



Princeton Castle Resort provided the casual setting September 29th for another successful 'Taste of Ales' event hosted by Princeton Rotary Club. Photo: Patrick Robins

Community Services is still thriving

The success story of Princeton & District Community Services Society continues. The 34th annual general meeting, held September 24, showed the society is in sound financial condition and providing services to the Princeton area. A top indicator of success is the three year accreditation earned by Community Services.

Community Services is responsible for the community bus, funded by BC Transit. The number of trips was up last year, with Princeton

taking 5,643 trips, Area H 421 trips, Hedley area 263 trips and Olalla 69 trips. Riders from Keremeos took 884 trips and from Cawston 27 trips.

In Princeton, Community Services manages residential housing for special needs in Vermilion Court (assisted living), Victoria House, Mary Anne Court (independent living) and Aspen Court (BC Housing for low income families).

Community Services operates a continued on Page 2

Community partnership receives invitation

Minister of Forests and Range Rich Coleman has invited the Town of Princeton, Upper Similkameen Indian Band and the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen to apply for a probationary Community Forest Agreement (CFA).

The invitation to apply for a CFA means that these community partners may acquire long-term tenure over land and participate directly in the management of local forests.

Probationary Community Forest Agreements are a form of legal tenure by which the Province transfers decision-making to communities that wish to more fully participate in the stewardship of their local forest resources.

After an initial term of five years, the agreements may be extended for 25 to 99 years.

"This is excellent news for our communities," Mayor Randy McLean explained.

"A CFA will help to strengthen

our economies, support our local forest companies and provide an opportunity for the community to manage a valuable resource. The British Columbia Community Forest Association says it succinctly:

ly: this is about local forests, local people and local decisions."

A CFA can provide long-term planning opportunities and management over Crown land. This can mean much more than tradi-

tional forestry activity; the invitation includes an annual allowable cut of 20,000 cubic metres of timber.

Other opportunities under a CFA could include unique partnerships

in research and education, enhancing recreation and tourism opportunities, wildfire protection and protecting wildlife, viewsapes and other environmental attributes.

- submitted by the Town of Princeton

What is a community forest?

In British Columbia, a community forest can be described as any forestry operation managed by a local government, community group, First Nation or community-held corporation for the benefit of the entire community.

Community forests are typically managed to reflect community goals, such as:

- supporting the local economy by hiring and buying supplies locally and selling timber to local timber processing facilities;
- diversifying the local economy by making small volumes of wood fibre available to new and existing niche markets such as small-scale, value added manufacturers and artisans;
- maintaining and enhancing local recreational opportunities, protecting drinking water, viewsapes,

wildlife and other environmental attributes; and

- providing a source of income to support local community initiatives.

The majority of community forests in BC are on Crown land

Board reviews Fall Fair

President Linda Allison opened the September 25 Fall Fair meeting with thanks to everyone for making it a great success.

Fall Fair members went on to report on their individual areas, remarking on any complaints. For the most part, there were few complaints and things worked well.

The financial position of the fair was incomplete due to money still owed to the fair and bills yet to be

paid.

Members agreed to participate in an appreciation dinner for volunteers, to be held October 26.

The next Fall Fair meeting will be

on October 23 at the fairgrounds. The annual general meeting will be held November 27.

The dates for the 2008 Fall Fair are September 6 and 7.

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BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2007

Regular Meetings of the Board of School Trustees will be held as follows. Meetings are held in the School Board office and start at 7:00 PM.

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A Christmas card by Dale Matthews depicts the 'Surprise' Cabin and skier Booty Griffiths in the Kootenays. Matthews, who currently resides in Summerland, will conduct a two day water colour workshop for Vermilion Artists in November. Call Mary at (250) 295-6778 for details.

Artists elect new executive

On Tuesday, September 11th, Vermilion Artists met to elect a new executive.

Town of Princeton Councillor Ray Jarvis did the honours which saw Mary Bedford returned as President with Harvey Donahue continuing in the capacity of Vice President. Sue Alton was elected to the Treasurer's seat with Secretarial duties shared

between Linda Neumann as Recording Secretary and Sharon Storey as Correspondence Secretary.

Vermilion Artists members will be invited to join retired architect Dale Matthews from Summerland for a two day workshop in November working with water colours with a

particular emphasis on teaching artists who would like to improve their drawing skills.

For more information on this workshop or any other activities hosted by Vermilion Artists, or to request classes, contact Mary at (250) 295-6778.

Community Services Report

..... continued from Front Page number of programs: adult day care, New Beginnings and home support.

Home support is backed up by Meals on Wheels. The cost per meal is \$6 for clients and \$7 for non-clients. Meals are prepared at Vermilion Court and delivered to the doorstep.

Home support is an area of concern as hours have been cut back severely since 2000, and home support workers are restricted to assisting with bathing, medications, light meal preparation, foot care and wound care. Clients, most of whom are elderly and somewhat handicapped physically, are no longer assisted with shopping and household chores.

New Beginnings is a socialization program teaching life skills and providing support for those who

have disabilities. Attendance in this program has increased during the past year. Participants are doing more out in the community. Many have part-time jobs. Most are big fans of The Posse and like to attend every home game. During the past year members of the group went camping, travelled to Victoria, sponsored a foster child in Tanzania, and some helped in schools.

Weyerhaeuser was a big help during the past year, funding a summer student and providing funds to assist with the lunch program for community living clients.

An election was held at the end of the meeting. The 2007-08 Board of Directors is comprised of Joann Gabriel, Torry Small, Cornie Froese, Russ Pederson, Ken Carlson, Janice Stevens, Ray Jarvis and Laura Quick.

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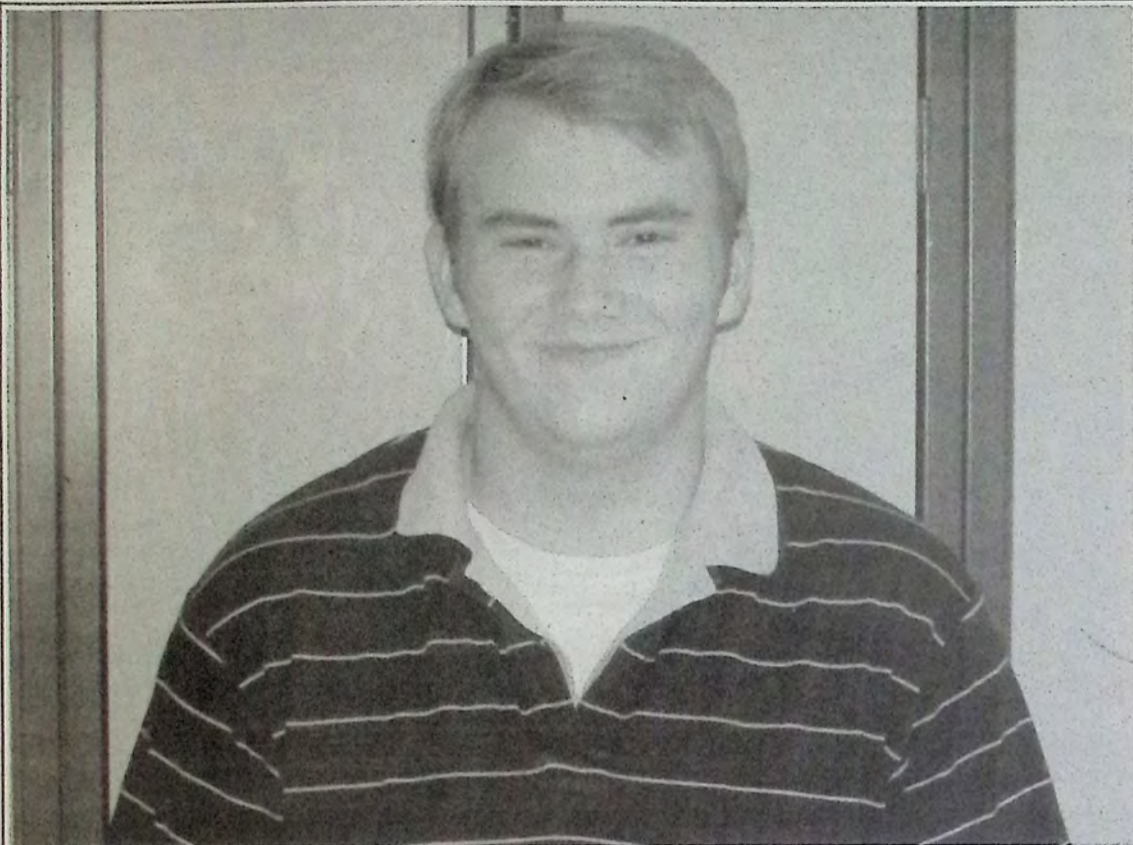


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The first Student of the Month this school year is David Ashley. The Princeton Secondary School Grade 12 student was nominated for doing "a great job with his Grade 8 student that he is mentoring." Ashley has displayed leadership, patience, sincerity and a firm hand - all qualities that earned him Student of the Month for September. The monthly program is sponsored by PSS PAC. *

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 (NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN)
SURPLUS GOODS SALE

Offers are invited for the purchase of used surplus goods including photocopiers, piano, metal shear/bender, TV, desks, bead blaster, 72 passenger bus, shelving and various miscellaneous items. Also included in the auction are items from NVIT.

Items will be on display beginning October 1, 2007, on School District #58 (Nicola-Similkameen) website (www.sd58.bc.ca) and click on Auction for a list of inventory and for placing bids. All bids will be in accordance with School District #58 (Nicola-Similkameen) regulations as indicated on the bid site.

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Chevron asks for your support

Staff and Management of Princeton Chevron/Town Pantry are hosting a fundraiser this Friday, October 5th. All proceeds from coffee sales that day will be donated to Gerry and Diane Smith to assist in travel and accommodation expenses

while Diane receives medical treatments for a serious illness in Kelowna and Vancouver.

She has worked at Chevron for the past 13 years and has had to take a leave of absence due to her condition.

A donation jar will also be available for non-coffee drinkers to provide financial support.

Diane's co-workers started this fundraiser to 'give back' to someone who has given so much to her work and colleagues.

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keremeos and area news



This is the time of year to view 'harvest displays' at Keremeos area fruit stands. One of our favourites is at Parsons' Fruit Stand on Highway 3. *

Committee reviews Sizzle

Similkameen Sizzle committee met September 26th to go over final financial records and to discuss the September 15th Peppercorn.

In comparison to last year, the sixth annual Sizzle was a success with a profit of \$3,133.37 versus \$3,445.18 in profit the previous year. Major differences between the two years were that there was no dinner and dance last year and this year Similkameen Country did not receive a \$1,000 Grant-in-Aid jointly funded by Regional District Areas B and G and the Village of Keremeos.

A detailed breakdown of revenues shows a total of \$3,500 in sponsorships, \$240.00 collected in vendor fees, a Meat Draw at Keremeos Legion which generated \$380.87, Chili Cook Off entry

fees of \$80.00, Dinner/Dance ticket sales totaling \$1,900.00, Souvenir t-shirt/apron sales worth \$1,585.46, 50/50 draws generating \$357.50, liquor sales from the day and evening totaling \$2,935.00, Sear Factor entry fees worth \$45.00 and a raffle generating \$340.00 for a total income of \$11,363.83.

Expenses included \$564.41 in advertising, equipment rentals worth \$350.35, food and beverage costs of \$2,410.54, souvenir purchases totaling \$2,748.16, insurance costs of \$232.00, set up and tear down donation of \$475.00 to the Dry Grad Committee and entertainment costs of \$1,450.00 for a total expense of \$8,230.46.

Although the ledger looks good, the committee reviewed events from the day and discussed how

small changes may improve things for the seventh annual Sizzle.

"There were challenges all through the day," Similkameen Country Manager Colleen Christiansen said.

With only 90 dinner/dance tickets sold, problems with acoustics in Victory Hall and with live music - all of which contributed to a number of people leaving the venue - the Committee decided to pass on live music in favour of a DJ service instead.

Confusion over length of time the Chili Cook Off was on and volume of chili available for tasting affected that event, although the set up and ballot issuing worked out well.

"The t-shirt sales were awesome and we did really well on the beer garden," Christiansen reported adding that the Grads did a great job in every capacity they were used.

A few tables and chairs left overnight in Memorial Park were damaged, but overall the Committee felt the event went smoothly with only minor glitches.

Sizzle Chairman Duncan MacArthur told the group the experience was very different for him.

