

Princeton plans merger

A share swap between Princeton Mining Corp. and Imperial Metals Corp. will merge the two companies. The announcement made February 12 will bring majority ownership of two new mines, Princeton's Huckleberry and Imperial's Mt. Polley, under a single company.

The deal is not final. Approval is required from Princeton's shareholders, and is subject to regulations.

The merged company will be called Imperial Metals. Assets will include Princeton's Similco Mine and Imperial's Silvertip mining property.

Lali chairs job summit

Harry Lali, MLA for Yale-Illocoet, will co-chair the Premier's Summit on Economic Opportunity for the Southern Interior. The summit will be held in Kamloops May 27 to 29, Premier Glen Clark announced on February 13.

The summit will be held on the campus of the University of the Cariboo. It will bring together business, labour, community and aboriginal leaders, and youth from various communities.

The purpose of the summit, according to the Premier, is to develop a regional jobs strategy that reflects the goals and objectives of Southern Interior communities and residents.

Harry Lali was to have been embarking on a trade mission to India, but was replaced by Moe Sihota and re-assigned the job of co-chairing the summit with Robert Fine, manager, Kamloops Economic Development Corp.

Cathy McGregor, Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks, will be actively involved in planning and organizing the summit.

Residents of the area can provide their input towards the strategy's development by written submissions and by placing their views on an interactive home page under construction. There will be other opportunities for residents in communities throughout the region to be heard.

The Southern Interior region includes most communities in the North Okanagan, Thompson Nicola, part of Columbia-Shuswap, the Central Okanagan, and Okanagan Similkameen.



Conservation Officer Al Lay exhibits cougar shot within town limits on February 8 as it guarded a fresh deer kill. Lay warns residents, "Don't feed the deer in town, the predators will follow."

Cougars come too close

Conservation Officer Al Lay shot a cougar inside Town limits on February 8, after week of cougar reports and kills.

The first report came on January 31, when the owner of a small pony phoned Lay to say a cougar killed the pony at their residence along Allenby Road. A local hunter with hounds tracked the cougar and shot a three year old male. Cougar hunting season is open for those with permits. The bag limit is two cougar for the season.

The next day, February 1, a local rancher residing five kilometres from downtown Princeton saw a cougar in the ranch yard. A hunter with hounds was called to the ranch and the hunter shot the cougar.

Two days later, on February 3, a resident living 20 km. from Princeton, on Old Hedley Road, came home from town and found a young cougar in the chicken house killing chickens. The homeowner shot and killed the cougar with a .22 rifle, then reported the kill to Al Lay.

On February 8, a local resident was walking his dogs along the road leading to the Town works

yard when he encountered a fresh deer kill. The dogs went wild, barking and snarling. The man walked over toward the kill, and a large adult cougar walked down the hill toward the man. The man left, and called Al Lay.

Lay went to the site and found the fresh kill, and the cougar.

Lay said, "The cougar showed no

fear of humans, and didn't leave the kill."

The cougar was a two to three year old male in good condition, weighing about 150 pounds.

Lay warns local residents, "Be aware these cougars are close to town, watch your pets, make sure children playing outdoors are supervised. Take precautions with children and small pets."

Parolin receives medal for courage

Cindy Parolin will receive the Star of Courage, Canada's second highest award for bravery. The medal will be given in Ottawa on an unspecified date in May.

Parolin died in a cougar attack on the evening of August 19, 1996, as she and three of her children rode along a country road west of Tulameen, B.C. The family was on a saddleback camping trip for summer vacation. A cougar rushed from the roadside and grabbed the youngest Parolin child, Steven, and pulled him from the horse. Cindy went to her son's defense, and the cougar

turned on her.

Cindy Parolin told her children to run to safety and she fought the cougar with nothing but a stick. The horses had spooked and fled, leaving the family with no weapons.

While the two older children, David and Melissa, took the wounded Steven to safety, Cindy fought a hand to claw battle that cost her life. She was barely alive when David led Jim Manion and Karen Soule back to the site. Manion shot the cougar, but could not save Parolin's life.

"I want to stress again," Lay stated, "Don't feed deer in town. You start feeding deer and predators are going to follow them."

Lay believes the number of cougars "appears to be a bit high". He estimates a total of 16 cougars shot in the Similkameen watershed since December 15.

Anyone sighting a nuisance cougar should call the Conservation Office at 295-6343, or Al Lay at home, 295-0250, or the RCMP at 295-6911.

Weather Watch

	High	Low	Precip
Feb 9	7.5	-4.5	
Feb 10	7.2	-10.4	
Feb 11	5.2	-4.6	
Feb 12	7.8	-1.7	
Feb 13	7.7	-2.2	
Feb 14	1.1	-5.5	2 cm snow
Feb 15	7.2	-1.2	trace

FORECAST -

Wed Cloud, rain 50%, lo2 hi 7
Thurs. rain 60%, low 0, high 6
Fri. rain 40%, low 1, high 9
Feb 20 Sunrise 6:56 a.m.
Sunset 5:37 p.m.
Daylight equal to October 21

Sanderson remembered with respect

Similkameen Valley residents will remember John Sanderson with respect, and for those who knew him well, with affection.

Sanderson passed away suddenly at home on February 10. He and his wife, Norma, made their home in Cawston since 1946.

Norma recalls how John changed his future plans after visiting his sister in Cawston during the spring blossom season. He thought he had never seen a more beautiful place. Instead of going to university to become a lawyer, he bought a piece of land. Born and raised on a farm in Saskatchewan, he knew nothing about orchards, but he planted the trees. Years of hard work made his orchard thrive.

John and Norma Sanderson met in England during World War 2. John was a pilot/navigator for 100 Squadron Bomber Combat unit, and flew 36 bombing tours. King George VI presented him with a Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery. During one mission, John was wounded in the face by flak, his bomber was crippled, but he brought his crew home safely. John and Norma were married in

1945, and Norma was left behind in England until John could find a home for them in Canada. After settling down in the Similkameen Valley, they raised a family: Patricia (Kamloops), Robert (Langley), Elizabeth (Ottawa) and Greg (Cawston). They welcomed 10 grandchildren.

The struggle to raise a family led John back to university at age 45. After completing his studies in Education, he taught school for a year in Princeton. He decided teaching was not his forte, and found employment as a counselor for Canada Manpower, where he worked for 15 years until he retired. The last 10 years with Canada Manpower were in Princeton, where he became a good friend to many people.

One of the projects initiated under Sanderson's guidance was a Local Initiative Project begun by Joyce Fraser. That project became Princeton and District Community Services.

John Sanderson was a school trustee for "at least 25 years", Norma says. He was awarded a certificate of honour by B.C.

School Trustees Association.

Norma began a little fruit stand at the Sanderson farm in Cawston and sold their produce directly to consumers. In time, as fruit stand

business improved and John retired, they invested in a major fruit stand in Keremeos and called it Sanderson Farms.

Family and friends celebrated

John Sanderson's life in a memorial service held at St. John's Anglican Church in Keremeos on Friday, February 13, with Rev. Nielson leading the service.

PXA rounds up plans

Everybody brought their plans and achievements to the February meeting of Princeton Exhibition Association (PXA) as user groups prepare for 1998 events.

Treasurer Ray Huey opened discussion with a report on grounds improvements achieved through a federal works grant and \$500 worth of paint supplied by the Town of Princeton. The Fall Fair Association contributed an additional \$500 for the project. Grandstand stairs have been renovated, new paint applied to a number of locations, and numerous small jobs completed.

Stan Thompson reported on improvements to the water system, but noted a need to replace an electrical cable damaged when vehicles drove over it.

Thompson praised Value Contracting for work donated to put in new pressure pumps.

A great deal of work has been done at the exhibition grounds, but more is required. George Elliott, PXA President, told members that Racing Days would have to upgrade the darkroom facilities.

The deep fryers in the concession building must be replaced, the caboose needs renovations, and the stables in one area need to be rebuilt. PXA will ask the Town for a grant to help cover the costs, as the present bank balance is not sufficient.

Elliott reported that the Desert Park management group had been replaced by the Town of Osoyoos. He did not know whether or not there would be horse racing in

Osoyoos this year, but the starting gate borrowed from Desert Park last year had been made roadworthy at a cost of \$2,000, and had been returned to Desert Park. Elliott hoped Princeton's expenditure would mean rent-free use of the gate in the future.

