized by Osprey Snowwheelers Snowmobile Club.

Contestants snowmobiled through a course with several check points along the way. At each check point, the contestant received a playing card. At the finish line, the contestant with the best poker hand was the winner. For a mere five dollar fee, contestants had a lot of fun.

Entrants started the Mini-Run from Monty Fetterly's place at the east end of Osprey Lake. It took from one to one and a half hours to complete the 30 km. round trip.

First prize of \$30 and a T shirt went to Sherry Thompson, and new club member, and first-timer on the run. Osprey Lake resident Dave Roberts took second place, \$20 and a T shirt. Grace Formo of Penticton walked away with third prize, \$10 and a T shirt.

A round of snow golf was part of the day's fun. Nine holes were set up on the ice. Using a different "club" for each hole (golf club, baseball bat, hockey stick, tennis racket, etc) the object of the game is the same as in "real"

golf. Contestants try to put the golf ball in every hole with the least number of strokes.

"It's really a lot of fun," says Snowwheeler Club member Doreen Hewitt.

This Mini Poker Run serves as a practice for the Osprey Snowwheelers Snowmobile Club's annual Poker Run, a 100 km. run with mountain checkpoints along a family orientated course. Local volunteers work for four days to groom and mark trails used for the course. Last year the event attracted over 150 participants, some coming from places as far away as Calgary to compete for the \$250 first prize.

This year, the major annual event will be held January 31. Persons of any age can compete for the prizes. For non-winners, there will be a draw for choice items

## PLASTIC DEBT DOUBLE 1991 PEAK

Personal credit card debt in Canada climbed to \$20.3 billion last month, double the 1991 level.

Transactions on bank plastic up to Christmas Day totalled \$33 billion in 1997.

donated by supporting merchants.

Registration starts early on the day of the run, with free muffins and coffee served before start

time. Refreshments will be available at the end of the run, and lunch at the Elkhart Lodge check-point is included in the registration fee.

Individual maps and a well-marked course will guide participants. For more details, call 295-3700 or 765-6388 weekday evenings.



Smurf winners in Family Twosome left to right at back: Moms Joan Walton, Bonnie Bertucci at front kids Tamara, Kelsey, and Neko

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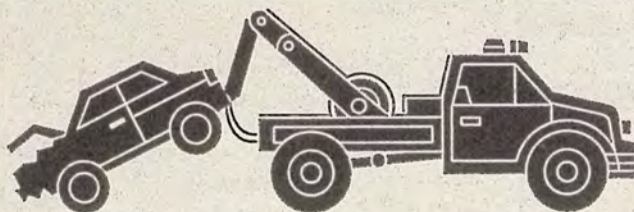
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# POINTS OF VIEW

## OUR VIEW

### So what are we doing?

In this first issue of The Similkameen News Leader, we thought we ought to tell you something about ourselves.

First, we are a one hundred percent local company financed by local investors. We have absolutely no ties to any other newspaper or chain of newspapers anywhere.

When we decided to start a newspaper, we made decisions about how we would function as a newspaper. We decided on our guiding principles. We want to share them with you.

We will hear the truth, and tell the truth, making every effort to find out what the truth is.

We will take the point of view that says "we're all in this together". In our view, all of us belong to the community and the community belongs to all of us.

We intend to serve the best interests of the people of the Similkameen Valley. We want to encourage a vision of what could be, to support a better present and future for the people of our valley.

We will respect others' points of view.

We will share the joys and sorrows of our community life.

We will recognize and encourage achievement, kindness, and generosity. It is not enough to report all of the unpleasant things. We need to report all of the great things people do in our community.

We want to promote mutual understanding and appreciation within our community, from Eastgate to Chopaka, and including those fine people at Palmer Lake.

All of the above sounds high-minded, but we are equally determined to make a living and pay our bills. We believe the best way to reach that goal is to do the best possible job of following those high-minded principles.

We will soon find out whether or not we are right.

We hope you enjoy this first issue, and stay with us for those to come.

## Meet the Leader team



**Sharon Johnson**  
Office Manager

Sharon manages our office. She has five years experience managing a small business, and knows all that stuff about invoicing, banking, and taxes.

She was raised in Princeton, studied business at Okanagan College, and has a year's experience in desktop publishing. As you can see, she is a versatile member of the team.

In her miniscule amount of spare time, she is actively seeking Brad Pitt.



**Lori Thomas**  
Advertising Manager

Lori was born and raised in Princeton, a descendant of the earliest settlers in the valley. She pursued studies in Vancouver, then worked at the University of British Columbia for 18 years where she was in charge of publishing and troubleshooting computer problems.

Lori returned to Princeton three years ago and has worked at a variety of jobs. She now sells ads for the News Leader and she creates ads, too.

Lori is not actively seeking Brad Pitt. She claims she knows him.



**Dawn Johnson**  
Publisher, editor

Dawn was born and raised in Princeton, studied to become a teacher, and took journalism along the way, back in the dark ages before computers. She has 16 years experience as a reporter and photographer.

Duties as a member of the team include making coffee, doing layout, taking orders from Sharon, and being nice to the chief financier, Barry Johnson.

Dawn is not actively seeking anybody (too old to care about Brad Pitt).



**Franco Moccia** Technical Support

Franco was born and raised in Burnaby, and moved to Princeton in February, 1997, after graduating from the B.C.I.T. radio training program and working in Hong Kong for a year as master control operator at Star TV station. He now works part-time at CIOR in Princeton and drops in to the

News Leader to help us run our equipment. He now has experience in three kinds of media businesses.

When asked if he was interested in Brad Pitt, Franco said, "Brad who?"

Franco is actively seeking more computer stuff.

### EDITORIAL GUIDE

We would like you to write to us, but please remember to abide by anti-discrimination laws.

The News Leader reserves the right to refuse to print any letter which is not signed by the writer or is slanderous, libelous or of uncommon sense!

The Editor reserves the right to condense any letter or to substitute inappropriate language.

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## Your View

### Reader angry over lack of patriotism

Dear Editor;

The national anthem is the very core of any vibrant nation.

Most people have been at a function, or watched a function on TV, where our national anthem was sung (probably by a paid professional who was having a toenail removed at the same time), and did anyone join in? Not very likely. They were too busy picking their noses or some other parts of their anatomy that required serious attention, or looking dumbfounded that they were at that very spot at that special time. O Canada. Forget it. We are becoming such a tolerant

nation that everyone breaks the law, even a minor one, so it is O.K.

Nobody is immune. It seems that, fi it is illegal, let's do it.

Maybe, as voting citizens, we can lobby our M.P.'s to adopt a Bill

making the singing of O Canada ILLEGAL.

Then, everybody would want to try it just once!

It might be catching.