"It was sure a lot of hard work," he said stating that maybe a more 'farmy' atmosphere in Memorial Park could help the event.

"I think there's a need for a number of simple tweaks to fine tune the day."

MacArthur did not indicate if he would chair the Committee for the seventh annual Sizzle.

Village dispels rumour

A release from the Village of Keremeos regarding the impact material in Pine Park playground says children can safely play on it.

"Despite unfounded rumours in the community, there is no toxicity associated with the pea gravel or any dust that may be generated by normal wear and tear on the pea gravel."

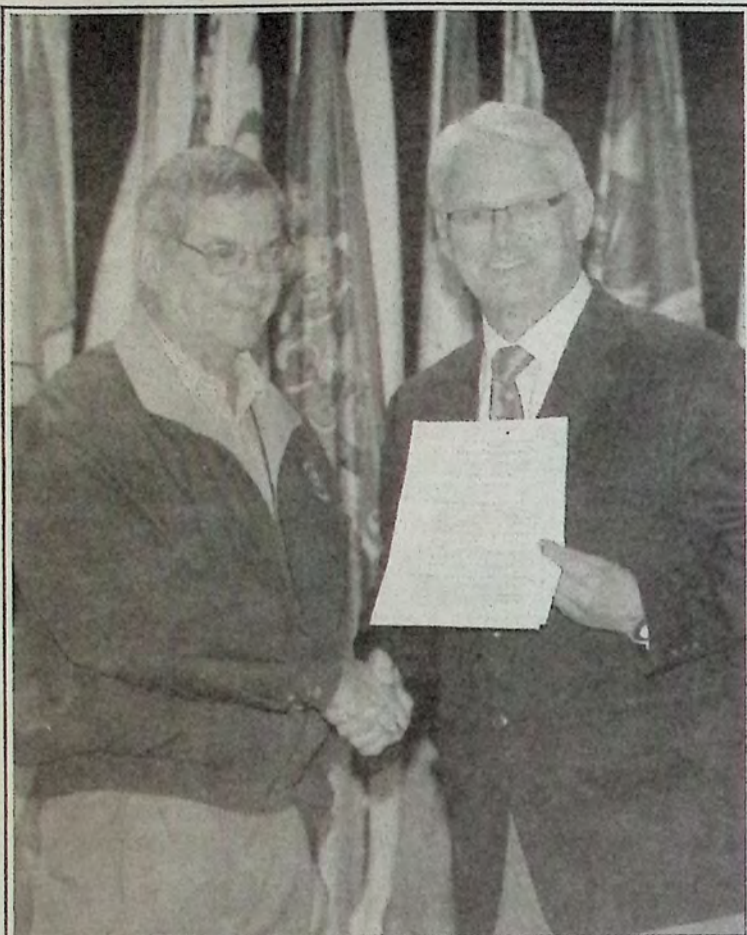
The Village did some homework and says the very same pea gravel is used as impact material in sev-

eral other playgrounds throughout the province including the Kinsmen Playground in Osoyoos and school playgrounds in School District 53 (Okanagan-Similkameen).

"The Canadian Standards Association rates protective surface materials for use under play equipment. Included in the list of recommended materials are sand, wood/bark chips, manufactured surfaces and pea gravel."

Anyone with questions regarding playground equipment or impact material is asked to contact the Village of Keremeos during normal business hours (Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM - with the exception of noon hour) at (250) 499-2711.





Keremeos Mayor Walter Despot presents Premier Gordon Campbell with a copy of the Village's signed BC Climate Action Charter at UBCM last week in Vancouver. Local governments from across BC signed a Climate Action Charter with the Province and the Union of BC Municipalities committing to a goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2012. Photo submitted

Seniors lunch in Tulameen

Hello everyone!
I really believe fall has arrived. The leaves are turning beautiful fall colours of yellow, reds and browns and many slowly falling and littering the ground with a coat of many colours.
On Tuesday, fourteen residents and helpers were pleased to accept the invitation of Marg Reichert to enjoy a lunch in Tulameen Community Hall.
Here we were warmly welcomed by Jan, Carmen, Penny, Judy H. and Judy W. and seated around tables prettily decorated in Fall colours.
The food was delicious! There were two kinds of soup, many varieties of sandwiches, pickles, cakes and hors d'oeuvres. Of

course, tea and coffee flowed freely, and then the desserts! Lots of fresh fruits of various kinds, sweets and cookies, too! Yummy!
After lunch we walked the short distance to their most interesting museum where Coleen H. welcomed us warmly and answered many of our questions. When it was time to leave we felt we had just arrived. Everyone was so friendly and hospitable. Thank you Tulameen people!
This Thursday we were shown the pictures taken of the recent beautiful wedding of Nancy and Bill. And later shown how to make lovely butterflies. You will probably see some at our pre-Christmas bazaar - less than a month away.
-submitted by D. Stenvold

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news leader health and lifestyle page

Your fall back checklist for quality sleep

(NC)—Sleep deprived Canadians everywhere get ready — the day we turn back the clocks and get an extra hour of precious sleep is almost here.

And this year, we've had to wait a little longer for this momentous event.

For 2007 and beyond, Daylight Saving Time (DST) has moved from its regular early April to end of October time slot to the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November — giving us an extra month of brighter days.

DST changes the time the sun 'sets' to one hour later, reducing the period between sunset and bedtime by one hour. So naturally when it ends, on Sunday November 4th, we turn the clocks back to one hour earlier and that gives us one extra hour of sleep.

"After the bonus hour of sleep on 'fall-back' day, many of us wake up feeling extra well-rested and refreshed — but these benefits are short-lived because our bodies quickly adjust to the time change,"

says Gary Baskerville of the Better Sleep Council Canada.

"The return to Standard Time is a great opportunity to rid ourselves of any bad sleep habits we've developed over the summer and ensure we wake up with that 'fall-back' zing every day."

Use this 'fall-back' sleep checklist to help assess your sleep habits and get a good night's sleep the night of November 3rd, and every day:

- **Routine:** don't stay up extra late on Saturday knowing you have an extra hour of sleep ahead of you. Maintain your natural body rhythm by going to bed and waking up around the same time every day — even on the weekends. Most adults need between seven and eight hours of sleep each night.

- **Downtime:** set aside downtime to unwind from your day. Relax with a good book or a soothing bath before bed.

- **Environment:** be sure your bedroom is conducive to restful sleep: sleep in a cool, quiet, dark room.

The ideal bedroom temperature is 16-18° C (60-65° F).

- **Distractions:** don't bring work into the bedroom. Turn off the TV and other electronic devices, such as computer or cell phone.

- **Nutrition:** a balanced diet including all the essential nutrients can contribute to good sleep. Avoid heavy meals and finish eating at least two hours before bedtime.

- **Posture:** sleep in a position that maintains the curve in your back for the best comfort and support. Experts recommend sleeping on your side, with slightly bent knees and a pillow between your legs or on your back with a pillow under your knees.

- **Comfort:** check your mattress regularly to make sure it's providing you with the comforting support you need every night. The average mattress provides comfort and support for eight to ten years of nightly use.

To learn more about how to get your best night's sleep, visit www.bettersleep.ca. - News Canada

The ABC's of RESPs

by Sarah Powley

(NC)—As your child or grandchild is heading back to elementary school, saving for their post-secondary education sounds far away. Yet, contributing to a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) is one of the best back to school presents you can give.

"With education costs skyrocketing, every contribution counts," said Dennis Tew, chief financial officer of Franklin Templeton Investments Corp. "Investing in an RESP is an easy and beneficial way to give your child options for their future."

Just follow these steps to help pave the way to a brighter future:

Evaluate your options

"The first important step when you are ready to contribute to an RESP is to meet with your investment advisor and create a plan to help make your child's dream a reality," said Mr. Tew. Once you have created a plan, it is time to start contributing and putting your money to work.

"Your advisor can help diversify the beneficiary's portfolio with a balance of equity and fixed income mutual funds," said Mr. Tew. More information about RESPs is available on websites like www.franklintempleton.ca.

CESG matches up to 20%

The federal government offers a grant, Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG), to help people save for a child's education. This grant can amount to 20 per cent of the annual RESP contributions to a maximum of \$500 a year per beneficiary. Unused CESG eligibility can be carried forward.

The company from which you purchase your RESP should apply for

you on behalf of the beneficiary. Along with the appropriate grant application, a Social Insurance Number (SIN) must be provided by both the subscriber and the beneficiary.

Check with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for more information.

Payout to beneficiary

Once the beneficiary is enrolled in a qualifying program at a post-secondary institution, Educational

Assistance Payments (EAP) can begin.

RESP contributions grow tax free within the plan, but are not tax deductible like an RRSP. When EAP payments are withdrawn, the earnings on the contributions and government grants, plus the grants, are taxed in the hands of the beneficiary.

Mr. Tew concludes, "Since most students typically have little income, they pay little or no tax on the EAP."

- News Canada

living past 100

Good eating cuts high blood pressure

Nobody should have high blood pressure. High blood pressure damages the entire circulatory system. Even slightly high blood pressure can be dangerous. Most strokes and heart attacks occur in people with mild high blood pressure. What you eat has the biggest influence on blood pressure. Eating properly can control blood pressure better than drugs, because blood pressure reduction drugs have side effects you won't like.

The first thing you need to do is cut out salt. Do not have a salt shaker near your food, whether in the cooking or eating process. The next thing you need to do is look at what foods contain a lot of salt. High on the list are pickles, cheese, processed meats like salami and bologna, and pastries. Snack foods like potato chips and salted peanuts can put you into salt overload!

Read food labels and look for the word "sodium". If there is sodium in the food, that is salt.

The most important thing you can do is eat foods rich in potassium and calcium. Eat a lot of fruit and vegetables for potassium. Potatoes and bananas contain a lot of potassium. As always, eat your broccoli, which has both potassium and calcium. Other great sources of potassium are lima beans, beet greens, celery, Swiss chard, cucumber, spinach, raw parsley, peas, parsnips, winter squash, and tomatoes. Most fruits are good sources of potassium, but especially apricots, cantaloupe, dates, nectarines, pears and raisins.

Eat plenty of milk products (except cheese) for plenty of calcium and take calcium supplements. Low fat yogurt is one of the best sources of calcium, and has a good effect on your digestive system.

By eating sensibly, you can keep your weight down. Obesity is one of the prime causes of high blood pressure.

It is far better to keep blood pressure down by eating sensibly than to eat the wrong foods then try to reverse the damage done by high blood pressure. Once the damage is done, you have serious problems.



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Annuities - The RRIF Alternative

When it comes to retirement income, Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) are by far the most popular choice for Canadians. About 80% of us convert our Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) to RRIFs. But while RRIFs are suitable for most retirees, they aren't for everybody. For some, an annuity may be a better choice.

An annuity is a straightforward income solution. It will generate fixed monthly payments, without the need to worry about managing investments or making difficult financial decisions in retirement. A RRIF, on the other hand, requires you to continue to manage investments in much the same way you did with your RRSP. This can be as simple as regularly renewing GICs or as complex as managing a portfolio of individual securities.

An annuity is a contract with a financial institution that provides regular income in exchange for a lump sum of money. The regular payments which are usually monthly - consist of a combination of the repayment of part of the principal of your original investment, plus income earned by the investment. Annuities are offered primarily by life insurance companies.

To better understand how an annuity works, think of it as a mortgage in reverse. With a mortgage, a lender gives you a sum of money that you repay through a series of regular payments over time. Interest is charged on the outstanding balance. With an annuity, you provide money to an institution that pays you back through a series of regular payments, along with interest or other income generated by your outstanding principal.

Annuity payments are usually fixed throughout the life of the contract, and are established when you purchase the annuity. The level of payments is dependent on a number of factors.

One is the length of the annuity. Some annuities provide income until age 90, while others provide an income stream for life (and in some cases it can continue to your spouse). Longer periods of expected payouts reduce payments, if all other factors are equal.

Another important element is prevailing interest rates at the time you buy the annuity. The higher rates, the more income you receive. This level of income does not change if rates change, since payments are fixed. For this reason, the purchase of an annuity is more attractive during times of higher rates. Other factors include age and gender.

When you purchase an annuity with funds from an RRSP, annual payments are taxable. Until that point, however, the money hasn't been taxed because you received an income tax deduction for the original RRSP contribution and your investments grew sheltered from tax inside your retirement plan.

While annuities are a good solution for those who need a regular income stream and want a simple financial life in retirement, they have disadvantages. The primary drawback is that you have little control over your money or level of income. With a RRIF, you can easily change your investment strategy and alter the amount of income you draw from the plan.