June 27 and 28 will be Racing Days this year. Elliott said he would like to coordinate the activities of the weekend to "maximize the benefits for everybody who participates".

Fall Fair dates are September 11, 12 and 13 (the weekend following Labour Day weekend). Ray Huey reported significant changes are taking place due to the decision by Pacific National Exhibition to cancel agricultural shows. Huey explained that the Interior Provincial Exhibition (I.P.E.) had applied to the B.C. Association of Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions to change the I.P.E. to Labour Day weekend. This would mean an end to the annual date conflict between the Princeton Fall Fair and the Armstrong fair. The B.C. Fairs Association will ratify the request at its February 28 meeting. The change in the I.P.E. dates will free up more livestock exhibits for the Princeton fair.

Rodeo Club President Bob Wicks reported plans for the Pony Express ride coming to Princeton on May 29, followed by a local rodeo the next day. He outlined plans for a dinner honouring long-time local ranchers, to be held March 24. Other plans include one or two trail rides at unspecified dates.

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Princeton Rebels Cheer Squad L-R: (back) Coach Lori Dodds, Melissa Bowen, Candace Smith, Linda Marcoux, and (front) Co-captain Trish McElhinney, with second place and spirit trophies after competing at UBC on Saturday, Feb 7.

Cheer squad leads pep rally

Rebels Cheer Squad held their second pep rally of the 1997/98 school year. On Tuesday, February 10th all the students were invited to attend and support their school basketball teams and the cheerleaders.

The students enthusiastically cheered on the cheerleaders as they danced and performed stunt work. After the cheerleaders com-

pleted their performance the basketball teams were introduced by their coaches. The teams introduced were the grade 8 girls, and the Jr boys and girls. While the coaches told the school about each team's season everyone showed their school spirit.

Each grade had a student who dressed up as their best impression off a Princeton Rebel. The

mascot competition received an excellent reception from the rest of the school. Judges voted on the best representative of the school mascot and prizes were awarded to the students who participated.

The final in-school tournament was the spirit-o-meter. This was between the guys and girls. The side that was the loudest had the chance to throw a pie in the oppositions' coaches face. This ended in a tie so both coaches, Mr. Bertram and Ms. Spence, received the pies from Erica Timms and Dustin Pasco.

This pep rally proved to be an excellent event to increase the school's spirit. The donations from local businesses for prizes were greatly appreciated and they help to make the pep rally a success.

Rebekah news

We were pleased to receive two applications for membership in our lodge and look forward to the day when these ladies become Sisters. A donation was made to the local Brownie pack - an assistance to their upcoming trip.

Thomas Wildley's life was outlined. He was born in England in 1782 and moved to America after his marriage in 1817. He founded the first Oddfellows Lodge in Baltimore as he missed the friendship he had enjoyed in England where he had been a member for 13 years. The order has now extended world-wide from this humble beginning 181 years ago.

Rebekahs had fun again! All sisters were asked to wear something red as we had Valentine's Day theme for the meeting. Each sister wore a crown, sporting a heart. A small container was passed around and the members were asked to guess the number of candies it contained. Closest to the count was Sister Pam, who received the container, candies and all. The booby prize was tied, so a draw was made and Sister Margaret received a heart-shaped

sucker. Sister Joan had placed pretty doily Valentines on each chair. Each one was numbered. The lucky winner was Sister Dot. Sister Joan had also made and displayed Valentine motifs to add to the scheme. Sister Marion brought Valentine cards and Sister Dorothy had decorated small containers with candies and Valentine wishes for each member. Sister Gerri won the table prize as we enjoyed our tea and refreshments.

Gold Medalist has local ties

Ross Rebagliati, who won the Olympic gold medal for snowboarding, has a strong family tie to Princeton. Ross hails from North Vancouver, but one of his biggest fans is his uncle, Doug Rebagliati, of Princeton. Doug went to Whistler to watch Ross train for the Olympics.

This is the first year for snowboarding as an Olympic sport and many local people cheered as the young Canadian took the gold.

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The honor roll for Princeton Secondary School for the first semester was released last week.

Grade 8

Principal's List
 Stephen Remple
Gold List
 Dane Lockwood
 Ashlee Gibson
 Shana Wright
 Jennifer Greening
 Andrea Ihlen
 Jodie Lewis
 Lindsay Nesbitt
Honourable Mention
 Jennifer Cleven
 Melissa Parolin
 Sarah Liberatore
 Aleena Lay
 Michael Thomas
 Sarah Brown
 Jana Greeley
 Danielle Naylor

Grade 9

Principal's List
 Erik Luchsinger
 Alasdair Reid
Gold List
 Philip Lepoidevin
 Leticia Stacey
 Jared McDonald
 Monica Holding
 Katarina Henry
 Gareth Hagen
 Tara Gubbels
 Natasha Martindale

Candice Low
 Jay Plunkett
 Falon LaRoya
 Scott Witt
 David Bell
Honourable Mention
 Vickie Haker
 Marie Szymczak
 Ashley Powell
 Steven Tory
 Becky Vermette
 Sarah Johnson
 Dee Cottar
 Kimberly Antonick
 Jamie Goebel
Grade 10
Principal's List
 Amy Pattison
 Sheryl Petschl
 Tim Gullason
 Sarah Van Heeswijk
 Jennifer McConnell
Gold List
 Lisa Panchenko
 Thoran Smart
 Katy Adams
 Erica Timms
 Howard Crawford
 Natasha Paterson
 Michelle Ashley
 Tiffany Sandover
 Graham Byatt
 Christine Spedding
 Krista Szymczak
Honourable Mention
 Candace Smith
 Rebecka Allen
 Jennifer Greeley

Matthew Stevenson
 Meghan Barrie
 Dustin Pasco
 Shaun Swanson
 Kristan Boyce
 Japine LeMottee
 Darcy Brewer
 Murray Lawes
 Dan Broad
 Kayla Kinloch
Grade 11
Principal's List
 Tina Costa
Gold List
 Meredith Porter
 Alison Aspinall
 Marie Laska
 Melanie Low
 Jasmine Leslie
 Annette Cleven
 Laine Westran
Honourable Mention
 Nita Meier
 Petra Sehnoutkova
 Trish McElhinney
 Renee Roche
Grade 12
Gold List
 Kellie Schneider
 Christine Cochet
 Ken Swabe
 Jennica Plunkett
 Mindy Caruso
 Sandy Swanson
 Nelsen Patry
 Barb Shelton
 Peter Adams
 Lacia Swanson

Kim Kerfoot
 Robert Smyth
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 Shana Ortwein
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Trish McElhinney

Student joins Leader team

The Similkameen News Leader welcomes Trish McElhinney to our team. Trish is on a 120 hour work experience program and is now learning the ropes in the newspaper business.

Trish is age 16, in Grade 11 at Princeton Secondary School. Her interest in journalism and computer sciences led her to seek a work experience in the newspaper business. Her first article, with a

photograph, is about cheerleading, one of Trish's pastimes.

In addition to her studies at school and cheerleading, Trish is involved in figure skating and dancing. She works at the Dairy Queen and is a candidate for the Miss Princeton title.

The News Leader looks forward to a few months with Trish McElhinney as a team mate.



Representing Princeton in YBC Four Steps to Stardom back row Mike Crawford, Cody Pasco (senior single) and Devlin Desrochers (junior single) front Jonathan Howe and Brent Davidson.

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YBC Bantam Girls rep team competing in Four Steps to Stardom in Penticton on February 21: L to R (back) Renee Kovacs, Samantha Bertucci, Ashley Dore, (front) Justine Pelly, Jennifer Walton and kneeling Charmaine Aiken, single. Coach Donna Kovacs at rear.

Museum Society invites business to celebrate changes

The Museum Society wants the whole town to celebrate the changes of the past 40 years. At the February 10 Museum Society meeting, Secretary Ev McCallum outlined a plan for a summer museum display celebrating the museum's fortieth anniversary. The plan would call for involvement of local businesses and organizations. The plan is to display all of the changes to businesses. McCallum gave an example of a business contributing a photo taken 40 years ago and one taken this year,

along with a brief history of changes during the past 40 years. Organizations will be asked to contribute a history of changes and milestones reached, and perhaps mementoes of celebrations.