Sincerely,  
Gerry Vinthers

## Youths seek experience

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# Princeton Hospital Auxiliary Society

1997 has been a very busy year for the 38 members and 3 life members of the Hospital Auxiliary. Continued support from the people of Princeton, both in the Thrift Shop and the Hospital Gift Shop this year, has enabled the Hospital Auxiliary to give the following donations:

To Princeton General Hospital, a recliner chair for room 12 - \$250., 2 roll around chairs for E.C.U. - \$3,395., Defibrillator - \$15,000., Holster Monitor - \$2,000., Bursary for Graduate - \$500., bringing the total donations to \$21,145.

Ridgewood lodge received \$150. for Bingo prizes, and \$50. for the wine and cheese party.

The Hospital Auxiliary donated a crib quilt for the silent auction at the Gala Dinner. In May the Auxiliary held the annual Strawberry Tea, which included a very successful fashion show.

Six members attended a leadership Seminar hosted by the Business and

Professional Womens Club. In May, with the help of Mayor Randy McLean, twelve members received Service Awards and three silent members were each presented with a bouquet of flowers.

In October, six members attended the Okanagan Mainline Conference in Vernon.

Tray favours are made each month for patients in the Hospital and the residents of Ridgewood Lodge. A wine and cheese party was held for the residents and attended by the President and First Vice President.

Approximately 7,000 volunteer hours are performed by the dedicated ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary. Their time is spent sorting, pricing, and selling articles in the Thrift Shop, knitting and making crafts for the Hospital Gift Shop, and taking the cart around the hospital.

The Princeton Hospital Auxiliary Society appreciates the continued support of the people of Princeton and expects a great year in 1998.



Winners in Family Twosome left to right at back: Moms Donna & Sherry, at front kids Christina, Erin, & Jonathan. (Missing Uncle Randy)

# Novice team spirit wins

by S. Clifton

The Mac's Auto Parts Novice team has been very busy and very successful this season! The boys had a couple of close games at the start of the season but their team spirit and dedicated effort have left their recent rivals in the dust.

Mid-December action had the local team host a team from Logan Lake. Josh Scarpelli made his debut in goal, a move that gave usual net minder, Rylan Mogge, some skating on the forward line. It did not take long for Rylan to show how diverse a player he really is, as he notched the first goal for Princeton. He later added another goal and two assists to his total.

Lewis Smith scored once and tallied three assists. Nigel Mack and Beau Wilkinson scored twice each, while Shaine Clifton and Pat LePoidevin had a goal and assist each. Tyson Beaupre scored once for the squad.

Although Josh Scarpelli did not face too many shots in net, he did come up big with some mid-air catches and diving traps.

The boys romped to an easy 10-1 victory.

The next morning the team travelled early to face a Summerland team. The game started out close but soon the strength of Princeton's team shone through as they skated to an 8-2 win. Josh Scarpelli had four goals and an assist. Shaine Clifton had 2 goals, 1 assist; Pat LePoidevin had 2

assists; Lewis Smith had one goal and Tyler Reid had an assist.

At the start of Christmas vacation the boys travelled to Merritt to participate in their first tournament of the year. Kyle Markin earned a shut out as goalie for Princeton in their first match-up against Logan Lake. The boys went on to win 11-0. Princeton faced a host Merritt team in their second game and with solid defense men and great net minding from Rylan Mogge, the Merritt team was unable to set up much offense. Princeton went on to a 13-2 victory. The Sunday game was against a Novice team from Lillooet, which again appeared to be little of a contest. The local boys played well and won 12-1.

Scoring at the tournament was as follows: Lewis nine goals and two assists; Pat nine goals; Josh two goals and five assists; Shaine four goals and two assists; Clifford three goals; Kyle two goals and two assists; Rylan two goals and one assist; Braydon two goals and one assist; Tyler Reid one goal and one assist; Beau Wilkinson one goal and one assist; Reid Bicknell one goal and two assists; Nigel Mack two goals and one assist; and Tyson with one goal.

The boys (and parents) had a rest from hockey for the rest of December, but their action began immediately in the new year as they hosted their own tournament on January 3 and 4.

## New releases at the Library

Winter is a good time to snuggle down with a good book. Many new titles can be ordered at Princeton Library from the Okanagan Regional Library Holdings.

### ADULT FICTION:

- The God of Small Things by A. Roy
- Cold Mountain by C. Frazier.
- The Underpainter by J. Urquhart.
- Deja Dead by K. Reichs
- Larry's Party by C. Shields.
- Where She Has Gone by N.P. Ricci.
- Barney's Version by M. Richler.
- The Angel of Darkness by C. Carr.
- Flood Tide by C. Cussler.
- The Forgetting Room by N. Bantock.
- 10 lb. Penalty by D. Francis.
- A Certain Justice by P.D. James.
- Polgara the Sorceress by D. Eddings.
- Violin by Anne Rice.
- Temple of the Winds by T. Goodkind.

### ADULT NON-FICTION

- Conversations with God by N. Walsh.
- Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by J. Berendt.
- Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus by J. Gray.
- The Millionaire Next Door: the surprising secrets of America's wealthy....by T. Stanley.
- The Royals by Kelley, K.
- Simple Abundance by B. Breathnach.
- Dirty Jokes and Beer by D. Carey
- The Man Who Listens to Horses by M. Roberts.
- The Perfect Storm: a true story of men against the sea, by S. Junger.
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# KID ZONE: Rudy Robin and his lazy day

by Patti-Ann Peal

"You had better hurry up, Rudy," said Mother Robin, "We're ready to leave and go south for the winter. You don't want to be left behind in the cold!"

Rudy was not in a good mood this morning. His mother was always making him do things he did not want to do. She made him get up even earlier so they could go fly off somewhere on a long trip. He did not want to go.

The days were still warm. Rudy wanted to sleep in for a change, and then maybe visit his friends. Besides, he was nearly grown now. He could decide for himself

when to go south. He wanted just one lazy day, today.

"I'm not going with you, Mom," he said, "I'm going to stick around here for a while. I'll catch up with you later."

Rudy's mother frowned at him.

"I wish you would come with us," she said, "It's going to be too cold to fly soon. You'll be trapped here."

Rudy just smiled.

"I'll be okay, Mom. Don't worry, I'm not going to wait forever. Just another day or so."

Mother Robin turned away with a sigh. She knew she could not

make Rudy fly if he did not want to.

"We must be leaving now. Please don't wait too long."

Rudy was excited as he watched his family fly away. At last! He had time to do just what he liked, whenever he wanted to!

I'm going to stay in bed late, he thought. Then, after breakfast, I'll go visit Sammy Squirrel.

When Rudy got out of bed and flew down to the garden for breakfast, he poked and poked, but he could not find even one worm! Where had they all gone?