You'll need to establish what is most important to you about your income stream before choosing your retirement option. If you still want to retain some control over your retirement income, consider both an annuity and a RRIF. This way you'll have the best of both worlds - a simple source of regular income and a portion of your portfolio over which you have greater control.

But before you decide, speak to a financial advisor who can help you determine whether an annuity is right for you.

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Princeton Wood Preservers President Elizabeth Everitt, left, presents Dave Nesbitt with his 25 year service award at the company golf tournament last month. Congratulations, Dave! Photo submitted

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All For Them...And None For Us

U.S. gains the most under Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP).

On August 20 to 21 Stephen Harper welcomed George W. Bush and Mexico's President Felipe Calderon to Montebello, Quebec, to discuss the progress of the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP), a continental initiative launched in 2005 by Canada's then Prime Minister, Paul Martin at the famous Three Amigos Summit in Waco, Texas. The deal is mainly about turning Canada and Mexico's resources into continental resources for the benefit of the U.S. and big business interests.

The sole advisory body to the SPP process is the North American Competitiveness Council (NACC), an elite body of 33 corporate giants, ten from each country with three more for the U.S., charged with fulfilling the vision of the North American Heads of State. With no mandate whatsoever from the citizens of any of the three countries, they have been moving swiftly toward establishing a continental resource pact, a North American security perimeter as well as common agricultural, health, and environmental policies.

Detailed information has been difficult to obtain even for most Members of Parliament. Heavily censored documents obtained by the NDP through access-to-information requests led to only more questions.

Under a deliberate strategy to further avoid public scrutiny civil society groups such as labour unions, human rights and environmental organizations have been restricted from these discussions entirely. It was this exclusion that galvanized

thousands of protesters to descend on Parliament Hill in Ottawa and in Montebello, Quebec during the summit, in a mobilization that was finally able to bring this secretive agenda into the public spotlight.

With a dizzying array of 300 policy initiatives, this agreement if implemented would affect virtually every aspect of our lives. The architects of this continental arrangement would have us believe that the SPP is simply about tweaking existing regulations between our three countries so that in the event of another 9-1-1 or other catastrophe, security crackdowns won't cripple cross-border trade. A closer look at what is on the table reveals a much deeper agenda.

Documents that were leaked to the Council of Canadians revealed that bulk water exports are being discussed as a part of the SPP under the name Future of North American Environment 2025. The concern is that under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), water is defined as a commodity and under the proportional sharing clause, once we start to export a resource, we cannot stop or decrease the percentage regardless of our own needs. A prime example of this clause can be seen with our oil exports; as long as it lasts we must forever ship out 63% of our oil and 56% of our natural gas production to the U.S., as we import 90% of Quebec and Atlantic Canada's needs and 40% of Ontario's.

Energy integration is a key SPP priority. Alarming, Canada is the only industrialized nation with absolutely no national energy strategy and no emergency oil reserves

of our own. Contrast that with the U.S. who is doubling its own emergency stash and now expect us to provide them with a five-fold increase in the rate of production from the Alberta tar sands. It is clear that Canada's government, whether Liberal or Conservative, have long been submitting to Washington's demands to provide the U.S. with its energy security while steadily giving away any possibility of ensuring our own. (<http://www.polarisinstitute.org/Energy>)

Another example which illustrates the effects of the SPP agenda is the effort to harmonize pesticide regulations by increasing the allowable limits, in most cases to that of the States. This comes at a time when U.S. scientists and regulators have come out fighting against the brazenly overt corporate and political influence being wielded over the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) they claim is making them nothing more than industry lapdogs. It seems to me that it is most unwise to align ourselves with this failed regulatory system at a time when standards are so obviously plummeting under George Bush's regime.

I would like to assure you that I and my colleagues will be intensifying the fight, alongside civil society groups and labour unions, to put the brakes on this secretive Security and Prosperity Partnership, until there is a meaningful public consultation followed by full debate and a vote in Parliament. (<http://www.canadians.org/integratethis/>).



Gary Zieske, left, was presented with his 15 year service award from Princeton Wood Preservers President Elizabeth Everitt at a company golf tournament held last month. Congratulations, Gary! Photo submitted

Rally attracts local participant

Princeton District Teachers' Union President and Executive member of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation Robert Tarswell travelled to Vancouver Island on Tuesday, September 25th.

The purpose of the trip was so Tarswell could participate in a rally in support of a colleague who may be disciplined by her board for refusing to administer a standardized test to her Grade 3 students.

In addition, Tarswell added his voice to the chorus of concern teachers and parents throughout the province have with the proliferation of standardized tests teachers are asked to give their students.

Motivated by concern for her students, Kathryn Sihota, a Grade 3 teacher in the Sooke School District and a 27-year veteran in primary teaching took a stand last spring and refused to give the DART (District Assessment of

Reading Team) test to her young charges.

"These tests cause undue stress for the children in our care and take valuable time away from teaching and learning," Sihota said.

Teachers are not opposed to assessment. In fact, they assess their students in a variety of ways every single day. Teachers oppose testing when its purpose is simply to satisfy the government and school district agenda of data collection for political purposes, rather than to assist them in finding ways to enrich students' learning experiences.

The primary role of testing students is to support learning by using the results to plan and assist students in their progress.

"Teachers in our district share Ms. Sihota's concerns," says Tarswell.

"Don't get me wrong, we believe assessment is very important but assessment is only effective when

we can let our students know how they are doing and how they can improve. Teacher-designed tests and observation within the classroom setting are the most effective ways to assess student's learning and plan for their progress."

The rally was held at the Sooke Board of Education office in Victoria and featured a number of speakers. - submitted

Group plans Christmas

Several local business people came together with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss plans for the 2007 Christmas season in Princeton.

The discussion revolved around past and future Christmas events and how to improve, expand and coordinate these activities.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:00 PM in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

"We will be looking for input to

make this Christmas an exciting and festive season," says Barb Trainer, a member of the group.

"We are looking for ideas on Christmas activities, light-up and decorations, pleasant shopping experiences, Santa's visit and the parade."

Everyone is invited and that includes organizations, businesses and local residents.

"Please bring your ideas - please get involved and help make our Christmas celebration special."

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Benefits Of Filing A Tax Return - Part 2

TRANSFER BENEFITS TO PARENTS OR SPOUSE - Students in post-secondary school institutions can transfer unused tuition and education tax credits to a supporting person if they don't need them. They don't even have to file a tax return to make the transfer.

For federal tax purposes, the student can transfer any unused tuition and education credit to a maximum of \$5,000 (minus the amount that the student needs to reduce their tax to nil) to a supporting individual including a parent, grandparent or spouse/common-law partner. If the maximum amount of \$5,000 is transferred, this is equal to a \$762.50 (15.25% of \$5,000) tax credit for 2006. Note that the amount allowed to be transferred for provincial purposes may differ from the federal limit of \$5,000.

CARRY FORWARD UNUSED TUITION AND EDUCATION AMOUNTS - If a student does not need to use all of their tuition and education amounts in the year (and the amount is not transferred to a supporting person), the student can carry forward the unused part and claim it in a future year. There is an indefinite carry forward period for unclaimed tuition and education amounts. Note, however, amounts carried forward cannot be transferred to anyone else and must be used by the student as soon as he or she has taxes payable.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL DEDUCTIONS AVAILABLE - Students often qualify to deduct moving expenses. If they leave home to attend university, they can deduct expenses to move to school if they have income from a part-time job at that location. Prior to 2006, moving expenses could also be deducted against scholarship, fellowship or bursary income to the extent these amounts were included in taxable income of the student - however, this income will be exempt from tax starting in 2006 (see below for further details) so if students do not have employment income from that location, they will no longer be able to deduct their moving expenses. They can also deduct moving expenses to return home against income from summer employment. Other deductions such as child care expenses, are available to parents who attend school.

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Maggie Carter, left, received her ten year service award from Princeton Wood Preservers President Elizabeth Everitt at last month's company golf tournament. Congratulations, Maggie! Photo submitted

BoE considers laptop program

The Nicola-Similkameen Board of Education is looking into a Computer Laptop Program for students.

Computer Laptop Programs have been implemented in other school districts with very favourable results. In the Peace River North, full implementation of a wireless writing program has seen the gap between male and female students as well as the gap between Aboriginal students and the general population narrowed since 2003.

Nicola-Similkameen Trustees believe that the laptop program could provide an opportunity to improve the literacy and overall success of students in the district. A special committee will investigate the benefits of implementing a Laptop Program with a preliminary report to come back to the Board of Education at the October 24th meeting. The final report and recommendations are due by November 30th.

The Committee will assess the

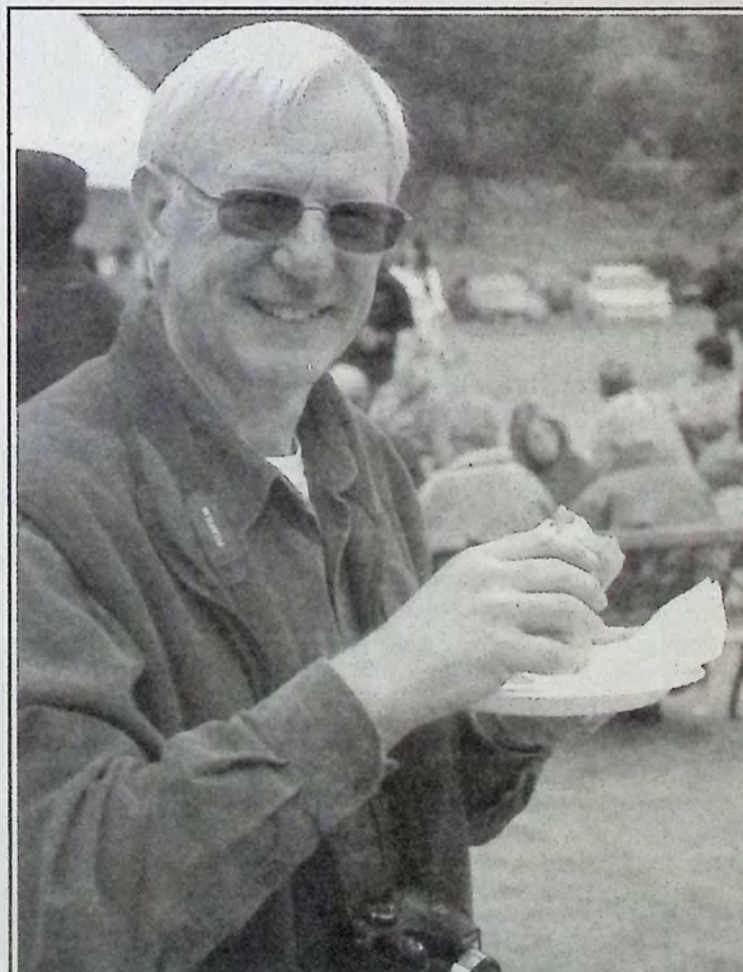
success of the programs in other districts, what grades could be targeted to start the program and possible timelines for implementation. The Committee will be chaired by Stephen McNiven, Principal at Coquihalla Middle School in Merritt, and include representation from classroom teachers, district administration and trustees.

Trustee representative on the Committee, Gordon Swan said, "The district already has favourable class sizes and the Board has been looking carefully for an opportunity to implement a new and sustainable program such as computer laptops in our schools. Last year, staff informed the Board that increased enrollment in some programs would exceed our expectations and would generate significant additional funding. We were very pleased with this development as it provided the Board with an opportunity to fund a program that would be on the leading edge of education in the province. Should the recommendation from the Committee support the laptop program project, it will be an ideal opportunity for us to be at the forefront of support for student achievement."

If the Laptop Program for students is implemented, the Board would also implement a Laptop Program for all interested teachers in the district. The teacher program would provide interested teachers with a laptop to use to enhance student learning, with the district providing support to those teachers.

For further information, contact the School District office, Superintendent of Schools Byron Robbie, at (250) 378-5161.

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Rotary Club President Lawrence Stoochnoff enjoys a break at 'Taste of Ales' - hosted by the group September 29th. Photo: Patrick Robins

weekly entertainment guide

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007 THROUGH MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007



Princeton's Dan Hillman (#18) lets one fly at the Columbia Valley goal. His shot was high and above the net but he did score one unassisted in the third period of the September 28th game. *

Princeton climbs all over Rockies

What happened to the Valley First Princeton Posse?

In the first period of their September 28th game against Columbia Valley Rockies it appeared as if the Posse were missing something.