The fortieth anniversary committee is made up of Cathie Orser, Margaret Stoneberg, Kathie Clement, Rosemary Doughty, Helen and Don Coyle, and Dorothy Stenvold. For more information, call Ev McCallum at 295-3918 or Helen Coyle 295-7569.

Legion crib scores

The ongoing cribbage tournaments at the Legion have provided winter fun for cribbage addicts and friends. Results:
January 5:
First: Rummy and Len
Second: Joe and Jack
Third: John and George

January 12:
First: Bob and Al
Second: Jean and Betty
Third: Rummy and Len

January 18:
First: Dave and Al
Second: Helen and Rita
Third: Ena and Ernie

January 19:
First: Bob and Noreen
Second: Dave and Al
Third: Sharon and Helen

January 26:
First: Dick and Al
Second: John and George
Third: Rita and Helen
Playoff winners were A. Ince and D. Daponte.

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Forest Advisory outlines opportunity

Princeton and district Forest Advisory Group is taking advantage of upcoming wood bid proposals offered by the Ministry of Forests in the Princeton area. Co-ordinator Barry Montgomery advised this "is a perfect opportunity to capitalize by sending information packages out to some 85 value-added and other businesses in B.C. that might wish to bid on this wood and locate some processing facility in Princeton." Under the Ministry of Forests

small business guidelines, a point system is used and higher points are given to a business who bids on the wood and whose facility is located in close proximity to it (i.e. Princeton). There are two upcoming bids in March, one which features sawlogs, and the other small wood. "We prepared a complete briefing of the bid proposal along with a profile of Princeton to let busi-

ness know we are open to assist with any inquiry concerning this or any other opportunity in our area," said Montgomery. Any local entrepreneurs who wish to receive a copy of the proposal and discuss possible ventures can do so by contacting the FRBC coordinator through the Princeton and District Chamber of Commerce office or directly at 295-3196.

Hedley fire destroys park building

Police were called to a fire in Hedley that began at approximately 11:00 p.m. Friday 13. The fire destroyed a storage facility and public washrooms at the Hedley ball park, a loss of an estimated \$10,000 public investment. Police suspect arson. A black Ford Bronco was seen in the area at the time the fire started. Police are uncertain as to the driver's involvement in the incident. Anyone with information related to the fire or the Bronco is asked to call 295-6911 or Crime Stoppers. Investigation continues.

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OUR VIEW

There is an upside to the down dollar

The depressed Canadian dollar is no cause for concern when it comes to selling Canadian goods to the United States, or to anyone else, for that matter. The down dollar hurts when we want to import from the United States, or when we want to travel in the United States.

In our view, the down dollar can be a blessing. If we Canadians look at our dollar from a positive point of view, we can see a whole new tourist explosion coming this year.

Suppose we try to see it through an American promoter's eyes. We come to the Canadian border, and suddenly our dollar is worth thirty cents more than it was. Looking at it another way, when the Canadian price says one dollar, we are really spending only seventy cents.

We should have no problem enticing American tourists to come to Canada if we handle it like a gigantic, country-wide clearance sale. We could promote it as "Come to Canada - everything is thirty per cent off U.S.!"

Could we persuade our provincial government to stop selling SuperNatural B.C. and start selling dollar-stretcher B.C.? How about "the country that cares for your budget"? People talk about marketing tourist attractions, so why not market the one attraction that would mean the most to the average American tourist?

We have plenty of promotional ideas around here. Try this one: a penny saved is a penny earned, but every dollar you spend in Canada is thirty pennies saved and earned.

Maybe the ministry responsible for tourism should start a contest for the best clearance sales ads based on our down dollar, then start a south of the border ad campaign convincing American tourists they will save money here.



YOUR VIEW

He loves the highway law

Dear Editor;

I am one certainly very happy person. To see the Gov't and ICBC up the cost of fines and insurance, with the possible loss of these licenses. Re: the story, another day, another \$394. I hope the joy riders, drunkards and druggies would soon be off our highways. The sooner the better.

We all have our reasons for speeding. It makes me feel better when I see these idiots caught in the trap. The young are just in a hurry. Middle age groups: time is

money. The elderly: we don't want to lose our independence.

I don't care if a car is made better to do what the law says. The road conditions are not.

So, if these things can stop the carnage on our highways, so be it. I'll love it.

Sincerely, R.W. Bouvette

Sand is not sand

An open letter to Harry Lal, MLA Yale-Lillooet

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you regarding damage to my new vehicle caused by aggregate spread on to the highways by the Highways maintenance contractor for this area: Princeton, Merritt, and Keremeos.

I purchased this vehicle in November 1997 and now have six rock chips in the windshield and a considerable amount of damage to the body-paint of this truck, all caused by flying rocks.

With another two months of "road sanding" still to come this season, I am sure my windshield will have to be replaced at a cost of \$100 to me and considerably more to ICBC. Additional cost, ICBC, are the windshield repairs I have done, as they happen quite regularly.

The reason for all this damage is the size of the rocks contained in what I assume is meant to be "SAND".

The material that is put on the roads here is a crushed material containing some sand, and the coarser part of this crush would not pass through a half inch mesh screen. Also, it being a crushed material, a lot of these rocks are razor sharp, which in addition to breaking glass and chipping the paint of a vehicle at an alarming rate, also get lodged in the grooves of tires, causing punctures.

I wish to point out to our cash strapped government, as well as ICBC, the cost of the glass replacement and repair for this area, totalling \$90,000 more or less, not counting the cost of tire and body repairs born by the individual, most of which could be prevented by the highway maintenance specifications demanding properly screened sand being spread onto the roads in winter.

Yours truly,
Joseph Vogler,
Princeton, B.C.
cc: Premier Clark, ICBC
Vancouver, ICBC Penticton et al.

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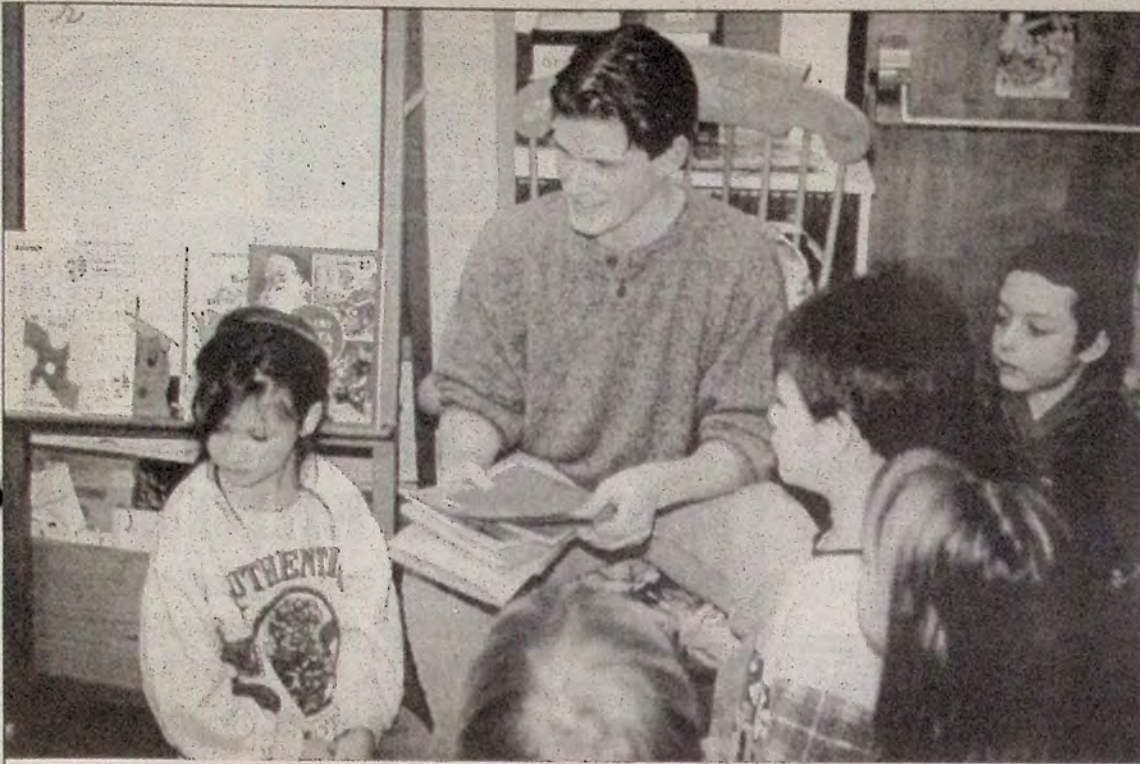
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Adams to MacPhail