There were plenty when his family were having their breakfast.

"Whooooo is scratching in the garden at this time of day?" asked Orville the Owl, "What are yooooou doing?"

"Looking for my breakfast," said Rudy.

"Don't you know it's too late for worms?" asked Orville, "Yooooo need to catch them early, while the ground is still damp."

No wonder Mom made me get up early for breakfast, Rudy thought. Next, he went off to find Sammy Squirrel.

"Sammy, come and play with me!" Rudy said.

"I can't. I have to help find nuts for winter food," said Sammy, just as a cold north wind began to blow.

This was not what Rudy had expected. First, there was no

breakfast. Now, his friend could not play, and it was getting cold, too! So cold, his wings felt stiff. He could not fly!

What was he to do? He really was going to be trapped here!

Rudy began to cry. He was sorry he had not listened to Mother.

"Ruuudy, I can help yoooo!" said wise Orville, "Climb up on my back. I'll carry you until you're warm enough to fly! Then yoooo can join your family."

Up he climbed, and off they flew. Soon Orville had helped him warm up enough to fly.

"Thank you so much!" said Rudy, as he left to join his family.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Kid Zone will accept poems and stories for children, or by children, if submitted before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday)

## Clubs plan 1998 action

Princeton area groups made some fast decisions at the November 26 club presidents' breakfast.

"These are the movers and shakers, the people who get things done," Mayor Randy McLean remarked in his opening statements at the meeting, "This is networking among the doers."

Diane Huey placed large sheets of paper on the wall and asked everyone to place a sticky decal on the list item they preferred as a future project. Items most frequently selected would be defined as the 1998 projects.

Short term and longterm projects were identified according to manpower and funding required.

The majority voted for a historic walk as the short term project, and a mobile stage as the longterm project. The mobile stage would allow for major shows in any location in the area where electrical power could be connected.

Groups were asked to submit a schedule of major upcoming

events for inclusion in the community calendar prepared by the Chamber of Commerce. The calendar has been completed and is now on sale at the Chamber office at \$5.00 each.

Rotarians advised other groups that the theme for the 1998 Racing Days Parade will be "Gold Trails of '98".

This year Princeton Pioneer Museum will celebrate 40 years since the founding of the museum.

Other major events of 1998 include a Regional art show in May, the figure skating show on March 6, and a corn roast at Osprey Lake on Labour Day weekend.

Members of the historic walk committee are: Geri Logan, Lori Thomas, Ray Huey, Diane Huey, a Rotary member, Randy McLean, Marilyn Huycke, Margaret Stoneberg, Christiane Gosselin and Johanna Nott,

## Fall Fair faces deficit

Fall Fair members will start 1998 with a \$1,000 deficit after the 1997 fair.

The association is not broke, thanks to savings and revenues from other sources. The deficit applies only to the fair budget.

The financial statement reviewed at the annual general meeting showed a \$500 shortfall on the booklet and higher costs for entertainment. 1998 directors will explore ways of producing the prize list more economically and establishing a slate of local entertainers.

The date of this year's fair is

September 12 and 13, with registrations on September 10 and 11.

Ray Huey was re-elected President with Ross Chaston as V-P, Diane Schneider as Secretary and Diane Huey as Treasurer. Directors are Gordon Schneider, Dawn Johnson, Bert and Geri Blanchette, Ruby Bey, Jodi Woodford, Patti Harrower, and Margaret Stoneberg.

Councillor George Armstrong will represent the Town of Princeton and serve as Auditor.

Members agreed to a winter recess until February 26.

## WATER AND SEWER RATES CLIMB

Town Council approved a five percent hike in water and sewer rates for 1998 under bylaws 704 and 705.

Councillor Dan Sulentic justified a hike in water rates when he told Council of needed improvements in the water system. A new chlorination station and better supply at some residences will require capital outlay this year.

Councillor Kathleen Clement requested an increase in sewer rates for 1998 in order to carry out an automated grouting procedure to stop leakages.