Call it focus, if you like, but for some reason the team wasn't gelling very well in the first period.

The Rockies must have sensed it and capitalized on a slightly confused Posse and scored their first (unassisted) goal at 7:15.

This seemed to shake the home team up slightly and at 16:35 Brooks Christensen passed the puck to Garrett Pfeifer, who went into the corner and fed it out front where Dave Smith one-timed the puck past the netminder from in front of the crease to tie the match at one all.

The second period was all Princeton. The Posse came out in full force and started to pound at the Rockies. It was as if the checks were getting bigger and harder as each moment passed.

At 3:48 Garrett Pfeifer passed the puck to Wade Masch who turned on the jets and sailed up the ice untouched, deked the Rockies goalie to the stick side and popped it in for a short handed goal.

Princeton stretched their lead at 5:51 when Garrett Pfeifer fired one on target and team mate Kellin Brown got a piece of the rebound and took the points.

However, the Rockies were not done yet adding their second (unassisted) goal at 9:49 but Princeton continued to dominate the Arena and just tore apart anything Columbia Valley tried to produce

on ice.

The physical part of the game spilled onto the stats sheet with penalty after penalty filled the pages.

At one point in the second period there were a total of eleven players sitting in the penalty box (Columbia Valley 6, Princeton 5).

Then the Posse turned it up another notch scoring goal #4 at 11:22 (Brad Goss, unassisted) and goal #5 at 15:55 (Dave Smith, assisted by Kellin Brown).

The period ended with Princeton leading 5 to 3.

The start of the third period was delayed as a problem with the ice in the Columbia Valley net became an issue, but the period did start.

At 18:10 the period ended once more with the Rockies leaving the ice, and returning as quickly as they left. A five minute break was called and officials examined the piece of ice located at the centre of the goal line - inside the goal crease - at the Rockies net. Arena officials were called out to examine the same location.

Arena Manager Lyle Thomas told the News Leader that there was concern over a 'cut' in the ice. Upon further inspection, it

appeared like any other cut in the ice, but because of it's location it was important enough to the visiting team to stop the game.

Once the period resumed, the Posse thanked Columbia Valley for the disruption by scoring another (unassisted) goal at 2:31. Dan Hillman was the sniper.

The Rockies replied with their third (unassisted) goal at 6:59.

Princeton continued to pummel the Rockies scoring their seventh goal of the game at 8:11 when Garrett Pfeifer passed out to Wade Masch who cycled the puck out to Spencer Brooks who's wrist shot from in front of the net found a spot to go in the stick side of the net.

Princeton's Dylan Becker scored at 9:01 with an assist going to Brett Van Riper and Logan Johnston added an unassisted goal of his own at 15:24 when he fired the puck low and it dribbled out the goalies pads and over the patch of ice that caused so much concern earlier in the period.

Although the stats show Columbia Valley out shot Princeton 20 to 18, it was obvious which team was the stronger of the two.

Final score: Princeton 9, Columbia Valley 3.

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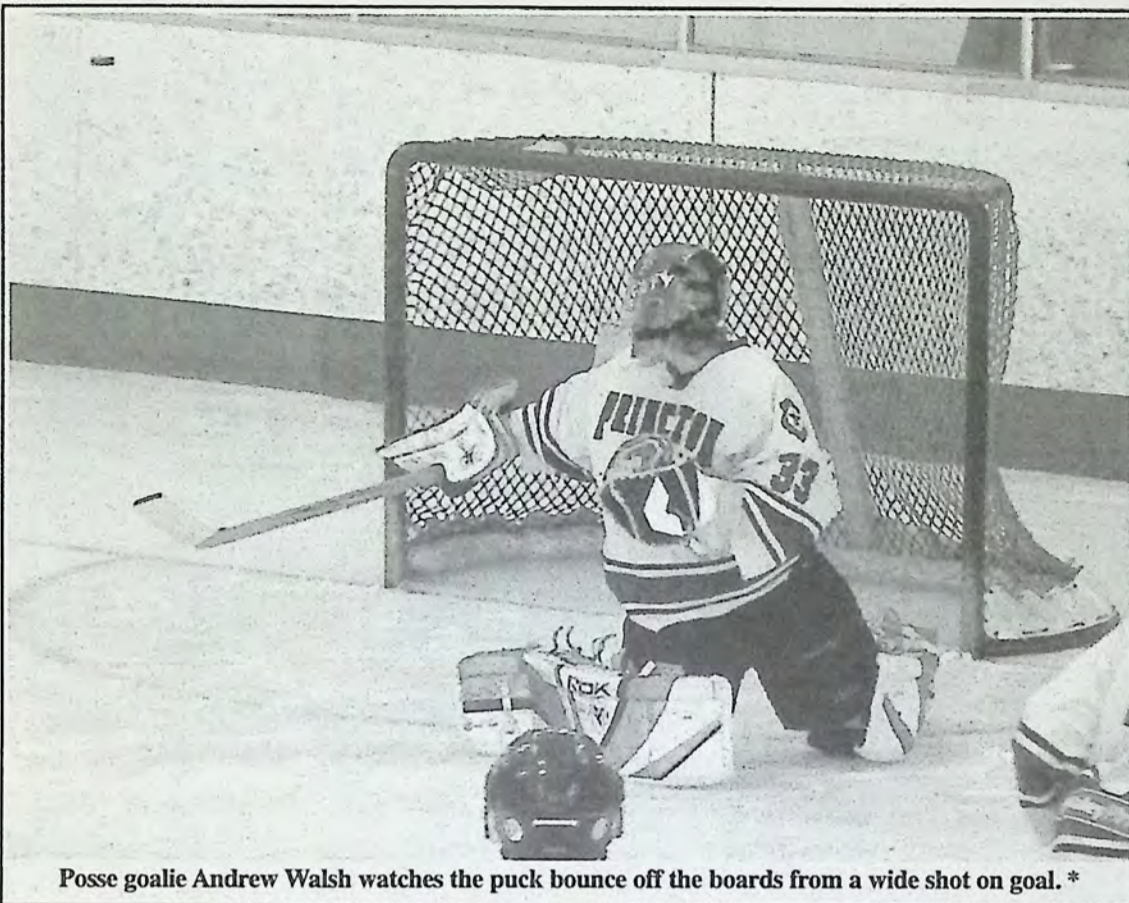
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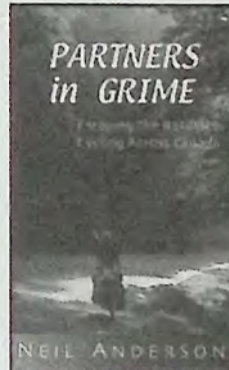
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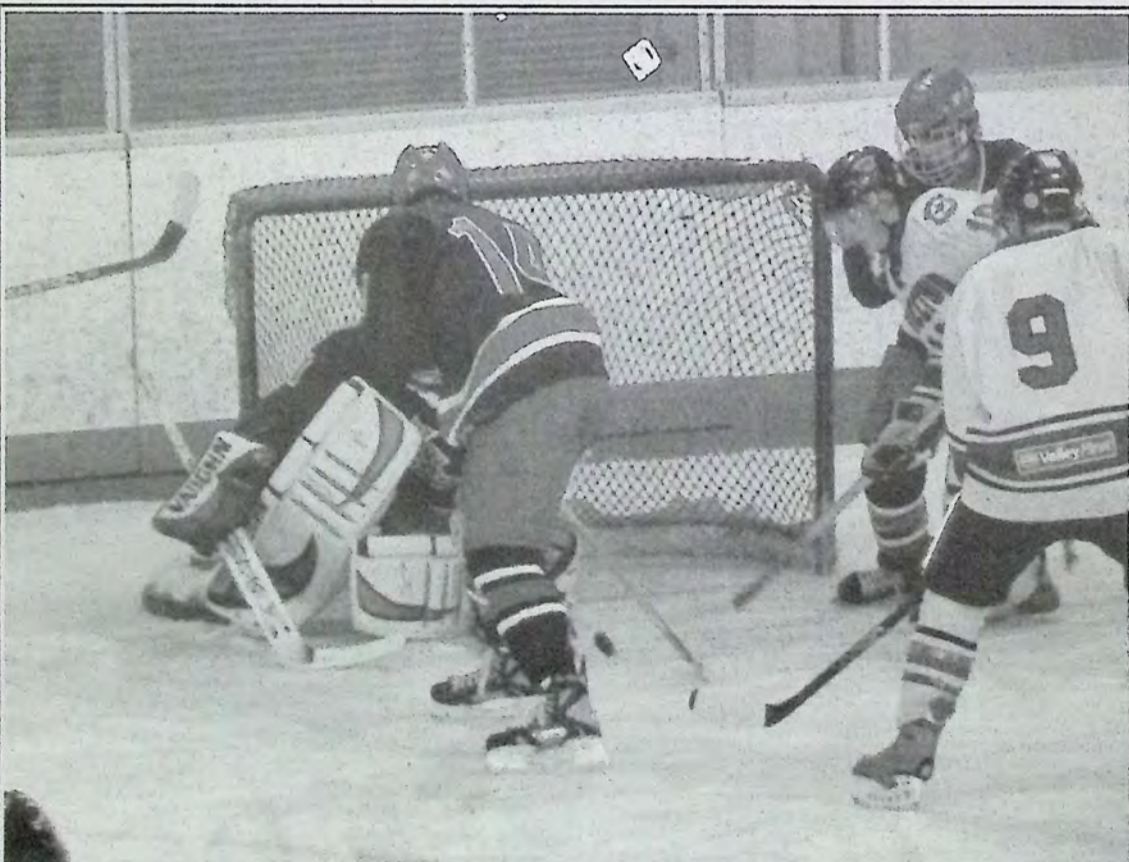
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Two Posse players, Kellin Brown (#9) and Logan Johnston (#19) fight for the rebound. *

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007

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Horoscopes

October 3 - 10, 2007

Aries - Home life may be too hectic these days, or may turn into the place where you vent your anger. Watch your mouth, it can be your worst feature these days. Patience!

Taurus - Be very careful of your health these days, as respiratory problems can occur. Siblings may be a source of concern, and vehicle problems can arise. Be safety and health conscious.

Gemini - Coughs and colds could be coming your way now. Guard your health. Your financial picture needs stabilizing. Household budget needs cutbacks. Guard what you own.

Cancer - Your focus is on home and creative activity, but you will have to work hard this week to clear time for what you want to do. Determination gives you opportunity. Health is good.

Leo - Be firm with yourself this week and next, or you could be your own worst enemy. Don't fret over things said to you. Focus on gracious, diplomatic communication. Hold temper.

Virgo - You want to work on your plans now. You are very determined. Keep good control over your spending. You cannot afford to be generous. When temptation to spend occurs, wait.

Libra - Career makes big demands now, and you may feel overworked. Parent may be having problems or may be a problem. Women: husband could be domineering. Shrug!

Scorpio - Travel opportunities don't exist, but you would like to go somewhere. Work on making firm plans. Stay in touch with friends and lend a hand. They seem to have problems.

Sagittarius - Spend weekend making plans for home and family. Perhaps you will do some work on home or visit with family. Choose words carefully so as not to alienate people.

Capricorn - Partner may have problems this week, or be a problem. Travel is not possible. Try to discuss important matters calmly with partner, spouse. Career improves after weekend.

Aquarius - Choose words carefully when talking to employer or banker. You need to be charming. Health issues can arise which make workday more difficult. Travel goes well.

Pisces - Many unusual things can happen this week in your career, and it could be a lot of fun. You are in the mood for fun and not in the mood to talk about it. Creative juices flow. Enjoy.