Dear Ms. MacPhail;

As you are aware, our community is around 5,000 population but can double in size over the summer months. In addition, we have an extremely high number of accidents in this area due to our proximity to the Hope-Princeton highway and to the fairly heavy use of Ski-dos, A.T.V.'s and other vehicles in our area. I think it is intolerable that our hospital administration should be so unconcerned about the level of training of our staff that even the most modest training program of all (C.P.R.) is neither mandatory, funded or encouraged! You will see from copies of my letters that I have repeatedly raised these topics with local administration and with regional administration to no avail. Sincerely, Dr. J. Adams



Joe McKay from Princeton Secondary says goodbye to the students in Mrs. Gregson's class at Vermilion Forks after completing 140 hours over four months for a work experience course he was taking

Princeton oldtimer says domestic economy needs priority investment

Dear Editor;

Any political party that would represent the well-being of the human race and thinks international rules such as those of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Multilateral Agreement on Investment, and free trade agreements, will give every country an equal field of competition is ignoring the present reality of the global economy. Small companies should look to the finance and markets of their own nation and employ their own people.

Most industrialized nations in the world today are very much in debt to their chartered banks and the world banking system.

It is my opinion that these institutions own the world's big media and have a deceitful but near absolute control of our governments. The fact that most governments of the industrial nations owe almost unpayable debt to the banks appears to prove this situation.

The whole economic system is governed through a conspiracy of world traders who have been developing their wealth for at

least the last 200 years. Their ownership of money allows them to control the economic rules of commerce in their own interests.

The best weapons of international control of world resources are international investments and overpopulation of areas they wish to exploit.

Only national creation, evaluation, distribution, and use of domestic money stands in the way of a corrupt world government. That is what national sovereignty is about.

As I believe and said before as

More Olympic Games, less reporter chat, says fan

Dear Editor,

I have been actively trying to see the events of the Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. I say "trying" because more than half of the CBC Telecast of the Games has been nothing except commentary, interviews and previews of "events to come."

Now, I understand that some of this non-event brou-ha-ha is necessary and that Canadians are interested in the Canadian Athletes who are at the Olympics. But why could not some of these "Road to Nagano" interviews of Athletes been done in the weeks prior to the Games? The Olympic Commercials would have then been interesting, instead of tiresome. Why can't some of the interviews of winners and losers in the Games be done once the Athletes get back home? We could lengthen the magical time of the Olympics by a week or more by doing that.

We all heard for months that the Olympic Winter Games would be telecast during this time period. I was really looking forward to

long as we are a self-governing nation, our ministry of finance should take over the country's banking and create enough domestic money to satisfy our internal needs.

We should not depend on imports or exports for our basic human needs. The value of our exports should be governed to equal the value of what little imports our consumers need.

It would be a big change in living habits, a reform that now seems essential to all nations.

Yours respectfully,
Roy Thomas.

watching the Games.

I am greatly disappointed in the CBC coverage of the Olympics. It seems to me that the CBC sportscasters are more interested in how much air time they can get personally than they are in giving Olympic Sports Lovers what they really want to see: the Games. Some commentary is necessary, but enough is enough! Patty Harrower

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Teachers praise Rotary

Dear Editor;

The Princeton District Teachers' Union would like to commend the Princeton Rotary Club for its leadership in establishing a fund to assist a community in Ontario or Quebec damaged by the recent ice storms. We are pleased to report that at our January general meeting, Princeton teachers passed a motion to contribute

\$250 to this fund.

The Princeton District Teachers' Union appreciates this opportunity to work cooperatively with other groups in the community. We thank the members of Rotary for proposing such a good idea. Yours truly,

Susan Hamilton, President,
Princeton District Teachers' Union.



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Tourists arrive for winter fun

The Chamber of Commerce tourist information service welcomed 142 tourists during January, and responded to 163 tourist information inquiries by phone. Ten tourists received information packages.

The majority of tourists wanted to know about sightseeing in the area, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling opportunities.

Chamber of Commerce staff sent out eight relocation information packages, and responded to eight business inquiries.

Skating Club plans year end display

The year end presentation of the Princeton Figure Skating Club will take place on Friday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. There will be group numbers from the Kidskate, Canskate and Canfigureskate programs. The

test stream skaters will be performing their solos as well as some of the technical skill routines that are part of the skating program.

The presentation is not the same as the carnivals held in the past. Carnivals take a lot of time

behind the scenes with organization, choreography, costuming, props and advertising. However, the level of skating will reflect the skills that the skaters have learned and all skaters will be participating.

A special surprise for the club is the invitation of 10 competitive skaters who are Senior or Junior B.C. Team members, or who have competed at the provincial level. These skaters come from the Kelowna Figure Skating Club and Glengarry Skating Club of Penticton, but they all attend the

Regional Training Centre in Kelowna. The skaters will be performing either their competitive numbers or their show numbers and a finale of upper level technical skills choreographed by Nancy Dowding.

The club is pleased that these skaters have been able to give up their time to perform in Princeton. It will be a great evening of skating and an opportunity to see many great skaters. There will be one performance only. The club encourages everyone to come out and see the skills developed by the skating programs offered.



The triumphant Mighty Pumpkins hockey team following the old timers' tournament.

Pumpkins Carve Oldies

The story of the game

It was Saturday night, with the crowd packed in tight,
the Oldies did rant and did rave,
Being badly shot out, their game went to pot,
as the fans in the stands did the wave.

Billy was helpin', Roddy was yelpin',
and Lucky was doing his best,
On defense Dave was chompin', in the net Rae was floppin',
but the Oldies weren't up to the test.

Barry, Gronk and Bob playin' back, stopped the Oldies attack,
and made Dale in our net look cool,
The Oldie named Boob, wished he was watching the tube,
instead of being used like an old rented mule.

And Randy the Mayor, well he just wasn't there,
but I guess his reasoning was sound,
Politically tuned, he knew he'd be gooned,
and chose wisely not to be found.

And Snidy the Sniper, like a puffed up bag piper,
was stunned and was then heard to cry,
"Hary just gave me a hack! Garry won't give my puck back!
and I want to know Stevie, WHY?"

"Why don't either Russy or Brad feel a little bit bad,
about the way we're being abused?"
"And why Teddy and Kev, Leech, Slim, and Trev,
they all seem to be so amused."

"That Gups deked me out of my shorts, cuz' of my newspaper reports
that the Pumpkins could not make the scene."
"And now I really can't tell, am I somewhere in Hell,
or is this just Halloween?"

"Cause I feel like a bumpkin, made that way by a Pumpkin,
what a mean thing to do to a guy."
Snidy, you made matters worse, with your scandalous verse,
and got hit with a big Pumpkin pie.

RCMP seek B & E culprits

The Sun Life of Canada business on Bridge St. beside the Nicola Valley veterinarian clinic was broken into sometime between the afternoon of Friday February 6, and Tuesday morning, February 10. Thieves gained entry by removing the glass from a small window, after first trying to remove the entire window frame. They took a small amount of change and a Sony clock radio.

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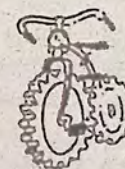
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1998

Table with 20 columns (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, etc.) and 24 rows of TV program listings.

FEBRUARY 17, 1998 10:00 am WTBS (3) *** "We're No Angels" (1989, Comedy) Robert De Niro. Two escaped, Depression-era convicts pose as priests after they are waylaid in a small town near the Canadian border.

in Paris becomes the quarry of spies when the model he saw gunned down appears in his apartment. CITY (2) *** "Maverick" (1994, Western) Mel Gibson. A wisecracking cardsharp, a conniving lady and a lawman head for a high-stakes poker game. Based on the TV series.