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6 AM	Little House	Off Air	Open Learning	Sesame Street (R) II	Mary II	Medicine Woman	5:00 McCloud	Regis & Kelye	Arthur II	5:00 News II	Big Garage Bingo	Maya-Dee Kity Cals (R) II	Sportsdesk (R) II	View II	Bay 2000 Guerilla	Love Boat	Fit TV Sampler	Mary II	Bugs Daily
7 AM	Mama	Body	Dutley	Bamoy	Jerry Springer (R)	Little House	Equalizer	Martha	Canada AM II	101 Dalmie	Pappyland	Rupert II	Sportsdesk (R) II	Rosie	Foodstuff	Paid Prog.	Bonanza-Lost	Cityline	Pinky Brain
8 AM	Hillbillies	Care Bears	Magic Bus	Storytime	Jonny Jones II	Price Is Right II	Quincy	People's Court II	100 Hunley Street	David	Gnomes	Kity Cals (R) II	Sportsdesk (R) II	Price Is Right II	Transfers (R)	Pictionary	Rescue 911 II	Ziggy	Griffith
9 AM	Mellock	Robicon	Fremont	Charlie	News II	News II	Northern	News	Regis & Kelye	Next Line	Work In Progress	Harle Soloff	Off-Record	News II	Discover-y.ca (R) II	Judge Judy	Waltons	News II	Gerardo
10 AM	Movie: The Earmeds	Mr. Dressup	10 Minutes	Street (R) II	Live II	Sold & B.	Law & Dr. "Scud"	MI My Children II	Movie Show Home	Movie Show Home	Orinide	Benness	Flex Appeal	Neon Rider	House-smart II	700 Club	Movie: "The Luck of Gin-ger Colley"	News II	Rivers II
11 AM	Triangle (1978)	Young-Resless	Offenders	Bamoy	Another World II	Turns	McCleod	One Life to Live II	Bordertown	News II	Wedding	Sailor Moon	Muscle	People's Court II	Body: Inside	Spider-Man	Diagnosis	Cityline (R)	Beauty and the Beast II
12 PM	Flinstones	All My Children II	World of War	Arthur II	Sally II	Light II	Street Cavalry	General Hospital II	News II	Days of Our Lives II	Wedding	Sailor Moon	Muscle	People's Court II	Body: Inside	Spider-Man	Diagnosis	Cityline (R)	Beauty and the Beast II
1 PM	Looney	News II	Callers	Sandiego	Montel Wilk-	Oprah Win-	Equalizer	Oprah Win-	Another World II	General Hospital II	ManTilts	Tell-A-Tale	WCW Nitro	Real TV II	Kingdoms of Survival	Rangers	Home & Family	Baywatch	Beverly Hills, 90210
2 PM	Save-Bell	Wonders	Japan	Creations	News II	News II	Quincy	News	Mad-You	Mad-You	HomeSoy	Oyounling	News II	Let's Frontier	Hollywood	Shopdrop	News II	Save-Bell	
3 PM	Fam. Mat.	Bugs Daily	Options	News-	News II	News II	Northan	News	Coach II	O'Donnell	Renovation	Peter Pan	Off-Record	News II	Let's Frontier	Hollywood	Shopdrop	News II	Save-Bell
4 PM	Griffith	Rosie	Creations	Business	Fortuna	Fortuna	Law & Or-	ABC News	Oprah Win-	News II	Home Again	Spider-Man	Hockey	Wings II	Discover-y.ca II	Simpsons	Big Valley	NBA Basketball: Or-	Fam. Mat.
5 PM	NBA Basketball: Chi	News II	English	Cynasty	3rd Rock	Henry II	Biography	Spin City II	News II	News II	Home Again	Bugs	Bowling	Mad-You	Simpsons	Big Valley	NBA Basketball: Or-	Fam. Mat.	Coach II
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6 AM	Little House	Off Air	Open Learning	Sesame Street (R) II	Mary II	Medicine Woman	5:00 Col-umbo	Regis & Kelye	Arthur II	5:00 News II	Big Garage Bingo	Maya-Dee Kity Cals (R) II	Sportsdesk (R) II	View II	Bay 2000 Guerilla	Love Boat	Fit TV Sampler	Mary II	Bugs Daily
7 AM	Mama	Body	Dutley	Bamoy	Jerry Springer (R)	Little House	Cosby Mys-teries	Martha	Canada AM II	101 Dalmie	Pappyland	Rupert II	Sportsdesk (R) II	Rosie	Foodstuff	Paid Prog.	Bonanza-Lost	Cityline	Pinky Brain
8 AM	Hillbillies	Care Bears	Magic Bus	Storytime	Jonny Jones II	Price Is Right II	Quincy	People's Court II	100 Hunley Street	David	Gnomes	Kity Cals (R) II	Sportsdesk (R) II	Price Is Right II	Transfers (R)	Pictionary	Rescue 911 II	Ziggy	Griffith
9 AM	Mellock	Robicon	Fremont	Charlie	News II	News II	Northern	News	Regis & Kelye	Next Line	Work In Progress	Harle Soloff	Off-Record	News II	Discover-y.ca (R) II	Judge Judy	Waltons	News II	Gerardo
10 AM	Movie: The Earmeds	Mr. Dressup	10 Minutes	Street (R) II	Live II	Sold & B.	Law & Dr. "Scud"	MI My Children II	Movie Show Home	Movie Show Home	Orinide	Benness	Flex Appeal	Neon Rider	House-smart II	700 Club	Movie: "The Luck of Gin-ger Colley"	News II	Rivers II
11 AM	Triangle (1978)	Young-Resless	Offenders	Bamoy	Another World II	Turns	McCleod	One Life to Live II	Bordertown	News II	Wedding	Sailor Moon	Muscle	People's Court II	Body: Inside	Spider-Man	Diagnosis	Cityline (R)	Beauty and the Beast II
12 PM	Flinstones	All My Children II	World of War	Arthur II	Sally II	Light II	Street Cavalry	General Hospital II	News II	Days of Our Lives II	Wedding	Sailor Moon	Muscle	People's Court II	Body: Inside	Spider-Man	Diagnosis	Cityline (R)	Beauty and the Beast II
1 PM	Looney	News II	Callers	Sandiego	Montel Wilk-	Oprah Win-	Equalizer	Oprah Win-	Another World II	General Hospital II	ManTilts	Tell-A-Tale	WCW Nitro	Real TV II	Kingdoms of Survival	Rangers	Home & Family	Baywatch	Beverly Hills, 90210
2 PM	Save-Bell	Wonders	Japan	Creations	News II	News II	Quincy	News	Mad-You	Mad-You	HomeSoy	Oyounling	News II	Let's Frontier	Hollywood	Shopdrop	News II	Save-Bell	
3 PM	Fam. Mat.	Bugs Daily	Options	News-	News II	News II	Northan	News	Coach II	O'Donnell	Renovation	Peter Pan	Off-Record	News II	Let's Frontier	Hollywood	Shopdrop	News II	Save-Bell
4 PM	Griffith	Rosie	Creations	Business	Fortuna	Fortuna	Law & Or-	ABC News	Oprah Win-	News II	Home Again	Spider-Man	Hockey	Wings II	Discover-y.ca II	Simpsons	Big Valley	NBA Basketball: Or-	Fam. Mat.
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 1998

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# The Christmas season, a time to tally birds

by Madelon Schouten

The sixth Princeton bird count, held December 21, set a record for bird species seen and for the number of people who observed. Thirteen individuals spent the hours between sunrise and sunset counting birds, and identified 59 species.

Princeton birders were not the only ones carrying out this census all over North America and parts of South America, Christmas bird counts were held.

This year's data on birding bodies participating and number of counts are not available as yet, but last year a new record of 1,700

count circles were censused, 1,650 in North America, 50 in Latin America, Bermuda, the Caribbean, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. There were 54,169,537 birds of 659 listed forms/species seen, requiring 45,835 birding bodies. Included in that number were 7,084 feeder watchers.

Locally, only 5 feeder watchers contributed, despite the appeal on radio to become involved.

The 59 species seen on the Princeton count was a record, and was no doubt due to the mild weather conditions and a low snow cover. Many areas could be

surveyed, not accessible in other years.

Waterfowl and even two species of shorebirds were seen, raptors and small birds were quite numerous. Some outstanding sightings were: common snipe, Hoary Redpoll, Killdeer, American Goldfinch, Northern Harrier, Merlin, and White-winged Crossbill.

The data collected on the Christmas bird counts are collated by a host of compilers, editors,

proofreaders, production staff, entered in Birdsource, and on-line, website-driver, ornithological database. A collaborative project involving scientists in Canada and the U.S.A. provides those who study bird populations with valuable data. The involvement of Latin America, Hawaii, etc. is particularly important as many species which nest in the northern areas, winter in the south, where shrinking habitat increasingly threatens their survival.

Amateur ornithologists such as the 13 local counters contribute to a better understanding of the continent-wide status of birds.

Christmas bird counts are a challenge, provide the participants with a day out in the field, and at the end of the day, with a social get-together at which tall tales are told, which (of course) have to be verified, lest questionable data will find their way onto the website!

## Cross-country skiing at Tulameen

Local naturalists are out and about at any time of the year. The new year for them will start with a cross-country skiing trip along the railbed in Tulameen.

Irene Logan is the leader. She will meet the group at the Tulameen Trading Post on

January 11 at 10:00 a.m. to begin the ski trip.