Regular Meetings

- Otter Valley Fish & Game Club regular meetings 3rd Saturday of month, noon, at clubhouse
- Similkameen Christian Riders meet at Dairy Queen every Wednesday evening at 6 pm for a ride. To join, show up
- Princeton Writers Group meets every second and fourth Thursday 7pm at Riverside Wellness Centre
- Hospital Auxiliary meets 2nd Monday each month at 2 pm Hospital board room
- PGH/Ridgewood Lodge Foundation meets 2nd Monday, 12:15 Hospital Boardroom
- Hedley Library open 2-7pm Thursdays
- Princeton Paintball Club meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. Contact 295-0673
- Princeton Rifle and Revolver Club meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. from October 1 to May 30 at the indoor range in the Cultural Centre. 295-6150.
- Princeton Fish & Game Club meets first Monday of month at 7 p.m. at Weyerhaeuser training building Call Ray 295-7508.
- Princeton Chamber of Commerce meets every 3rd Thursday at Chamber office 7 pm
- Legion Branch 56 meets 3rd Sunday of month 1:00 p.m. Legion Hall
- Princeton Motor Sports meets the first Tuesday of month 5:30 pm Arena Mezzanine
- Southern Cruisers Similkameen Chapter #53 meets for rides every Thursday night.
- Vermilion Trails Society meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM in Chamber of Commerce meeting room.
- Princeton GSAR meets first 3 Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM in GSAR Hall, Rocklin Avenue.
- Princeton Lions Club meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room.
- Course Of Miracles Group meets every Tuesday, 7:00 PM at The Anchorage on Vermilion.
- Learn How To Relax and Meditate Group meets Tuesday, 7 PM at Riverside Centre. Last Tuesday of the month will feature a Spiritual Movie.
- U'th Group 7 PM, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Living Water Church.
- U'th Social Night 7 PM, 2nd and 4th Fridays, Living Water Church
- Princeton Badminton Club welcomes new members. Mondays 7:30 - 9:30 PM PSS Gym
- Little Folks Nursery School Parent/Board Meetings, 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM at the school.

thursday movies

MORNING

- 6:00 am SPIKE (4) ★½ "American Ninja 4: The Annihilation" (1991, Adventure) Michael Dudikoff. An ex-ninja must save commandos and the world from a mad sheik and his ninja army. (In Stereo)
- 10:00 am CITY (2) ★★½ "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" (2005, Science Fiction) Martin Freeman. A human and his extraterrestrial friend begin an interstellar journey after the destruction of Earth. (E)

EVENING

- 6:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001, Adventure) Angelina Jolie. A beautiful globe-trotter battles otherworldly creatures for possession of a powerful artifact.
- 9:00 pm CHBC (4) "Cleaverville" (2007, Suspense) Ever Carradine. Premiere. On the lam from police

and gangsters, a woman seeks refuge with her estranged mother. (E)

- 9:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001, Adventure) Angelina Jolie. A beautiful globe-trotter battles otherworldly creatures for possession of a powerful artifact.
- 10:06 pm CITY (2) ★★½ "A Civil Action" (1998, Drama) John Travolta. A lawyer crusades for years on behalf of Massachusetts families whose children died from pollutants in the water. (E)
- 11:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Operation Condor" (1991, Action) Jackie Chan. Hired by a Spanish baron, a mercenary and his entourage seek Nazi gold buried in the Sahara Desert.

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friday movies

MORNING

- 10:00 am CITY (2) ★★½ "Robin Hood: Men in Tights" (1993, Comedy) Cary Elwes. The Sherwood Forest archer leads his melting pot of outlaws against Prince John and the Sheriff of Nottingham. (E)

AFTERNOON

- 5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Swordfish" (2001, Suspense) John Travolta. A spy working for the CIA forces a computer hacker, who was recently released from prison, to help steal unused government funds.

EVENING

- 6:00 pm CITY (2) ★½ "Me, Myself & Irene" (2000, Comedy) Jim Carrey. Nice-guy Charlie and aggressive Hank, the two personalities of a Rhode Island state trooper, fight over the same woman. (E)
- SPIKE (4) ★★½ "Escape From Alcatraz" (1979, Adventure) Clint Eastwood. Based on the true story of a hardened convict who engineered an elaborate plan to bust out of the famed prison in 1962. (In Stereo)
- 7:30 pm FAM (2) "I Downloaded a Ghost" (2002, Comedy) Carlos Alazraqui. Two children discover an Internet site from which otherworldly spirits can be downloaded.
- 8:00 pm KNOW (5) "Anna Karenina" (2000, Romance) (Part 2 of 2) Helen McCrory. A woman jeopardizes her social standing and her marriage to an older man when she begins an affair with a young count. (E)

8:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Swordfish" (2001, Suspense) John Travolta. A spy working for the CIA forces a computer hacker, who was recently released from prison, to help steal unused government funds.

- 9:06 pm FAM (2) "Phantom of the Megaplex" (2000, Adventure) Taylor Handley. A theater employee wonders if a legendary spirit is up to its old tricks after a series of strange occurrences.
- 10:06 pm CITY (2) "Forbidden Lust" (2002, Adult) Mandy Fisher. Two detectives look for clues in the case of a beautiful woman who has married and buried a series of rich husbands. (E)
- 10:30 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "200 Cigarettes" (1999, Romance-Comedy) Ben Affleck. On New Year's Eve 1981, young adults seek belonging, a big party, romance and answers.
- 10:34 pm FAM (2) ★★½ "Phenomenon" (1996, Drama) John Travolta. An amiable, small-town Everyman is inexplicably transformed into a genius with telekinetic powers.

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Recipe Corner (Recipe #187)

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Healthy Harvest Spaghetti

WITH ROASTED SALMON IN SESAME OIL

Ingredients

- 360 g fresh salmon (fillet with skin)
- 60 mL (1/4 cup) roasted sesame oil
- 60 mL (1/4 cup) sesame seeds, roasted
- 15 mL (1 tbsp) canola oil
- 15 mL (1 tbsp) tamari sauce
- 15 mL (1 tbsp) fresh ginger, chopped
- 375 g Catelli Healthy Harvest Whole Wheat Spaghetti
- 1 yellow bell pepper, in fine strips
- 2 green onions, finely minced
- 60 mL (1/4 cup) fresh coriander, chopped
- To taste salt and pepper

Instructions

- Baste salmon with 30 mL (2 tbsp) roasted sesame oil; salt and sprinkle with 30 mL (2 tbsp) roasted sesame seeds.
- Bake in oven preheated to 200°C (400°F) for 12-15 minutes. Set aside.
- In a bowl, blend together remaining sesame oil, canola oil, tamari sauce and ginger. Set aside.
- Cook spaghetti according to package directions. 1 minute before end of cooking time, add yellow pepper.
- Drain pasta and pepper very well. Transfer to a serving dish.
- Top with green onions, sesame oil dressing, salmon, remaining sesame seeds and fresh coriander.

Preparation: 20 minutes / Cooking: 30 minutes / Servings: 4 to 6

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HOW TO PLAY:

Sudoku is a game of logic. There is no math involved. The object of the game is to fill the grid so that the numbers 1 through 9 appear only once in each row, column and 3 x 3 box. The numbers can appear in any order and Carter has left you some clues below.

CHALLENGE #27 - Rated Easy

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CHALLENGE #28 - Rated Hard

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THIS WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
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saturday movies

MORNING

8:30 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Terminal Velocity" (1994, Adventure) Charlie Sheen. A sky diver is pulled into a deadly game of espionage when he attempts to clear his name in the death of a student.
10:30 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Shoot to Kill" (1988, Action) Sidney Poitier. An FBI agent and his mountain guide track a killer trying to cross from Washington into Canada.

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Halloweentown" (1998, Comedy) Debbie Reynolds. After discovering that she comes from a family of witches, a girl comes to their aid against a sinister force.

12:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp and his brothers for an OK Corral showdown with the Clanton gang.

1:00 pm CITY (29) ★★½ "Me, Myself & Irene" (2000, Comedy) Jim Carrey. Nice-guy Charlie and aggressive Hank, the two personalities of a Rhode Island state trooper, fight over the same woman.
1:30 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Mom's Got a Date With a Vampire" (2000, Adventure) Caroline Rhea. A brother and sister must save their mother from the bite of a bloodsucking suitor.

4:00 pm YTV (18) ★★ "Thunderbirds" (2004, Science Fiction) Bill Paxton. An adventurer and his family battle a criminal mastermind after he attacks their base and plans to rob the world's largest banks.

5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Copycat" (1995, Suspense) Sigmour Weaver. A criminal psychologist and two homicide detectives pursue a psychopath who is imitating infamous serial killers.

EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) ★★½ "The Rhino Brothers" (2001, Drama) Gabrielle Rose. A Canadian deals with his family as he struggles to become a professional hockey player.

7:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Art of War" (2000, Suspense) Wesley Snipes. Underground after being accused of murdering a Chinese ambassador, a security expert comes out of hiding when terrorists threaten the United Nations.

8:00 pm KSPS (6) ★★½ "Brigadoon" (1954, Musical) Gene Kelly. New Yorkers hunting in the Scottish Highlands find a magic village that fell asleep in 1754.

YTV (18) ★★½ "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987, Comedy) Steve Martin. Premiere. An ad exec and a shower-curtain-ring salesman become co-travelers on the way to Thanksgiving in Chicago.

9:00 pm KNOW (5) "Midsomer Murders: Blood Will Out" (1999, Mystery) John Nettles. The sleepy town of Martyr Warren's shady past comes to light after a murder is committed. With John Nettles and Daniel Casey.
FAM (26) ★★½ "Ghostbusters" (1984, Comedy) Bill Murray. Parapsychologists with nuclear guns go into business ridding New York of poltergeists.

CITY (29) ★★½ "Three Kings" (1999, War) George Clooney. Near the end of the Gulf War, soldiers use a map that may lead them to gold that Saddam Hussein stole from Kuwait.

11:02 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "First Kid" (1996, Comedy) Sinbad. A loud Secret Service agent understands the president's teenage son, though most consider him difficult.

11:30 pm CITY (29) ★★½ "Frequency" (2000, Fantasy) Dennis Quaid. A policeman tries to alter the past after making radio contact with his father, a firefighter who died 30 years earlier.

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sunday movies

MORNING

7:30 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Shoot to Kill" (1988, Action) Sidney Poitier. An FBI agent and his mountain guide track a killer trying to cross from Washington into Canada.

9:00 am A&E (9) ★★ "Ronin" (1998, Action) Robert De Niro. An Irish ringleader organizes an international team of hired guns to retrieve a briefcase from criminals.

9:30 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp and his brothers for an OK Corral showdown with the Clanton gang.

11:00 am CITY (29) ★★½ "Uncle Buck" (1989, Comedy) John Candy. Chicago parents in a pinch have a bachelor uncle baby-sit their teenage daughter and little ones.

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Copycat" (1995, Suspense)

Sigmour Weaver. A criminal psychologist and two homicide detectives pursue a psychopath who is imitating infamous serial killers.

1:33 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Hocus Pocus" (1993, Comedy) Bette Midler. Halloween trick-or-treaters come face to face with three witch sisters from the past in Salem, Mass.
2:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Art of War" (2000, Suspense) Wesley Snipes. Underground after being accused of murdering a Chinese ambassador, a security expert comes out of hiding when terrorists threaten the United Nations.

4:00 pm YTV (18) ★★½ "Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over" (2003, Adventure) Antonio Banderas. A boy tries to rescue his sister inside a virtual-reality game created by a madman out to enslave children.

5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Enough" (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez. After running away fails, a terrified woman empowers herself in order to battle her abusive husband.
CBC (13) ★★½ "Herbie: Fully

Loaded" (2005, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan. The independent-minded Volkswagen helps the feisty daughter of a NASCAR champion find her way to the fast lane.

EVENING

6:00 pm YTV (18) ★★½ "The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl" (2005, Adventure) Taylor Lautner. A 10-year-old and his imaginary friends try to save a distant planet from the forces of darkness.

CITY (29) ★★½ "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" (2003, Action) Cameron Diaz. Three private detectives work under cover to retrieve two rings that contain cryptic information.

7:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Enough" (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez. After running away fails, a terrified woman empowers herself in order to battle her abusive husband.

9:00 pm FAM (26) "Don't Look Under the Bed" (1999, Fantasy) Erin Chambers. A girl calls on her brother's imaginary friend to banish a mischievous boogeyman who has framed her for his pranks.

10:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "American Outlaws" (2001, Western) Colin Farrell. Jesse James and his gang rob banks in order to foil a railroad baron who forces people from their homesteads.

10:48 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "3 Ninjas Knuckle Up" (1995, Comedy) Victor Wong. Three boys stop a polluter's henchmen with martial arts learned from their Asian grandfather.