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 1998

10:00 am WTBS (3) ** "Rearview Mirror" (1984, Suspense) Lee Remick. An escaped killer holds a terrified woman hostage as he runs from police through the rural South.

the writer who moved into her parents' guest house. (E)
6:00 pm CITY (2) ** 1/2 "Guarding Tess" (1994, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine. An ambitious Secret Service agent meets his match in the defiant presidential widow he is assigned to protect.

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19, 1998

10:00 am WTBS (3) *** "Foul Play" (1978, Comedy) Chevy Chase. A librarian enlists the aid of an inept police detective after learning of a bizarre plot to murder the visiting pope.

can colonel and his elite Marine unit head to South America to bring a sadistic drug czar to justice.
8:00 pm FAM (2) ** 1/2 "Benji the Hunted" (1987, Adventure) Benji, Bears, wolves and eagles threaten the resourceful canine's mission to protect four orphaned cougar cubs. (In Stereo) (E)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1998

Grid of TV programs for Thursday, February 19, 1998, listing channels (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, etc.) and program titles (Little House, Mama, Hillbillies, etc.)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1998

Grid of TV channels (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, etc.) and their respective programs for Friday, February 20, 1998.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20, 1998

10:00 am WTBS (3) *** "Seems Like Old Times" (1980, Comedy) Goldie Hawn. A soft-hearted lawyer is torn between her hopeless former husband-turned-thief and the uptight politician she married.

victim must choose between the new love of his life and the unknown wife and family who wish to reclaim him.
FAM (2) ** "The Apple Dumping Gang" (1975, Comedy) Bill Bixby. A con man agrees to take possession of some property for a friend, unaware that three orphans are included in the deal.

9:00 am FAM (2) ** "DuckTales the Movie--Treasure of the Lost Lamp" (1990, Fantasy) Voices of Alan Young. Animated. An evil shape-shifting sorcerer turns a town topsy-turvy when he comes to retrieve a magical lamp. (In Stereo)
9:05 am WTBS (3) *** "Only the Lonely" (1991, Comedy-Drama) John Candy. A 38-year-old Chicago patrolman is torn between his mother's possessiveness and his new-found romance with a beautiful.

WGN (2) ** 1/2 "Company Business" (1991, Comedy-Drama) Gene Hackman. A former CIA agent and his KGB counterpart get caught between warring factions in the turbulent streets of Berlin. (In Stereo)
5:05 pm WTBS (3) *** "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (1967, Western) Clint Eastwood. A drifter, a Mexican outlaw and a sadist search for a stolen cash box that was hidden during the Civil War.

(1944, Western) John Wayne. A ranch foreman changes his negative attitude about women when he meets his two new female employers.
9:30 pm WXYZ (6) **** "Gone With the Wind" (1939, Drama) Clark Gable. A fiery Southern belle struggles to return her family's estate to its original magnificence after the Civil War.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1998

Grid of TV channels (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, etc.) and their respective programs for Saturday, February 21, 1998.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1998

Table with 18 columns (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, WTBS, WDIV, WTOL, A&E, WXYZ, BCTV, CITY, TLC, YTV, TSN, CHCH, DISC, FOX, FAM, CITY, WGN) and 12 rows of program listings for Sunday, February 22, 1998.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 1998

7:35 am WTBS (3) ** 1/2 "Over the Top" (1987, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. A trucker tries to renew his relationship with his estranged son while preparing for an important arm-wrestling contest.

(1990, Drama) Jean-Claude Van Damme. An officer with a martial arts background goes to jail to expose the maniac responsible for a series of prison murders.

young bride-to-be must choose between her poor, white fiancé and an alluring, successful black man. (In Stereo)

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23, 1998

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Table with 18 columns (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, WTBS, WDIV, WTOL, A&E, WXYZ, BCTV, CITY, TLC, YTV, TSN, CHCH, DISC, FOX, FAM, CITY, WGN) and 12 rows of program listings for Monday, February 23, 1998.

9:00 pm BCTV (11) "The Wedding" (1998, Drama) (Part 2 of 2) Halle Berry. Premiere. A young bride-to-be must choose between her poor, white fiancé and an alluring, successful black man. (In Stereo)

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Pharmasave Princeton will host a **Pharmasave Live Well Clinic** on Heart Health on February 25, 1998.

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The introduction of the Pharmasave Live Well Clinic is a new addition to the ongoing Pharmasave initiatives that are created to help customers implement the philosophy of "Living Well".

The upcoming clinic will focus on heart health -- how to keep your heart healthy and strong. It will focus on the causes of heart disease and include information on high cholesterol and hypertension (high blood pressure), their causes and what damage these conditions can do to your heart. The heart health clinic will also focus on how to manage your health after a heart attack.

Your heart can be at serious risk from high levels of cholesterol, which is often caused by dietary intake, a sedentary lifestyle and being heavier than your healthy weight. If blood cholesterol remains high for a prolonged period of time, the cholesterol contributes to the build-up of material in artery walls, narrowing the space through which blood flows. Of particular concern is clogging of the arteries that carry blood to the brain and muscles of the heart.

There is also risk of heart disease from hypertension, which is the medical term of high blood pressure. Hypertension is the force of your blood pressing against the walls of your arteries as your heart pumps. Like the water pres-

sure in a household pipe or garden hose, when the pressure gets too high in your arteries, it can cause serious or fatal health problems. Called the silent killer, hypertension often has no symptoms until it has caused damage to your heart or other organs.

The clinic, held at Pharmasave Princeton, on February 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. will focus on the prevention and treatment of conditions such as hypertension and high cholesterol as well as their relationship to heart disease. It will include lifestyle modifications such as maintaining a low fat diet, exercising and maintaining your weight at a healthy level. The clinic will provide opportunities for blood pressure readings and a one-time test of total cholesterol to help Pharmasave customers become more informed about their heart health and the benefits of managing their own health. Information on managing your health after a heart attack will also be available. Qualified health professionals, including the local Pharmasave pharmacist, will be available to provide valuable information or to answer any questions.

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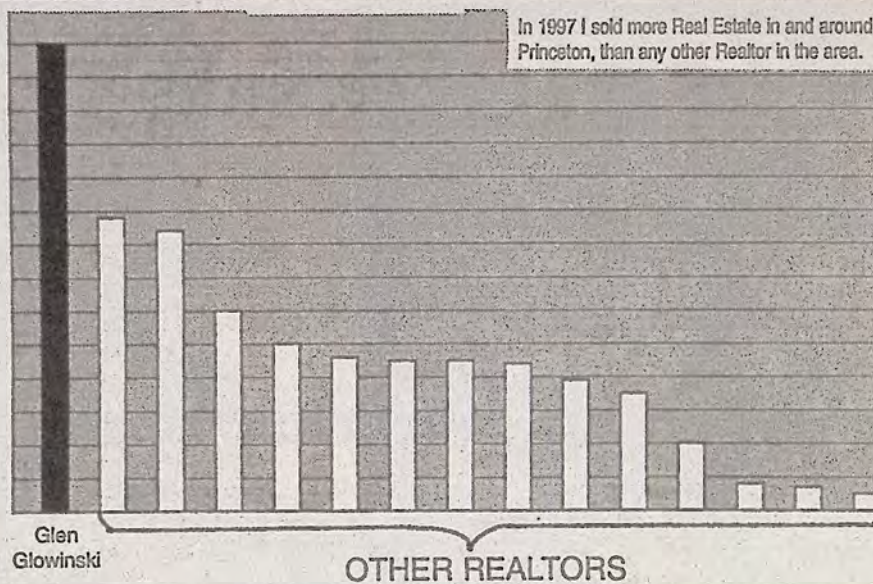