Irene is planning to provide participants with a cook-out lunch and anyone wishing to participate must tell Irene by Friday evening, or leave a message at 295-3575.

submitted by Madelon Schouten

## Hedley Heritage news

by Ann Casperson  
Hedley reporter

The Hedley Heritage Arts and Crafts is a busy. The gift shop has been taken over by Chuck Schmidt who runs the Wild Goat Gift Shop in the museum. It is an interesting and worthwhile place to visit and shop. There are Mascot Mine posters, mining souvenirs, glassware, books, cards, and handicrafts.

The museum has a tea shop open regularly, serving soft drinks, tea and coffee, with local baked treats. The winter hours are Wednesday to Sunday, closed

Monday and Tuesday.

The archives are as busy as the rest of the museum. Volunteers have interviewed longtime residents to record recollections of mining and local history.

Members publish an annual newsletter covered by the \$5.00 yearly membership fee. Anyone can become a member, or may register as a Friend of the Society, to receive the newsletter.

1998 is the Centennial Year for Hedley. The Heritage Society is working with the Centennial

Committee to plan events, and is promoting the Centennial Calendar. The calendar features interesting pictures from the archives. It is available at the museum and at local businesses.

The museum is still looking for donations of artifacts and memorabilia relating to Hedley's history up to and including 1955.

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the museum, Hedley Garden, take a walking tour of Hedley, and take time for refreshments.

## Horoscopes Jan. 6-13, 1998

**ARIES** - The past year was a challenge. This year will be no different, with this week showing you how you need to be responsible for the choices you make. Be flexible. Older Aries persons feel tired and irritable.

**TAURUS** - Surprises continue as the year begins, but January is a good month for you. Direct your restless energies toward productive work and you will feel better.

**GEMINI** - Friday is a good day to develop an action plan that will help you go ahead in career matters. Positive planetary aspects are shaping up later this month for you.

**CANCER** - This is not your best week nor your best month. Take heart. The strangeness and unpredictability of your life is coming to an end. You are at a turning point toward better times.

**LEO** - Expect plenty of action between you and others, and maybe some fireworks. Don't let fighting words push your buttons. Negotiate.

**VIRGO** - You are going through a life learning experience and you feel plenty of tension. Expect a little more relaxation by the end of the week.

**LIBRA** - Yes, life is dreary, people are burdensome, and you feel tired. Use planning to pace yourself for positive results.

**SCORPIO** - Watch your temper! If you feel angry, use the anger to work at what will best serve your needs. Things will be better next month.

**SAGGITARIUS** - If you have the feeling your world is upside down, look inside yourself. Think through your problems and accept that it is you who is changing as much as your world. Do some deep soul-searching this week.

**CAPRICORN** - This is your week, but don't expect life's challenges to cease. Break through self-doubts, but proceed with caution.

**AQUARIUS** - Life's upsets are reflecting your need to become younger in mind and body. It's time for a new lease on life. Use this week and next to clean up and clear out the past.

**PISCES** - This is an emotionally trying week. Watch the thoughts that surface on the weekend. You are moving on with your life now. Plan for a good year ahead. Present difficulties will fade away.

## Swans stayed longer

by Joe Schwarz  
Tulameen reporter

Late Otter Lake freeze-up saw about a dozen swans basking in the sun in a body of water surrounded by ice on a gorgeous Christmas Day. The ensuing balmy weather, with fog, reduced the ice and snow until New Year's Day.

Snow that began in the early hours of the first day of 1998 continued all day, changing to blizzard conditions by evening. The temperature dropped to -16C by early morning on January 2.

Thus, the threat of Tulameen replacing Hawaii as a balmy resort destination vanished.

## Tulameen Club had good year

by Joe Schwarz  
Tulameen reporter

Tulameen Community Club concerns itself with the social life and well-being of the community. The year 1997 ended with a successful fundraising New Year's Eve dance at the hall.

On Thursday, January 8, the club will hold its annual meeting to elect its officers for 1998. The evening meeting is public.

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## Foundation elects new Board of Directors

Bonnie Cook is the new Chair for Princeton General Hospital and Ridgewood Lodge Foundation. She was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors at the November 12 annual general meeting. Larry Stevens will serve as Vice-Chair with Pam McKenzie as Secretary Treasurer. These positions are for one year.

Pat Mills, Linda Angstadt, Dr. Bernard Mason, Jaymie Atkinson, Wen Wong and Laurie Currie will serve as directors.

Hospital Administrator Dorothy Cobb will serve the board as a consultant.

The Hospital Auxiliary president holds a position as a director.

Plans for this year include a gala night and a brochure to encourage people to give to the Foundation.

The Foundation financial statement showed \$111,205 in the bank, with \$84,000 committed to specific expenditures, leaving \$27,000 for the future.

## Dateline Tulameen

### A Hamburger Deluxe

by Joe Schwarz  
Tulameen reporter

What's new in the New Year?

Is Princeton to become a Reno-style destination casino?

No.

The Love boat to cruise Otter Lake?

No.

Something more challenging and rare is new (especially in this day of high technological multimedia), the launching of a community newspaper "The Similkameen News Leader". Its perceived market will depend on how well it reflects the pulse of the community's wants and needs in information, news, forum for discussion, debate, and exchange of ideas, all intended to help make our area a vibrant, happy, productive place for people to reside in.

The most important requisite of any newspaper is its credibility. It is fitting that the "S.N.L.'s" first publication is at the beginning of the New Year and following the Christmas festivities announcing the birth of truth with its formula for a purposeful, happy life.

Every newspaper is put to the test. We offer our "hamburger

test". The paper, like the hamburger, has to have a good filling. It is to be savoured - something to chew on, especially in the quiet, otherwise you just had the bun.

It must be further recognized that the S.N.L. is a small business. That endeavour is believed to be the source of nearly all of the jobs in the future. It requires courage, risk, capital, vision, long hours, little remuneration, good friends, good service. There is no bailout. Like driving the Tulameen freeway, small business will have its ups and downs and at times will have to overcome rocks and obstacles. However, it is the best freeway in the world to drive, so long as you stay on the road.

We feel that the Similkameen News Leader will pass the test.

Without a doubt, a "Hamburger Deluxe".

(Joe must be a fortune teller. We had our first major obstacle when our TV guide didn't arrive for our first issue. What a way to start! Maybe this "hamburger deluxe" will take a long time over the brazier.)

### Vermilion Rebekah news

After a delicious lunch in a local restaurant, where the table had been tastefully decorated in the Christmas theme, the members gathered in the O.A.P. hall for the final meeting of December '97.