11:00 pm SPIKE (4) ★★½ "Youngblood" (1986, Drama) Rob Lowe. An aspiring hockey star leaves the family farm for a minor-league Canadian team. (In Stereo)

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2007

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007

	WTBS (3)	CHBC (4)	KNOW (5)	KSPS (6)	KHQ (7)	KREM (8)	A&E (9)	KXLY (10)	BCTV (11)	CITY (12)	CBC (13)	YTV (18)	TSN (19)	VTV (22)	DISC (24)	FAM (26)	CITY (29)	SPIKE (44)	TROP (45)	
6 AM	All-Family	News (N)		Body Elec.	News (N)	News (N)	The First 48	(5:00) News	News (N)	(4:30) News (N)	To Be Announced	Gadget	SportsCentre	News	Daily Planet	Henry's	Rachael Ray	CSI: Crime Scn	F/X: The Series	
:30	All-Family	2nd Chnce	George S.	Bob Build								Viva Pinata		Jeff		King				
7 AM	Temptation	Body	Clifford	Barney	Today (N)	The Early Show (N)	The First 48	Good Morning America (N)			Arthur	Grossology	SportsCentre	Canada AM	Anatomy of a Warship	K. Possible (7-24)	CityLine	CSI: Crime Scn	Traders	
:30	Temptation	Past Lives	Dora	Arthur (EI)							Curious	Team								
8 AM	Jeffersons	Room	(7:54) Hi-5	Curious			The First 48			100 Huntley Street	Bo On Go	Pokemon	SportsCentre		How-Made	Weekend	Star Trek: Voyager	CSI: Crime Scn	Due South "Pilot"	
:30	Jeffersons	Collectors	Magic Bus	Clifford							Poko	Flamingo		How-Made	Lloyd					
9 AM	Sanford	Inside Box	Berenstain	Super Why!			The 700 Club	The First 48	Regis and Kelly	100 Huntley Street	World Vision	Lunar Jim	Adrenalini	Off-Record	Regis and Kelly	Daily Planet	Feet	News (N)	CSI: Crime Scn	Tube Tales
:30	Sanford	Antique	(9:32)	Dragon							CFL Pre	Viva Pinata	Fishing			Tigger	City		What	
10 AM	Harvey	PoPQ (N)	(9:57)	Sesame Street (N)			The Price Is Right	Dog the Bounty Hunter	The View (N)	World Vision	Room House	CFL Football: Hamilton	Jane	Darts	The View (N)	Mayday	Mickey Handy	Movie: "Uncle Buck"	CSI: Crime Scn	Videos
:30	Harvey		Pancakes	(EI)								Pippi								Videos
11 AM	Cosby	Playing	Rolie Polie Olie	Big World	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Young and the Restless	The First 48	Paid Prog.	Past Lives	Body	Tiger-Cats at Montreal Alouettes.	Jacob	Billiards: U.S. Pro Tour	Oktoberfest Parade	UFO Stories	Benj Bear (11:25) King	(1989) John Candy	CSI: Crime Scn	The Nanny	
:30	Cosby	Homes		Sit-Be Fit				Paid Prog.	House	Design	(Live)	George S.								Frasier
12 PM	Fresh Pr.	Diva on a Dime (N)	History	Charlie Rose	Paid Prog.	News (N)	The First 48	All My Children (N)	News (N)	Days of our Lives (N)		Charlie Br. Garfield	Euro Beach Soccer	Degrassi: Bold & B.	Megabuilders	Cory	CityLine	CSI: Crime Scn	Seinfeld	
:30	Fresh Pr.		Reach-Top		Paid Prog.	Bold & B.														Seinfeld
1 PM	Still Stnd	Design	My Healing Journey	Fine Art	Days of our Lives (N)	As the World Turns (N)	The First 48	One Life to Live (N)	As the World Turns (N)	As the World Turns (N)	CFL Football: Saskatchewan Roughriders at Calgary Stampeders.	"The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl"	NASCAR	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye	Deep Sea Detectives	Cory	NewMusic	CSI: Crime Scn	Beverly Hills, 90210	
:30	Still Stnd	Vanity		Sewing		Guiding Light (N)			Guiding Light (N)	Guiding Light (N)			NFL Primetime (N)	General Hospital (N)	How-Made	Cory	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Disorderly Con.	Fresh Pr.	
2 PM	King	Big Screen	Macphee	Word	Millionaire	Millionaire	The First 48	General Hospital (N)	Guiding Light (N)	Guiding Light (N)		Team	Off-Record	Dr. Phil	Megabuilders	Cory	News (N)	Disorderly Con.	Inside Box	
:30	King	Daily 10	Moving On	Lions	Millionaire							Neutron	Sports						Vanity	
3 PM	Friends	Celebrity Oops!	Blue's Clues	Maya	Judge	Dr. Phil	The First 48	Rachael Ray	Young and the Restless	Young and the Restless										Disorderly Con.
:30	Seinfeld			Arthur (EI)	Judge															
4 PM	Family Guy	How Do I Look? (N)	Dora (4:35) Little Bear	Cyberchase	Judge J.	Oprah Winfrey	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Videos	Oprah Winfrey	(3:59) News	Frasier	SpongeBob	Hockey	Friends	MegaWorld: England	Cory	Friends	Disorderly Con.	Tube Tales	
:30	Family Guy			Fetch! With BBC World	Judge J.			Inside		Global	Red Green	(4:20)	Countdown	Frasier			Hollywood		Ad Pers	
5 PM	Friends	News (N)		BBC World	News (N)	News (N)	Dog	News (N)	News (N)	(4:59) News (N)	Simpsons	Naked		News (N)	MythBusters	Cory	Chuck (N)	Disorderly Con.	ET Canada	
:30	Friends		(5:37)	Business	NBC News	CBS News	Dog	ABC News	Global		Arrested	Drake	NFL						What	
6 PM	Movie	Ad Pers	Saddle	News-Lehrer	News (N)	News (N)	Dog	News (N)	News (N)	ET Canada	CBC News: Vancouver	Charlie Br. Garfield	Football: Dallas Cowboys at Buffalo Bills. (Live)	News (N)	American Chopper (N)	Movie: "High School Musical 2" (2007) Premiere.	Cover	Disorderly Con.	Family Guy	
:30		News	renegade		Raymond	Hollywood	Dog	News (N)		Entertain							The Bachelor (N)		Seinfeld	
7 PM		E! News	Edge	Served	Jeopardy!	Friends	Dog	Entertain	Entertain	Journeyma n (N)	Coronati n	Drake	Malcolm	eTalk	Dirty Jobs			Disorderly Con.	Seinfeld	
:30		Jeopardy!	History	Wait God	Fortune	Scrubs	Dog	The Insider	ET Canada		Air Farce			Hollywood	Premiere.				Frasier	
8 PM		How I Met	Child of Our Time	Antiques Roadshow	Chuck (N)	How I Met	Dog	Dancing With the Stars	Prison Break (N)	Prison Break (N)	Dragon's Den (N)	Frank Ptrl	Fries That?	Dancing With the Stars	MegaWorld: England	Suite Life	News (N)	Disorderly Con.	Family Guy	
:30	Seinfeld	Rules			Big Bang		Dog									Life Derek	(8:35) Star!		Married...	
9 PM		K-Ville (N)	The Boy Inside	Magnificent Voyage of Christopher	Heroes "Kindred" (N)	Two Men	Dog	Heroes "Kindred" (N)	Heroes "Kindred" (N)	Intelligence (N)	Futurama	Pinky	UEFA	Corner Gas	American Chopper	Montana	(9:06) Jimmy Kimmel	Disorderly Con.	Seinfeld	
:30	Frasier					Rules	Dog	The Bachelor (N)	Journeyma n (N)	News Hour Final (N)	National	Inuyasha	Score Golf	CSI: Miami "Inside Out"	Dirty Jobs	School	"The Mating Habits of the Earthbound Human"	Disorderly Con.	Seinfeld	
10 PM	Movie	J. Dickinson	Messing With Heads		Journeyma n (N)	CSI: Miami "Inside Out"	Dog					Naruto	Score Golf			Cory			Married...	
:30							Dog												Fresh Pr.	
11 PM		News (N)	Profiles of Nature	Charlie Rose (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Dog	News (N)	News (N)	Entertain	(11:05) The Hour	Alchemist	SportsCentre (Live)	News (N)	MythBusters	Suite Life	Earthbound Human"	Disorderly Con.	Frasier	
:30		Guy Stuff			Tonight	Late Show	Dog	(11:35)		ET Canada		Shadow		News (N)		Life Derek			The Nanny	

monday movies

MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "Uncle Buck" (1989, Comedy) John Candy. Chicago parents in a pinch have a bachelor uncle baby-sit their teenage daughter and little ones. (E)

AFTERNOON

1:00 pm YTV (18) ★★ "The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl" (2005, Adventure) Taylor Lautner. A 10-year-old and his imaginary friends try to save a distant planet from the forces of darkness.

EVENING

6:00 pm FAM (26) "High School Musical 2" (2007, Musical Comedy) Zac Efron. Premiere. A teenager befriends members of a wealthy family while working at a country club.
 10:06 pm CITY (29) ★ "The Mating Habits of the Earthbound Human" (1999, Comedy) Mackenzie Astin. Two young adults meet at a Los Angeles nightclub and begin dating, but their relationship is strained after she becomes pregnant. Narrated by David Hyde Pierce. (E)

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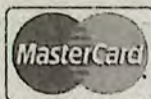
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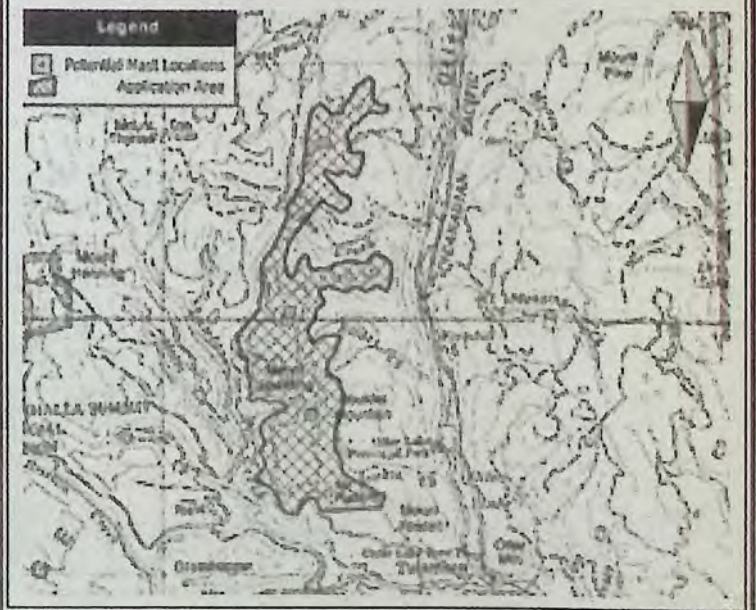
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Take notice that Windlab Systems Pty Ltd. of Canberra, Australia, intends to make application to Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), Southern Service Region - Kamloops Service Centre, Crown Land Adjudication office, for a Crown grant for a licence for wind monitoring towers for purposes covering all that unsurveyed Crown Land situated on Provincial Crown Land in the vicinity of Otter Lake.

The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is 3411645. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to Matthew Simons, Senior Natural Resource Officer, FrontCounter BC at 210-301 Victoria Street, Kamloops, BC V2C 2A3. Comments will be received by ILMB until October 25, 2007. ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website at: <http://www2.lwbc.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/index.jsp> --> Search --> Search by File Number: 3411645 for more information.

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248	176	539
751	932	486
597	348	612
823	561	974
416	729	853
162	483	795
385	697	241
974	215	368

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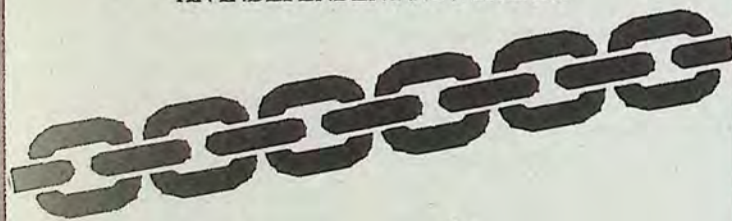
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my turn

Did our M*A*S*H unit bug out?

Rumours flying around and getting called into our office this past week involve, among other things, the Princeton Part-Time Hospital.

It appears that someone with too much time on their hands has put pen to paper and figured out the math and came up with a suggestion that since new doctors aren't flocking to the area the hospital will likely scale down further to a point where the next time you call 9-1-1 for an emergency other than a police or fire matter, you may have to explain where Princeton is.

We never thought we'd see the day where an emergency in Coalmont would generate an ambulance response from Keremeos and transportation to the nearest hospital, which would probably be Merritt.

Or at least that could be the case if the rumour mill was even slightly correct.

We contacted Interior Health to find out more, and are still waiting for them to get to our file. Maybe we should have indicated it was sort of an emergency.

We obviously didn't ask our question clearly enough.