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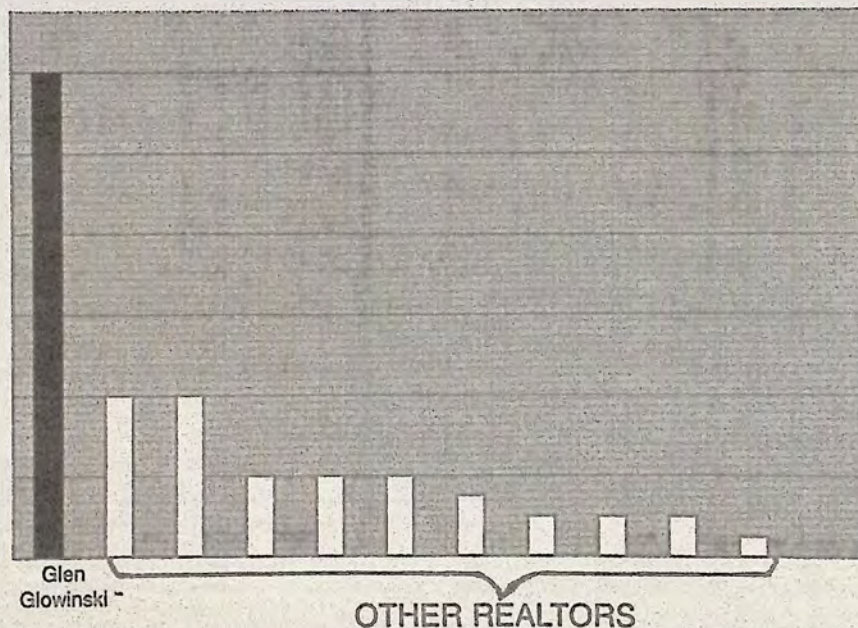
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Snowball Competition skaters: L to R Back, Chandra Darel, Trish McElhinney, and David Bell. Front, Lindsay Nesbitt, Kim Houle, Sarah Johnson, Brittany Antonick and Nykayla Stevens.

Figure skating results

Low test day: the club had a 98 per cent pass rate on test day, January 28.

Oliver Snowball Competition:

Eight Princeton skaters competed on January 24 and 25.

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| 1. Chandra Darel - Silver Intermediate Ladies | 4. Lindsay Nesbitt - Bronze Preliminary Ladies |
| 2. Nykayla Stevens - Gold Pre-Bronze Ladies | |
| 3. David Bell - Bronze Pre-Bronze Men | |

The following competed with a good showing: Kim Houle, Brittany Antonick, Sarah Johnson, Trish McElhinney.

Close call for Weyerhaeuser Bantams

Weyerhaeuser Bantam Flyers put on a great performance last Sunday when they played their final league game. Penticton was the host team for this grudge match. The last time these two teams met, Princeton was the victor 5-4.

Princeton did an exceptional job defensively, keeping shots on net to a minimum. Even though the Flyers played the second and third period with only seven skaters, they continued to make their presence felt. The score was tied at three goals apiece until the 1:20 mark of the third period. Penticton capitalized on a bad pass, picking up the puck and notching the winning point. It was a good game by the Princeton boys.

The Bantams are hosting their home tournament February 20, 21, and 22. They invite everyone to come and see them play.

Season statistics: Lee Mowry 38 goals and 37 assists; Shawn Ortwein 33 goals and 25 assists; Lewis Clarke 26 goals and 17 assist; Dan Broad three goals and 19 assists; Brent Blank four goals and 16 assists; Jared McDonald

18 assists; Erik Luchsinger three goals and 14 assists; Devin Huff three goals and 10 assists; David Thomas 5 goals and 7 assists; Aaron Banks 9 assists; Chris Ortwein 1 goal and 1 assist; Justin Antonick 1 assist.

Rumblings by Rumpole

QUICKIES
There has been a whole bunch of stuff cluttering up the thinking ... just going to air them out.

RANCHERS AND COWBOYS:
Hear tell there is a celebration planned to give their due to the folks that have been doing the ranching and cowboying around these parts for a quarter-century or more. Sure look forward to the story-tellin' at that one.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Seems these business folks had a

get-together recently. Talk was about the town, the folks, the rural district and how to make it all better for them and us. Now you're talking.

HORSES
Guess I did not explain the "language of Equus" when I last was talking to you. There is this fellow that found a way to hear horses talk to you and then to talk back to them in their language. The inventor of the term says it is not a lot different than when we *continued on page 16.*

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Tier 1 Pee wee hockey team wins silver

The Hamilton Pee wee team has played 34 games to date with 14 losses, four ties and 16 wins. The entire team has stepped up to the challenge of playing this level of hockey and has shown great team spirit in working together. The team has played Kelowna, Kamloops, Spokane, Surrey and Langley throughout the season and to wrap it up, everyone sent their best to Kamloops on January 30 to face off for the finals.

It was a great weekend. Princeton did the whole town! The team had a swim party and did Lazor tag, went to a movie, hit the mall - did it all!

The boys began their last day of the tournament at 4:15 a.m. facing off against Westburn. D-man Craig Lemottee stuffed one in from the point and woke up their

goalie. Princeton carried on to take a 3/1 victory, outshooting Westburn 27 to 19.

The team had come together and tied one game and won three, which took them to the final round. They had a two hour break and came back to the semi-final, meeting Langley's toughest team.

D-man Ryan Brewer ripped a slap shot in from the point and really made his presence known, but the Langley goalie stepped up to play his best for his team with Princeton peppering 70 shots at him. The two hour game went into overtime and Princeton's Todd Gereau scored his fiftieth goal of the season to win the game.

The boys were told then to go across town for the final game. The team kicked off their skates

and took off.

The puck dropped again and Princeton came out hard, dominating Kamloops. Princeton introduced Surplus Herbie's to one of our fan favourites: Chance "The Train" Lintick, and took a 4/3 lead in the first period.

The Westburn team defeated earlier by Princeton turned out for the final game to cheer for Princeton, and pounded the walls of the Kamloops arena for our local team.

Princeton hung on and showed a 5/5 tie at half time. However, Princeton could not hold the pace after the 4:15 a.m. start and Kamloops came back to win the game.

Princeton's boys showed great sportsmanship and were very proud to win the silver.

Novice Team sweeps tourney

The Mac's Auto Parts Flyers journeyed to Oliver this past weekend to participate in a hockey tournament. With fan support which included family, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, the team was ready for the challenge of three games on the opening day!

Princeton met Penticton Parkway in their first match. Princeton scrambled the first period but managed to score three unanswered goals thanks to Lewis, with two goals and Josh (assist to Shaine). Goalie Rylan Mogge kept the opposition at bay with some outstanding saves. Penticton answered twice in the second period, but Josh's unassisted goal kept them from getting too close. The score stayed 4 - 2 well into the final period until Lewis was dragged down and awarded a penalty shot. Any doubts? Never. The score ended 5 - 2 for Princeton. Lewis and Kyle received the game all-stars.

Around noon Princeton returned to the ice to play the Penticton Elks team. The Flyers again started sluggish and found themselves down 1 - 0 after the first period. The troops awakened in the second period and Lewis scored twice then assisted on Pat's goal. Josh got his hat trick in the third period, Lewis added one more to get his hat trick, Rylan scored once and assists went to Pat (2), Beau and Josh. Kyle Markin played goal and did an especially good job coming up big for the team on many occasions. Reid and Braydon hustled extra hard and were recognized as the game's all-stars. Playing particularly well on the wings were Tyson and Tyler. Princeton won this game 8 - 3.

Saturday evening the Flyers met the host team. Oliver opened the scoring but was quickly squelched by Shaine, who earned

a natural hat trick thanks to assists from Pat and Josh. Shaine assisted on Lewis' goal and the period ended deadlocked at 4 - 4. In goal, Rylan dug deep within and denied Oliver any more goals. Meanwhile, Princeton was just getting started. Lewis grabbed the game's second natural hat trick, with assists to Clifford and Braydon. Then Pat scored, assist to Lewis, and Josh scored on assist from Tyson. Clifford and Pat both played very strong, physical games along the boards and created many chances. On defense, Nigel was solid all weekend. Recognition went to Lewis and Nigel as the game's all-stars.

Sunday's match was between the undefeated Flyers and the undefeated Kamloops team. Part of this Kamloops team gave the Flyers one of its two losses of the season. This was not just another game: Princeton had hoped for the chance to confront this team. Rylan was situated comfortably between the pipes and possibly played his best game of the season. The action was back and forth, quite physical, and full of excitement. Near the end of the first period, Josh finally squeaked one past the rival's outstanding goalie. The big Kamloops team out-experienced Princeton boys and fought hard to score the next three goals. With only six minutes left in the game, Princeton had to commit to giving 100 per cent effort.