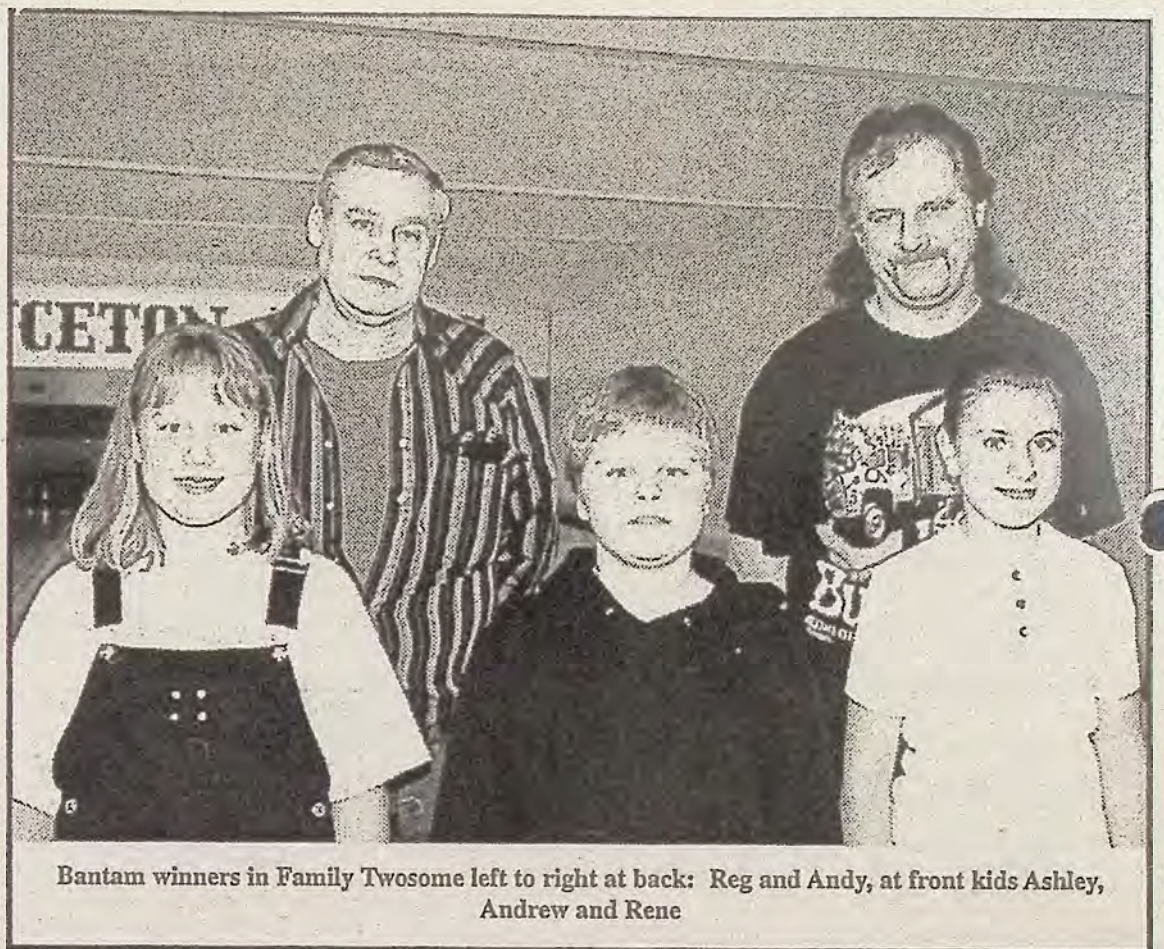
Following the regular meeting, Santa visited as the sisters enjoyed a large assortment of Christmas baking with their tea

and coffee. What a lovely time we all had!

And now it is time to instal our new officers and renew our efforts to elevate the character of humanity through friendship, love and truth.

Happy New Year to all.

submitted by  
Dorothy Stenvold, p.c.



Bantam winners in Family Twosome left to right at back: Reg and Andy, at front kids Ashley, Andrew and Rene

## Hart pleased with Reform action

Okanagan-Coquihalla Member of Parliament Jim Hart says he is pleased with Reform Party performance during the first three months of the 36th Parliament.

Hart believes the momentum will continue when the new session begins February 2.

"Reform played a leading role on the important issues that emerged this fall," stated Hart.

He said Reform framed the debate on the budget surplus, calling for debt and tax relief and continues to be the only party with an alternative to the record pension tax hike, referring to the Liberal government's 73 percent CPP payroll tax increase. Hart noted that his colleagues led the charge against the liberals' irresponsible greenhouse gas policy and were the first to call for legislation to have the mail moving again.

"The longer the Liberals spend in office, the more out of touch they are," Hart claims, "Their actions this fall show they are drifting in the wrong direction."

Hart noted that the Liberals continue to spend more and more of the taxpayers' money.

"Although we already pay outrageous personal taxes, in December the Liberals passed the biggest tax hike in Canadian history, one that will cost every working Canadian at least \$900 a year for a pension plan that may

or may not exist when they retire."

As Question Period Coordinator for the official Opposition, Hart, who was first elected Member of Parliament in 1993, is satisfied

that his Party accomplished its main goal of giving Question Period back to all Canadians, a welcome change from the separatist agenda that dominated the last Parliament.



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# Worth a Second thought

by Dawn Johnson

What will people do on New Year's Eve, 1999?

There is growing evidence that some people will be ready to die. They cannot think past the artificial barrier of Year 2000. They are caught in a mind trap.

This mind trap is good news for those who prey on uncertainty. If the future is frightening, then what better device to hoodwink people than to predict disasters and an apocalypse just because the calendar will change?

The Hale-Bopp comet brought out some of the worst of what can happen to people who are afraid of the future here on planet Earth. They convinced themselves that they could turn into beings of light and climb aboard some craft hiding in the comet's tail. Life after death may turn all of us into beings of light. It is worth noting that the Hale-Bopp believers had to commit suicide to go on their journey, although nobody knows why they bothered to dress and pack a suitcase.

The future is always uncertain. Despite planning and sophisticated forecasting techniques, nobody can predict exactly what will happen on any tomorrow.

We try to establish some kind of control over time when we name each hour, day, month, year, and century. We are trying to create a structure in which time becomes manageable. If we allow our minds to become trapped by this idea we created, then we are drifting into insanity. After all, insanity can be defined as a state in which a person believes an idea he created.

The Year 2000 is one of those nutty mind traps for many people.

There is nothing really significant about Year 2000 other than its being the end of a century and the end of a millennium. It is simply a measure of time gone by since the birth of Christ.

Other cultures have other times. The Chinese passed their year 2000 a couple of thousand years ago. Their time marches on.

The entire time structure is artificial. Nobody knows how the Creator measures time, or whether the Creator bothers to measure time.