"Are you shutting down our hospital?"

We're not sure what the snag is in the phrasing, so we assume our query is in a pile somewhere. Call it a waiting list, if you'd like.

Possibly some young intern who hasn't heard of Princeton will stumble across it a give it a quick diagnosis, scribble out a prescription and suggest we stay away from computer screens and telephones for an extended period of time.

Or at least until the drugs wear off and we come out of that fog only to realize we still don't know the answer to a question we can't remember because of that annoying siren in our head.

It only took us Mac users up to this week to realize Word Documents with '.doc' at the end of them aren't items written by doctors. But we were so hopeful.

And you know, we still have a choice.

We could choose to roll over and play dead as our local M*A*S*H unit gets dismantled to the point that PGH stands for Princeton Gets Hosed (again) or we stand up take a stand for what's best for our community.

Providing of course, it's not just a rumour.

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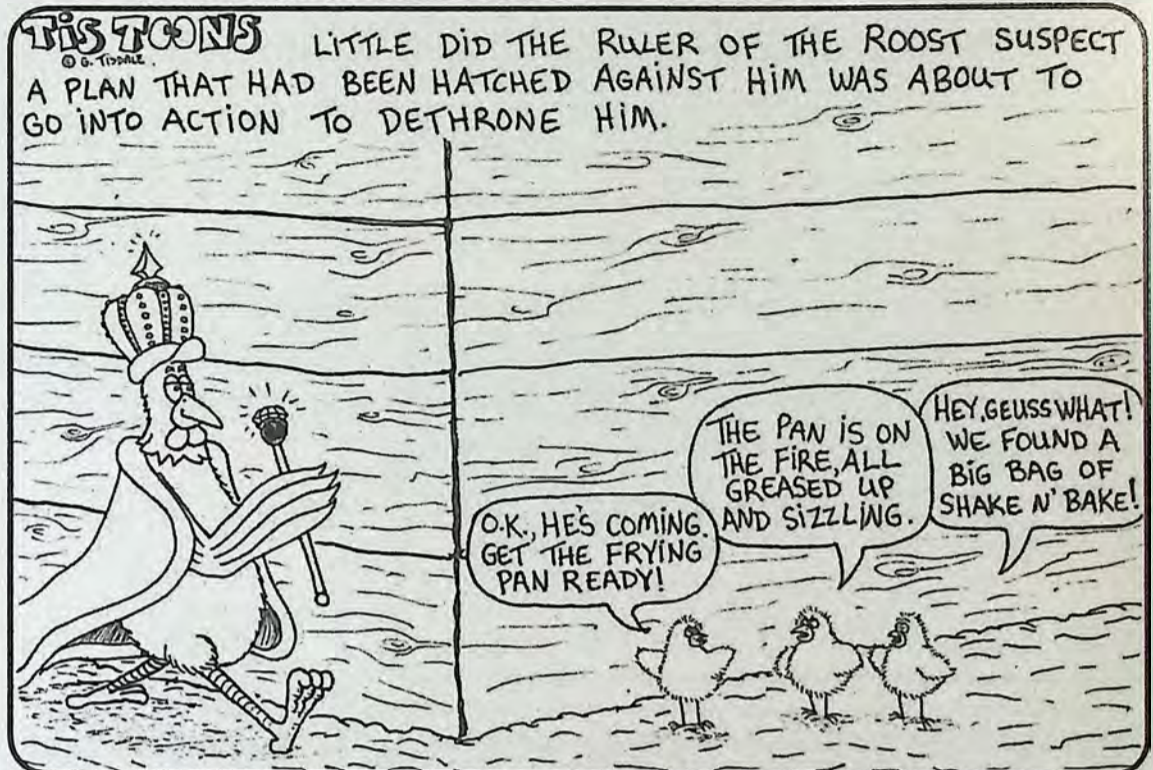
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your turn

Businessman shares ideas

To The Editor:

Note: If you are happy with the condition of this town...DON'T READ THIS!!!

Immediate changes I want to see NOW (not 15 years !):

1. Ugly old advertising sign beside A&W and nice new Weyerhaeuser Roundhouse...
2. Ugly concrete walls from old Brewery beside Billy's cover up the most beautiful rare sand stone!
3. Park across Husky needs top-soil, grass and wood benches/tables. It's the entrance to our town! What are these ugly fence posts doing on a Town entrance? You must be kidding!
4. Pullout on Highway 3 between Husky and Billy's needs classy tourist sign like in Osoyoos with nice map from area and possibly business advertisement, etc.!
5. We need to get rid of the 'in town' garbage dump behind Home Hardware. That orange brick stone is in fact a tourist attraction! Just imagine a nice bench there 'The Hut' style and people taking pictures while visiting this town.
6. Areas like the fenced up old Esso property, or between A&W and Weyerhaeuser, the hotel should be grassed in, watered and mowed - I don't want to hear that it is someone else's business and/or property - it is OUR town and we all together can make the difference to make it look spotless!
7. We need properties immediately where people can build - many out of town families and older folks are looking to move into town and/or the area - nothing seems available and they just go

somewhere else to live - it makes sense to me...if people move to Keremeos or Osoyoos instead of our beautiful Princeton because we offer no place to live then don't be surprised if the hospital IS gone one day! It is all up to each one of us - we need new 'low income rentals' soon that are affordable and attractive to renters.

8. The area between Irly Bird and the tunnel is actually prime real estate land to build on and what do we have? A car wrecking yard, an empty city lot for snow (could possibly go in that old pit below the high school?) and post company with waterfront! Go figure...so if rezoning that area is an option let's get it done - FAST! What about the area beside the fairgrounds...can we build there and if yes can we build there in spring? 2008 is coming fast and we need the properties to build on. **Things we have to agree on and stick to:**

1. This town is a Western town, goldpanning town and coal town like Barkerville - which is way more remote than our town and still makes a killing because it's looks attract all kinds of people. Our advantage is the highway with an endless stream of cars *eight* months of the year - let's take advantage of that and get the visitors off the highway.
2. We had and have nice old buildings like the hotel and Belaire Restaurant. All we need to do as Princeton people is keep them updated and paint them - especially in the downtown area.

Half the buildings we have from Billy's to the brown bridge and back to the PetroCan just need (more or less) TLC and paint. If we get smart as a town and we actually work together and buy bulk paint and bulk wood, siding, roof materials, etc. and get an enormous deal at Irly Bird or wherever else instead of 100 businesses buying a few things here and there for unbelievable \$\$\$.

3. Hotel should be rebuilt same way 'look-wise' or similar like the old Hotel was! Plus - it should be even better if it gets built 15 feet further back to have great seating outside available all late spring, summer and fall!
4. We need the bar in downtown in the style like we had it years ago, soon - to meet, dine and dance - especially on weekends. The burned down house near the brown bridge should never be rebuilt as is or fixed up after that tragic accident - it should fit in with the rest of the nicer buildings.
5. It's time for Jim Pattison to renovate - we have the oldest and ugliest Overwaitea/Save On in B.C....I personally like shopping there but I think that Mr. Pattison makes enough money in this town that he can afford a facelift at least. I think the metal fence around it should be replaced with a western town style wood fence. The zig zag walkway should be done in style...not just some 2 x 4's hammered together to make it safe and attractive - again - made in style it could be a tourist attraction.

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Current Comment:

Here's what I believe the elder meant



Dawn Johnson
editor@thenewsleader.ca

The message from the Hopi elder (published here in the September 11 edition) will receive the attention of at least a million people, the First Nations people of North America. The reason is that the Hopi, and especially the elders of Oraibi, are keepers of the records of First Nations people. Oraibi became well-known when the elders refused telephones, electricity and other services because it would make them less free. This sounds odd, but they did not want to have to pay the phone company and the electric company. They saw these obligations as loss of freedom. To summarize: the elders of Oraibi focus their attention on the way things are going and interpret events from a different perspective.

The elder begins his message by telling us the Eleventh Hour has passed. This is The Hour. He asks us to consider where we live and what we are doing. He asks us to examine our relationships and to determine if we are in right relationship. To most First Nations people, this means looking at how they live in relationship to the rest of the world, not only in relationship to each other.

He asks, "Where is your water?" and advises, "Know your garden." At first glance, it seems he is talking about gardening. Elders often speak in parables.

I believe he wants us to look at what we are producing. The Bible says, "As you sow, so shall you reap." What seeds are we planting and what do they produce? Water nurtures a garden. What nurtures what we are producing?

The elder asks us to speak our personal truth, to create our community, be good to each other. He tells us not to look on ourselves as leaders.

Further, he advises that this could be a good time.

He says there is a river flowing very fast now. This means events are creating change at a very rapid pace. Shakespeare called it "a tide in the affairs of men". The change is so swift and so great that it will frighten many people, and they will try to cling to what they have. He advises us to get

into the river of change and push off to the middle. We are to keep our eyes open and our heads above water. We are to survive, and we are to celebrate those who survive with us.

We are not to take the change personally. This probably means we are not to mope around saying, "Oh God, why are you punishing me?" This will be a change for all people, not levelled at us for personal reasons.

The elder tells us the time for the lone wolf is over. What he means is that we will survive by having a community concerned with the welfare of everyone. We will survive as a community or we will not survive.

He tells us to remove the word "struggle" from our vocabulary and from our attitude. We are to do things in a sacred manner and

in celebration. In other words, we are not to see the change as something to struggle against, but as a time of celebration. To do things in a sacred manner means to do what we must do and do it with respect.

Finally, he tells us what is needed is for each of us to stop waiting for somebody else to do things for us. Whatever needs doing, we must do it ourselves. We are the ones we have been waiting for. There is no messiah, no hero, no elected leader to take charge. We are the people who must do it, one individual plus another individual, one community plus another community.

That's the way I read the message. I wish he could tell us what this river looks like, but I have a hunch he does not need to tell the First Nations people. He is simply

telling them that the time predicted in all the prophecies is at hand.

What were those prophecies? First, that there would come a time of earth turbulence with flooding, earthquakes, fires and huge winds, and these are meant to cleanse the earth. This would create great disruption among people because so much that people have built would be destroyed. This will be a tough time, but following this, there will be a time of brotherhood, when we will finally learn that we are all just human beings, and we will stop warring.

The Hopi have never gone to

war. Their way is to protect peace, and to behave in a peaceful manner. The prophecy of the time to come applied to the many warring tribes and to mankind at large.

Those who predicted the changes said it would start with the birth of a female white buffalo calf. The calf, called Miracle, was born in 1994.

Whether or not this is The Hour, the elder speaks of the survival by joining together in caring communities. Perhaps he is telling us that this is always The Hour, and we are always the ones we've been waiting for.

Marketplace Ministry by Jim Caruso

Don't Borrow Your Neighbours Rototiller

We bought some property up on the Coalmont Road just after we were married. We were excited. I built a shop on the back part for my welding business and of course we still had lots of room for a back yard and a garden area for Elaine and the kids. I began with the lawn, I would till up the soil and sow the grass seed and watch the miracle of growth take place transforming our barren lot into a soft velvet playground for our family. The only problem was the dirt that I need to till had the same consistency as a granite countertop.

I didn't own a rototiller, but neighbour Ed Ford had one that he graciously offered for my use. It was a beautiful sunny Saturday and I thought, today is the day to rototill and prepare the soil. My wife had just been outside with our daughter and had just taken her from the baby buggy where she had been sleeping for the hour or so. As they went into the house I started the rototiller, engaged the tines and what happened next was like a scene out of the Calgary Stampede, the rototiller hit that granite hard soil and bounced straight up in the air and some how went about twenty feet to the left and consumed the baby buggy. I mean it literally ate the back axle and most of the undercarriage of the buggy. I still had a hold of the tiller and when it had bitten off more than it could chew, the centrifugal clutch kicked in releasing a long agonizing squeal and then the machine died. I looked at the buggy-tiller combination and then looked over to see my neighbour Ed, standing on his porch looking back at me with a puzzled look on his face. I smiled and wheeled the newly designed buggy-tiller into my shop, took out my torch and cut them free from each other, straightened out the tines on Ed's rototiller and repaired the back of the buggy with a reinforced tiller proof axle. The weekend was still young and after bouncing over the proposed lawn area for many hours that day I finally broke through the hard covering to the thickness of a single grass seed lying on its side.