Tyler hit Lewis with a pass and Lewis went high in the net to narrow the margin to 3 - 2. Valuable time ticked off the clock until Pat was able to break free and hit Josh with a pass destined for success. Our team managed to tie the game with only a couple of minutes left. The spectators would have been thrilled to see a tie, but Princeton had no such plans! Reid passed to *continued on page 16.*

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The story behind the Super League

by Sally Nault

There has been, and always will be a program for 'Rep' hockey, but there is no program set up or governed for house. This year I took the initiative to call our Interior Valley associations and appeal to them to structure house (recreation) hockey.

I was encouraged by Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Summerland, Westside and Winfield to carry on. We have had hit and miss leagues in the past, but there were no rules and it always fell apart. I set out a set of rules which came in from all of these neighbouring associations and created a draft. The draft went back out to the presidents, head coaches and ice ambassadors for their approving votes. I then created the final draft and with the voting signatures, took it to our Okanagan Mainline governing officers.

The officers are glad to see the hockey created for kids but they do not have any more time or people to run new programs, so they wished us well and honestly hoped they would hear no more from us.

We appointed division directors. Michael Doherty of Oliver is the Peeewe Division director for 12 teams. Peter McDonald from Princeton to the Bantam Division director for eight teams. I (Sally Nault) am the Interior Valley "Super League" director, who oversees the program and answer to Okanagan Mainline officers and suspension of players.

I am very pleased to say that the program has run successfully, offering one home game versus each team and one away game, versus each team in the league.

The division directors have carried the win/loss states and we have been able to report monthly to our Okanagan Mainline superiors.

Bantam Interior Super League PLAYOFFS

February 20 - 21 - 22

Princeton's Home Games

Friday 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

10:00 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

5:45 to 7:15 p.m.

9:45 to 11:15 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Final 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Rumpole - from p. 14

humans back off enough to hear what the other person says.

Real interesting approach. Starts off with always using kindness.

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Quite a place, really. There is a lot of kindness and love at work all over the community. Just look at the groups that get together to do good. You can find them listed in the community calendar of events and see them 'round you, if you care to look.

The teams will come together for a playoff final to play that final best out of three games in their playoff weekend.

South Okanagan is hosting the Peeewe division finals with Grant Thelin as host Co-ordinator.

Princeton is hosting the Bantam Division finals with Donna

Hennenfent as host co-ordinator.

I send my thanks and appreciation to the associations who supported us in the planning stages to get this off the ground, and the division directors Mike Doherty and Peter McDonald for their work and dedication throughout the year to make this happen.

10TH ANNUAL HEART FUND DINNER FEB. 24 AT 6:00 PM LEGION HALL

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Horoscopes

for the week of February 17 to February 24

Aries - Be prepared for major upsets next week. Friends are in a turmoil, and you're not happy at an unconscious level. You feel tense and in no mood to deal with problems from others.

Taurus - Career matters continue to be important. You are blessed with improving health and greater energy. Don't let surprises bother you. Stay steady and reliable.

Gemini - Life takes a peculiarly annoying turn at this time. You feel anxious as annoyances build up. Go for long walks, dance, or clean house. These matters will pass. Don't let people and situations push your buttons.

Cancer - Your energies remain high and you feel good about your life. Things are going your way for a change. This is the beginning of a good year for you.

Leo - Things keep coming at you from out of left field, and you tend to feel tired. Relax as much as possible and look after your own interests. Life will improve gradually.

Virgo - If you start to feel like the deck is stacked against you, you are probably reacting to a new need to communicate with others on a one to one basis. Those born 1955 to 1960: prepare for major changes in your life.

Libra - Hard work and more hard work are the rule for Librans this spring. Guard against accidents, especially cuts and burns. Check all safety hazards at your workplace and home.

Scorpio - This is a great time to make any sort of changes in your home. Clean up property, renovate, redecorate, or maybe move to a brand new home. Anything to do with real estate is favoured.

Sagittarius - Changes, changes, and more changes are in store for you now. Your life is about to become totally different. First, it will be totally disrupted, even chaotic. Your whole being is challenged by outside forces. Meet the challenges, take charge. Ultimately, this shake-up is for the best.

Capricorn - Saturn continues to throw challenges your way, but not as strongly as before. As the year progresses, life will become better. Don't be discouraged. Your energy is good, so just keep working hard.

Aquarius - As the sun continues its journey through your sign, life seems to be going pretty smoothly. Enjoy it, and use your increased energy to accomplish the chores you need to do. Some forward planning now will make life easier in two months.

Pisces - You continue through a high energy, high ego cycle. On February 26, an solar eclipse impacts your sun sign, putting the focus on who you are. On March 13, a lunar eclipse occurs opposite your sun sign, putting the emphasis on how others see you. Do not expect this month to be easy unless you have been a saint (although even saints are persecuted). Being more humble will save you trouble.

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The types of contracts that may be tendered include the following:

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Covering letters MUST identify the areas in which the company wishes to be registered.

Firms interested in being considered for eligibility under this initiative are asked to contact Dave Cornwell at the Merritt Forest District office to receive a listing of evaluation criteria. Failure to submit information pertaining to the evaluation criteria may prevent firms from being registered on the lists. Firms will be required to meet a minimum criteria to be considered for the lists. Eligible companies must not have failed any contracts in the last two years and must be registered with the WCB.

Resumes must be submitted to Dave Cornwell, Small Business Forest Enterprise Program, Merritt Forest District, Box 4400 Stn. Main, Merritt, BC V1K 1B8, no later than March 18, 1998, to ensure consideration for contracts to be awarded in the 1998/99 fiscal year.

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A special note of thanks to the staff, nurses and doctors Michael Whittle, Douglas Reid, John Adams for their kind and compassionate care of Irma Schulz. From the Schulz family.

Thanks to Bob Pearce of Value Contracting, Okanagan Falls 250-497-8284 For all your support and contributions. The P.X.A.

PXA wishes to thank Diane Willis (Past Director), Cornie Froese and Linda Allison. Also thanks to Sharon Johnson (Princeton Video) and Karen Beaupre (Southern Ridge Trading Co.).

Special thank you to Dorothy Gallagher, Dr. Bosomworth, Patricia Flick, Anne Malone, and the entire nursing staff. Also, thanks to Dr. David Reid, Ridgewood Lodge and Hospital Auxiliary for the lovely gifts. Shawna, Terry, and Tana.

Al and Vi Hill would like to thank the Seniors Branch 30, St. Pauls United Church, Hospital Auxiliary, and the citizens of Princeton for the many cards, phone calls, and visits after my accident. Sincerely, Vi Hill.

The management and staff of The Similkameen News Leader would like to thank Lindsay Nesbitt and Sarah Johnson for their creative assistance, during the past two weeks, in the graphics and layout departments of our News paper. We would also like to thank them for the home baked cupcakes. Great job girls!

9 IN MEMORIAM

MEMORIAM TRIBUTES
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 Doors open 5pm. Drop-ins 6pm.
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Area of Allison Creek where the embankment and stackyard fence washed away last year.

Rancher claims for flood damage

by Patti Harrower

Local rancher Wayne Crimmon of Jura Stock Ranch received approval for funding from Provincial Emergency Program to repair 1997 flood damage along Allison Creek.

Crimmon has been working with both PEP for funding and the Water Branch to learn how to prevent further damage by an environmentally friendly method.

The ranch sustained serious damage through washouts on Allison Creek. Several feet of hay field and a four meter vertical embankment at the stackyard washed away, leaving part of the fence hanging in the air.

Crimmon will be using a fairly new method of repair. From the bottom of the bank, he will build set-back dykes layered with riprap (rock used to protect banks from erosion), using the two foot horizontal to one foot vertical ratio recommended by the Water Branch. He will then plant willow trees on the rest of the slope. He expects the riprap dyking will protect the creek banks from further erosion, giving the willows a chance to form a root system to hold the soil in place while the trees slow the water flow around the bends in the creek, easing erosion force downstream.

The "in-stream" work (below the high water mark, must be completed within a time window of August 1 to September 15.

Work on the 'out of stream' tasks (above the high water mark) will include repair of two ranch roads.

Crimmon praised Water Branch representative Dan Bella.

"It's great to work with a government representative who is willing to bend when there is a need and the regulations permit, and I've really learned a lot."