Ask your dog about time. He knows about day and night, feeding time, and if he has not been 'fixed', he will know about mating time. Does he know anything about the Year 2000?

I notice that Motor Vehicle Branch is aware of life after the Year 2000. I have to renew my driver's license in 2001.

Financial institutions broke through the Year 2000 barrier some time ago. They want their loans repaid in 2001, 2002, 2003, and as far into the future as the borrower must pay.

Those looking forward to CPP cheques have no problem with visualizing cheques arriving after retirement in 2005 or 2015. They want their money when it is due.

One thing we can be sure of: after Year 2000, we will refer to the years as twenty-oh-one, twenty-oh-two, etc.

In the future, we may hear old-timers saying, "Remember the winter of twenty-twelve?"

In the meantime, there are people who can become really paranoid about going from 11:59 p.m., December 31, 1999, to 12:00 a.m., January 1, 2000.

So, what are you doing New Year's Eve, 1999?

Most years, I celebrate New Year's Eve at a friend's home on Old Hedley Road. I will not be doing that on New Year's Eve, 1999. My friend is moving.

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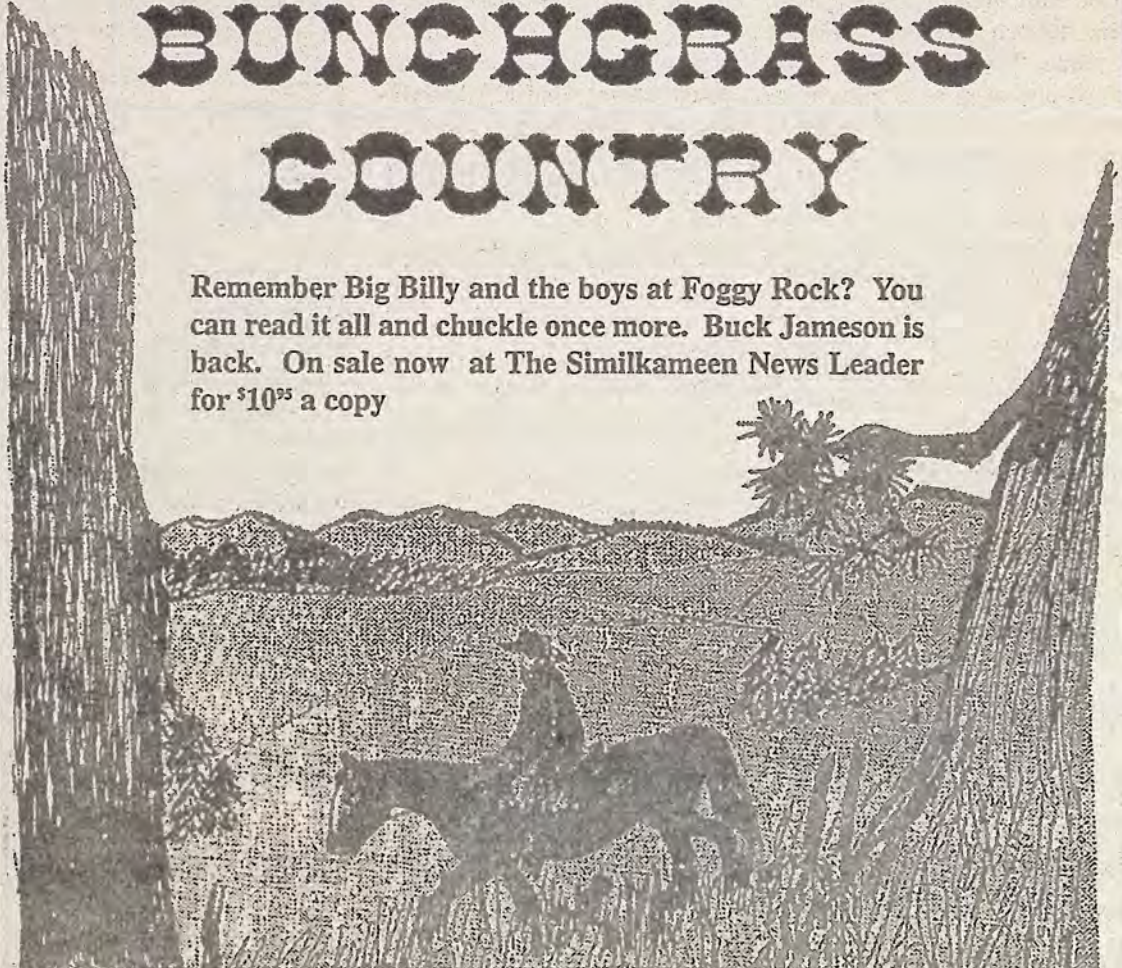
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# Novice Teen Wins Home Tourney

by S. Clifton

Princeton arena was a busy site last weekend as the Mac's Auto Parts Novice hockey team hosted their annual Initiation 'C' tournament.

Saturday night the boys started off against Pentiction. The game was full of action and chances. After two periods the hometown favourites had a narrow 2-1 lead with goals from Lewis Smith (assist - Shaine Clifton) and Pat LePoidevin (assists - Braydon Scarpelli, Shaine Clifton). Then the flyers started to fly! Reid bicknell was a consistent force along the boards and reliable defenseman, Beau Wilkinson, kept Pentiction away from the net. Goals came from Shaine Clifton (assist - Lewis, Pat); Josh Scarpelli (assist from brother Braydon); Lewis Smith (assist - Kyle Markin); Braydon Scarpelli and Tyson Beaupre (assist - Josh).

The final score ended up 7-2 in Princeton's favour.

The boys stayed on ice and played a back-to-back match, this time versus the Pentiction girls. The girls' team was taller and stronger, but that proved inadequate against the Mac's flyers. Lewis scored the first two goals, with assists coming from Kyle Markin and Nigel Mack. Tyson Beaupre's reactions were lightning quick when he capitalized on a pass in front of the net from Josh

Josh then monopolized on a set-up from Shaine. Lewis Smith topped off a final goal on a nice pass across from winger Clifford Lindley. The end result was a Princeton victory with a 5-1 score.

Sunday morning Princeton met an older and bigger Keremeos team. The boys came out flat and

appeared to be intimidated by the team from up the road. Keremeos had a 3-0 lead until Josh got Princeton on the scoreboard with a pair of goals (assists to Tyson Beaupre, Tyler Reid, and Braydon). Clifford Lindley added a goal to the team's effort with the assists by Lewis and Tyson.

Although Rylan Mogge played a great game in net, the shots were too numerous. Princeton swallowed their first loss of the entire season in this close 5-3 game.

In the 'A' finals, Princeton was forced to replay the strong Keremeos squad. Our coaches gave the boys their pep talk and offered them some suggestions to think about in the big match-up.