Sunday came and I thought, while I have the hang of this machine and Ed hasn't asked for it back yet, I should do the garden area. This area was not a hard as the lawn area, but it seemed to be the entrance place for all the rocks that come to the surface in the whole entire world. I started the rototiller and I was covering a lot of ground, when all of a sudden the tiller reached out and the tines wrapped themselves around a big rock. It was like looking at a soccer ball caught in an industrial mix master. The clutch engaged, again indicating that the tiller had bitten off more than it could chew and this was immediately followed by the long agonizing squeal and then the death of the tiller. I looked down at the machine and then up at Ed's porch. He was there looking back at me with a puzzled look on his face and could almost see his lips moving but could not hear what he was saying. I took the newly minted rock-tiller to the shop and cut the lonely rock free, realigning the tines and making other minor adjustments. Ed was gone when I wheeled the newly repaired tiller back into the garden. I started it up and was moving right along when I noticed the horizon was tilting. I keep tilling but found myself lying on the ground, holding on to the tiller, still tilling but eventually I was completely on my side when I realized that the tines have become entangled in the wire that surrounded the garden area. I realize now that the previous owners had used this area as a dog run and had buried the wire making it impossible for their dogs to dig themselves out and escape.

They of course did not realize that it also made it impossible to rototill after they sold and moved away. I wasn't on my side being dragged along the ground for very long before I heard the clutch engage followed by the long agonizing squeal that soon led to the death of the tiller. There I was, I looked across at the machine as we were both on our left side in the dirt and then over to Ed's porch. He was there, he probably was there all the time, watching the gardener next door, his mouth was moving but again I could not make out the words. I smiled, got up, knocked the dirt off and went and got my portable torches out of the shop and cut the fence-tiller free and then I took it back to Ed. The bible says, Give and it shall be given to you, pressed down, shaken together and running over, (Luke 6:38) I never need to borrow Ed's tiller again. Ed had given me the opportunity to develop my yard at the same time as being able to rebuild his rototiller every few hours and I gave Ed something to laugh about and an opportunity to forgive.

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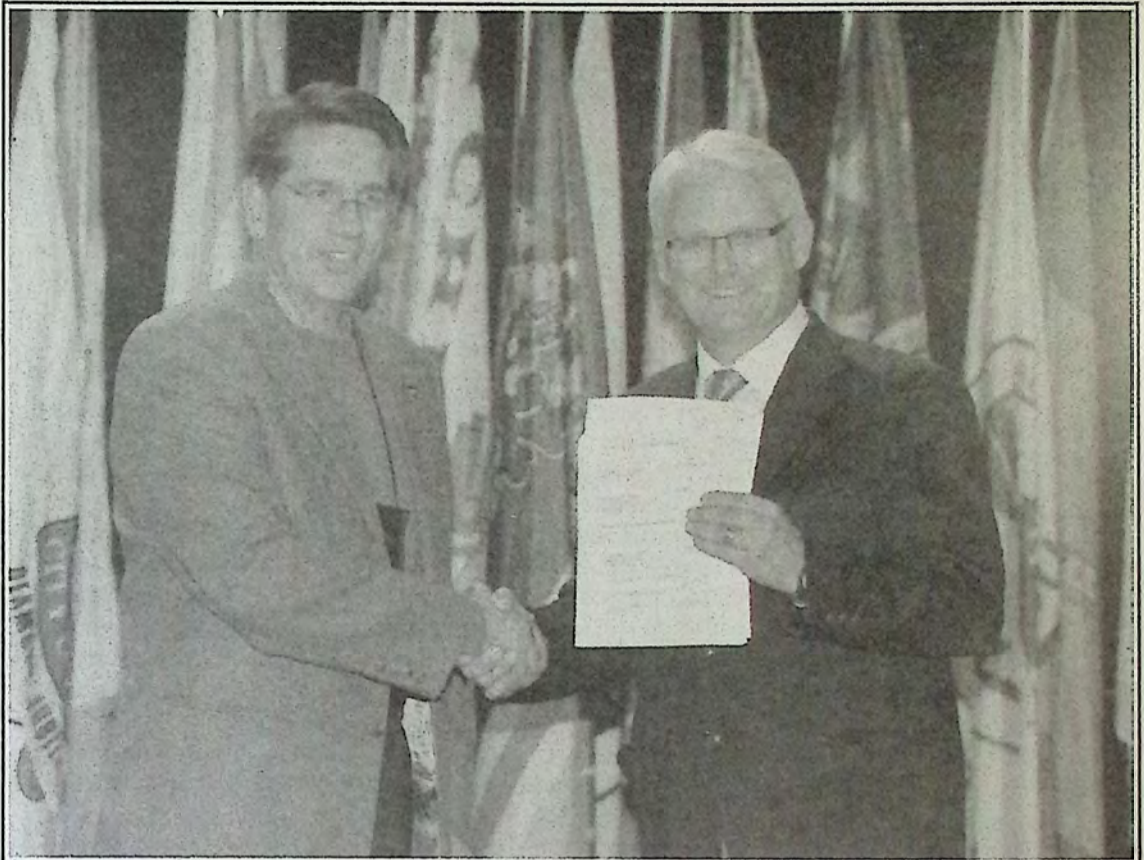
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6. We have the best builders for wood outdoor furniture in BC right here in town! Ever thought of how nice this town would look like with 50 benches all over the place – not 5, also the same kind of wooden tables and same style garbage bins – these little things would just blow tourists away together with the nicest people, nice flowers in a clean fresh painted town!
7. We need advertising in a professional manner for any event – not a tiny 2" x 14" sign that says 'Fall Fair' or 'Rodeo' so that 99% of tourists and even locals miss it for sure! We have some great artists in town who are able to produce nice and professional, long lasting signs at all three entrances of our town.
8. In my opinion you can't charge entrance fees for any event like the fairs we have – if I have a family of five I am already out \$50 the minute I walk in and haven't even had a drink or donut yet! You want this place to be a crowded place where everyone has fun and loves to go...don't charge a penny and let the people spend money inside – believe me they all will! We have all these great, hard working volunteers at all these different events – they don't deserve to party and work alone because a lot of people can't afford to get in.
9. People ask me where public washrooms are here in town. Are there any available and are we proud to show them to our guests?

10. Bridge Street and Vermilion Avenue should be from the beginning to the end a proud example of US all working in and on this town. What this town mainly needs is a few gallons of paint, some old fashioned building overhangs, lots of flowers, benches and tables, and garbage bins, like at the Husky for example.
11. We have one of the nicest golf courses in BC – great!
12. The Trans-Canada Trail has finally been paved – great!
13. Let's do the same around the Tulameen River starting at the silver bridge all along the river past the brown bridge to the tunnel for our kids, family and visitors to enjoy. You'll see that Princeton people will use these trail on a daily basis – in winter even cross-country skiing would be possible on there.
14. We need more stores and ideas that make someone from the Coast or tourists want to walk our streets. We need more interesting smaller stores with dedicated hard working people who would love to try something new and exciting without the fear of risking all their savings.
15. We used to have a few jewelry stores here in town – let's have one with jewelry which is handmade with gold and platinum from our area!
16. Antique stores would fit in

- nicely – I mean old stuff – not junk!
17. Kids and teenagers need something to do during summer and especially in winter. At the OCP meeting everyone wanted a recreational building with pool...what about pool and spa - again, tourists might stay in town just for that as well! I personally thing the old building from the Highways Department would be a good spot instead of a few new houses there...you need a good size property for a recreational centre with parking in town.
18. It's not a competition between the Town, the Lions, the Legion, the Elks and whomever...it's what we make of it together.
19. Let's make it a super clean town with lots of bins and benches – and volunteers to keep certain areas clean and tidy. Again if everybody chips in 15-minutes a week it's all done!
20. We need a good sized community board in a central location to advertise every event for the year in advance – not 12" x 8" pieces of paper.
21. Decisions shouldn't be made in years but weeks or months.
22. No patch-up jobs anymore!
23. The museum needs a nice new location for dry storage – any ideas?
24. Why spend a stupid amount of money on a new park on Vermilion and Bridge if we just tidy that existing park up and add nice new planters, flowers and benches – maybe a fountain – and use the rest of the money to paint the town! (just a few thoughts)
 Stefan Dietz, Princeton
Editor's Note: Stefan attended the recent OCP meeting and was inspired to share his thoughts and ideas. We like a lot of his suggestions. What do you think?

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Similkameen Valley Riders ATV Club members recently wrapped up their season. Members are seen enjoying the view of Apex Mountain Resort, surrounded by snow! Photo submitted.

Riders end season with tour

The Similkameen Valley Riders ATV Club has once again come to the end of another riding season.

I'm sure there will be a few brave souls that will continue riding during the colder weather, but many of us will be putting our machines to bed for the winter.

On Saturday, September 22nd we held our end of summer ride followed by a potluck supper. Our hosts were club members Lynn and Nola Wold, owners of the Colonial Inn B&B in Hedley.

At 10:00 AM, with Lynn leading, eleven ATVs headed off for a guided tour of the local back roads and trails. Lynn's knowledge of mining and local history was a great asset as we toured some of the old mine shafts and diggings hidden in the back country.

Some of us poked around looking for any treasure that might be hiding in the rocks. It was a beautiful day with lots of sunshine. As we headed up to the top of the mountain, a short burst of hail and an occasionally brief snow shower kept us on our toes. Several riders took advantage of the small pockets

of snow to see who could get stuck first. This was cause for quite a bit of humour and ribbing.

When we reached the microwave tower site it was like we were on top of the world. A panoramic view was before us as we overlooked the Apex Ski Resort and the beautiful scenic mountains below us.

The wind was high and the temperature low, so we only spent about half an hour on the ridge top before heading back down to the relative warmth of the lower altitudes. From high up on the mountainside we had a fabulous view of the Mascot Mine and could look way down on the community of Hedley.

Throughout the ride we saw several deer, lots of grouse and even an eagle soaring about ten feet over our heads. We were back at the bottom about 4:00 PM and ready for the potluck supper.

Our potluck supper was fantastic. Not all members were able to make the ride, but came for the potluck to socialize and show support for the club. With Lynn man-

ning the barbeque, and doing a masterful job of it, the smell of steaks, burgers and chicken were soon filling the air. The beans and potatoes were baked and ready. The table was filled with many different salads, cobs of corn, breads, etc.

A club from the lower mainland had been on a ride of their own and joined us for the potluck adding to the goodies on the table. The dessert end of the table had cake, crisps, cream puffs and many pies on it. A big bowl of whipped cream was waiting to be piled on top of your choice of dessert.

We soon had our plates heaping and were settled at one of the tables on the grassy lawn of the Colonial Inn enjoying our supper.

With supper finished and night falling upon us, a bonfire was in order. It wasn't long before one was crackling...a perfect ending to a perfect day.

Thank you to everyone for all the thought and hard work you put into this very successful day!

Happy trails!

- submitted by Edna Blomme



Rotary Club volunteers spent hours decorating for Taste of Ales on September 29th. Photo: Patrick Robins



Inaugural Hudson's Bay Brigade Trail Ride 2007 riders pause for a photo. From left: Sharon Anderson, Jim Stolth, Kelley Cook, John Henry, Pat Hayes, Trenna MacLeod, Kevin Thompson, Kevin Kunderman, Murray Lawes and Chris Pemberton. Photo submitted

Riders start new tradition

On Sunday, September 23rd a group of ten local mountain bike enthusiasts biked and hiked 28-kilometres of the Hudson's Bay Heritage Trail from Lodestone Lake to Jacobsen Lake.

This was probably the first time the original fur trading trail has ever been biked. The Trail dates back to 1846 and was used until 1860. The original Trail started in Hope and then had camps every fifteen to twenty miles along its route to the east.

This particular section that was biked started from Lodestone Lake which was Camp #4. It then followed a very scenic route through two mountain defiles down to the crossing of the infant Tulameen

River at Camp #3, referred to as 'Horse Guard Camp.' The Trail then continues west along Podunk Creek.

The Trail was long and challenging, involved a river crossing, some steep slopes, but in the end it was well worth the effort.

Some blood, lots of sweat and a few beers was had by all.

Neil McDiarmid of Tulameen Adventure Tours shuttled the riders up to Lodestone Lake and then picked up the group at Jacobsen Lake Recreation Site.

The Trail was in good shape and recently cleared by the Ministry of Tourism, Sport & the Arts which are now looking after all Forest Recreation Trails and Sites.

Most of the historic trails around the Princeton area have been marked and cleared in preparation for 2008 which marks British Columbia's 150th birthday. Princeton is in the planning stages for a big bash celebrating our local heritage and some of these heritage trails will be part of it.

- submitted by Kelley Cook

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