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MINISTRY OF FORESTS



TIMBER SALE LICENCE A55635 SPECIAL BID PROPOSAL

Take notice that, pursuant to Section 21(1) of the Forest Act, sealed tenders will be received by the District Manager, Hwy 5A & Airport Road, PO Box 4400 Station Main, Merritt, B.C. V1K 1B8, not later than 2:00 pm on March 12, 1998 for the sale of Timber Sale Licence A55635, authorizing the harvest of timber located in the vicinity of Skuhun Creek.

Volume: 4,870 cubic metres, more or less
Term: 1 year
Species: Lodgepole pine 88%, Douglas fir 12%, more or less
Upset Stumpage: \$17.49/m³
Logging System: Conventional

This is a special bid proposal sale. Only tenders from registrants in the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program, Category 2, will be accepted.

Applicants must own or lease a timber processing facility capable of processing timber from the sale.

Applicants must submit a PROPOSAL to process timber through the timber processing facility and supply lumber, cants or other products to a remanufacturing plant or specialty mill located in British Columbia.

Sealed tenders will be opened at the Merritt District office, at 2:01 pm on March 12, 1998.

Full details of the proposed timber sale licence and application forms may be obtained from the District Manager, Hwy 5A & Airport Road, Bag 4400, Merritt, B.C. V1K 1B8.



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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR TIMBER SALE LICENCE A57410

Take notice that, pursuant to Section 20 of the Forest Act, sealed tenders will be received by the District Manager, Merritt Forest District, Hwy 5A & Airport Road, Box 4400, Stn. Main, Merritt, B.C. V1K 1B8 not later than 2:00 pm on March 17, 1998 for Timber Sale Licence A57410, authorizing the harvest of timber located in the vicinity of Wolfe Creek, Timber Supply Area.

Only tenders from registrants in the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program, Category 1, will be accepted.

Volume: 10091 cubic metres (m³), more or less
Species: Lodgepole Pine 96%, Douglas Fir 4%, more or less
Term: 1 year, no extensions will be granted
Upset Stumpage: \$48.00/m³
Billing Method: Scale based
Logging System: Cable/Conventional
Logging Season: Any except break-up
Access: Wolfe Creek FSR via Copper Mountain Road from Princeton

Sealed tenders will be opened at the Merritt District office, March 17, 1998, 2:01 pm.

Tender packages and additional information may be obtained from: the District Manager, Merritt Forest District, Hwy 5A & Airport Road, Box 4400, Stn. Main, Merritt, BC V1K 1B8, 378-8400 or the Princeton Field Office, 151 Vermilion Street, Box 818, Princeton, B.C. V0X 1W0.

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PROPOSED RANGE USE PLANS

Notice is hereby given that Laurel and Merlyn Jones, within the Merritt Forest District, will make available for public viewing a proposed range use plan for the area located in the vicinity of DL1406, 11km Hwy 5A.

The proposed plan contains the location of the grazing area, proposed levels of use, grazing schedules that detail livestock number, nature and duration of use, location of any proposed range developments and actions required to meet objectives for integrated resource management. The plan is available for review by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests.

The proposed range use plans will be made available for public viewing until the 19th of March, 1998 by appointment. Phone (250) 295-7071.

Your written comments must be made to Laurel and Merlyn Jones at Box 772, Princeton, BC V0X 1W0 by the above-noted date to ensure consideration.

SOUTH OKANAGAN HIGHWAYS DISTRICT
MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORTATION & HIGHWAYS

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ministry of Transportation and Highways advises motorists to expect delays of up to 20 minutes on the Coalmont Road at the Peterson Bluffs until March 31, 1998. These delays are required for road construction work and will be in effect:

Monday to Saturday
7:00 am to 8:00 pm

Motorists are advised to use caution while driving in the construction zone and to obey all traffic control signs and flagpersons.

The Ministry thanks motorists for their patience and cooperation during construction.

Jeff Wiseman
A/District Highways Manager
South Okanagan Highways District



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Ministry of Transportation
and Highways

MERRITT FOREST DISTRICT SMALL BUSINESS FOREST ENTERPRISE PROGRAM PROPOSED 1998 FOREST DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program will hold a public viewing of the proposed forest development for Licence A16133. This plan will cover the following geographic areas: Merritt and Princeton.

This draft forest development plan shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting; road development, maintenance and deactivation for the period of 1998 to 2003. The plan also includes information on the maintenance and protection of other resource values in the area. It is available for review by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests.

The forest development plan will be available for review at the following locations:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Merritt Forest District Office	Feb. 13 to Apr. 21, 1998	8:30am to 4:30pm
Merritt Civic Centre	March 4, 1998	8:30am to 4:30pm
Princeton Elks Hall	March 5, 1998	8:30am to 4:30pm

A representative of the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program will be available to discuss the proposed plans and receive comments.

The plan may also be viewed at the Princeton Field Office from February 13, 1998 to April 21, 1998. Please call 295-3106 for an appointment.

If any interested parties are unable to review the proposed plans during these times, arrangements can be made to view the plan at a time convenient for them.

Please contact either, Sam Phillips or Len Marsh at (250)378-8400 or in writing at:

Ministry of Forests
Merritt Forest District
Hwy 5A & Airport Road
PO Box 4400 STN Main
Merritt, BC V1K 1B8



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Junior Girls rep team for Four Steps to Stardom left to right: Nicole Bertrand, Amanda Stewart, Candice Stadler, Christina Kovacs and Erin Lewis.

Rodeo Club tells story

Princeton Rodeo Club has offered a series of articles about the International Pony Express Friendship Ride. These articles will explain the many aspects of this unique international event.

of a link forged between the two communities as sister towns. The history is for another column, but the Pony Express Ride has run annually since 1987.

The Pony Express

The Princeton Rodeo Club and the Tonasket Comancheros Rodeo Club are in the final preparation stages for the 11th annual Pony Express ride between the sister towns of Princeton, B.C., Canada, and Tonasket, Washington, U.S.A.

We will try to give you some insight into this one-of-a-kind INTERNATIONAL horse and rider spectacular.

Yes, we carry real mail in the fastest, most efficient and most direct method ever devised!

Over the next few weeks, this column will try to capture some of the history, annual planning, and the excitement and enthusiasm of the Pony Express Friendship Ride. We hope some of you will join in to share the fun!

The carrying of mail between the towns came into being through friendship between cowboys of Princeton and Tonasket. It blossomed with the formal declaration

Background of the Pony Express Ride 1998:

This year the ride will leave Tonasket Post Office in the early morning of May 29 to begin the long relay ride to Princeton. A ceremony bids the first rider farewell. The rider is handed the saddlebag containing the mail, hooks it over the saddle horn, and the ride is off.

The ride alternates departure from the sister towns. Next year, it will leave from Princeton.

The description of how the mail travels over 100 miles in something less than seven hours needs a look "behind the ride".

Princeton Rodeo Club is responsible for the ride on Canadian soil. Our route this year is from the Nighthawk border crossing just south of Crowsnest Highway (#3) through Cawston, Keremeos and Hedley, and up the Old Hedley Road from Stirling Creek Bridge. The Tonasket folks take care of the ride on the American side From Tonasket through Loomis and on to the border.

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Shaine, who passed to Lewis. Lewis let a shot fly past the goalie. This three-goal comeback within three minutes clearly depicted the spirit and charisma of each player. They stole a 4 - 3 victory and showed that they can be outsized, out-skilled, and out-

muscled, but they can never be out-hearted. Josh flew end to end and Beau was unpassable on defense. Both those boys were honoured as the game's all-stars.

In the past two years the Mac's Auto Parts Flyers have a record of 48 wins, five losses and two ties.

How can they go wrong with such a close-knit group of boys and such a massive throng of dedicated supporters! Much of their success goes to coaches Dave, Clint and Wayne, who continually encourage and empower the boys with skills.

Double Points Double Points Double Points

From **Feb 18 to 21 1998**, you earn twice the points with your Save-On-More card. We'll even double the points on a whole selection of items that already come with bonus points. So, on your next visit you'll be closer to getting the redemption items you're saving for. If you don't already have a Save-On-More card you can get one at absolutely on charge. Simply ask for an application form at our customer service desk. And you could be on your way to seeing double; the savings, that is.



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