Lewis Smith got Princeton on the scoreboard within the first couple minutes of the game (assist to

Pat). However, Keremeos scored the next two goals. The flyers were hungry and they all dug deep and played aggressive, confident hockey. They eventually tied the game on yet another Smith goal (assist - Kyle). The game remained even until midway through the second period when Beau Wilkinson let go one of his patented high-flying wrist shots! The goalie must have lost the puck in the lights because the puck cleared his head and came to rest in the back of the net. Next, a fast pass from Lewis to out in front of the net was barely visible, but it was seen by Kyle Markin who slapped it in, to widen the gap. Shaine added an insurance goal with assists going to Nigel and Tyler. Late in the third a peri-

od, Clifford got hauled down on a breakaway and was awarded a rare penalty shot. Clifford skated in and when the goalie committed himself then Cliff went upstairs and scored!

Josh notched one more goal for good luck while he was on a breakaway. The boys showed their determined spirits and won the game 7-2.

Congratulations are in order to all the boys and coaches for their hard work and great play. The Mac's Auto Parts won the tournament! Their positive on-ice manner and least penalty minutes gave them the honour of Most Sportsmanlike Team.

Carol Mack, tournament director, spent countless hours making sure the tournament was a success.

## A LOCAL LOOK: AT WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING

by Lori Thomas

### TYLER WILLIS:

The Worcester Ice Cats may have lost their game to the Hartford Wolf Pack, but the fans were not totally disappointed. They came to see Princeton's own Tyler Willis play hockey.

The December 27th game was televised on a pay per view channel that packed the Bromley Station Pub with Willis fans. Tyler played his usual feisty game and brought down the house when he assisted on a goal.

The Ice Cats are a farm team for the St. Louis Blues and are in the American Hockey League (AHL). Watch for Tyler's games in the pay per view TV Listings.

The next game at the Bromley will be Friday the 9th against Providence RI which is the farm team for the Boston Bruins.

### HALLIE WILLIS:

Hallie is our local female Rodeo hero. In her first year after turn-

ing Pro she made it to the Canadian Rodeo Finals (CFR) in Edmonton. Hallie, her horse Zip and her entourage of about 20 fans took 10th place in Canada. We look forward to seeing Hallie in the CFR again next year and in the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in Los Vegas in the near future.

Hallie also does a Rodeo column on the Internet called "The Willis Report". If you want to keep track of the B.C. Rodeo Competitors results and standings go to Hallie's column at:

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### BRAD CORNELL

Brad, an A/B average student, is in 2nd year University in North Dakota on a swimming scholarship. He is studying Geology/Geography as his major and Teaching as his minor.

Brad went into swimming to keep in shape for hockey and has

excelled from day one. Swimming has taught Brad self-discipline and self-motivation and has made him the person he is today. Brad knows the only limit to what you can accomplish is the one you set for yourself.

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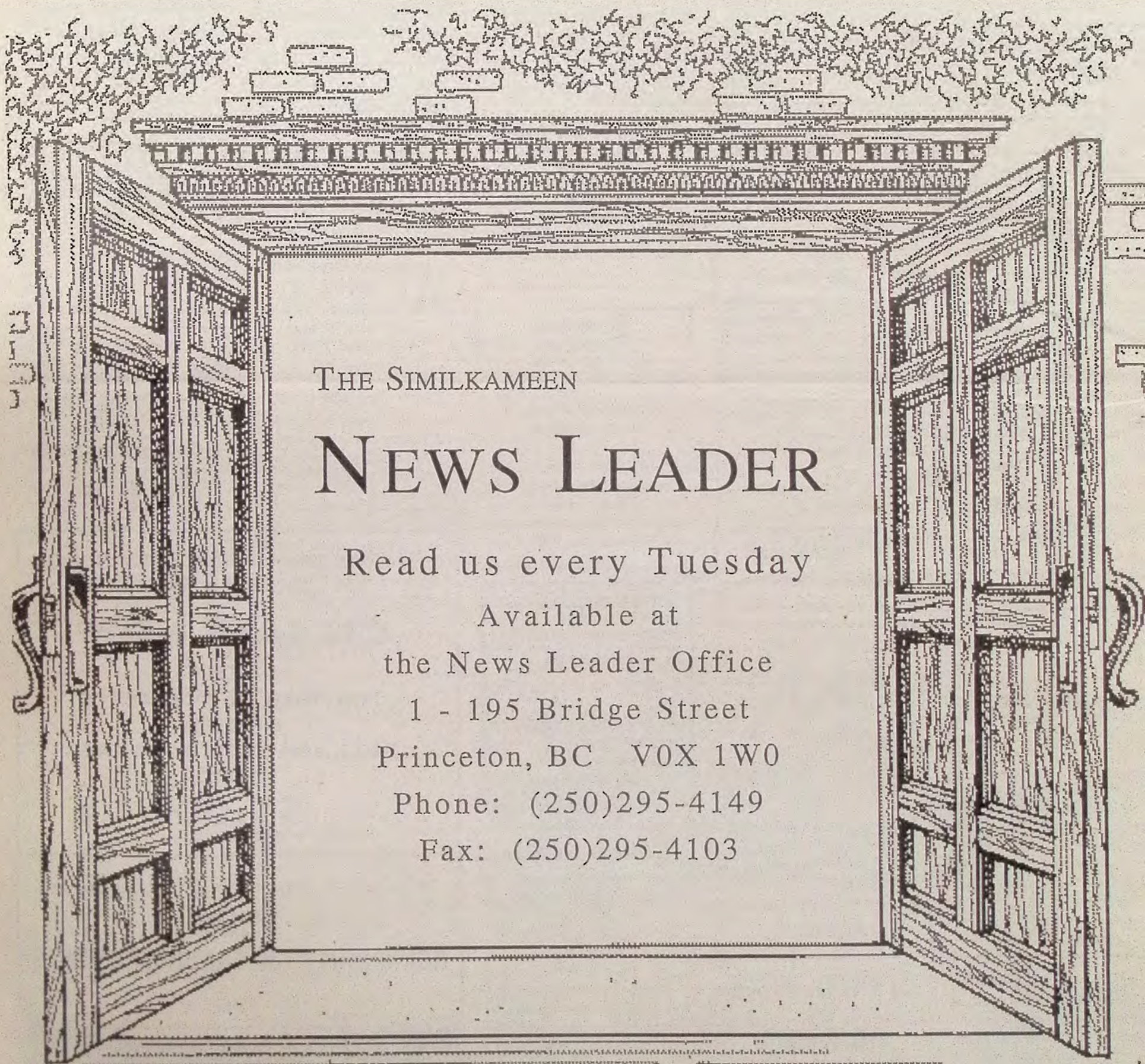
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