



The elves kept making shoes as Vermilion Forks Elementary School presented their annual winter concert December 14th. The story 'The Shoemaker and The Elves' featured the Grade 5 class. \*

## RCMP report rash of incidents

Three hit and run incidents in just over a week have Princeton RCMP looking for assistance from the general public.

The first incident occurred early on Saturday, December 1st where the driver of a newer model GMC/Chevrolet vehicle struck and severely damaged a power pole in the 100 block of Ridgewood Drive. Police say they believe the vehicle, possibly a pick up truck, was extensively damaged to the front driver's side.

On December 6th or 7th a vehicle struck the fence and gate at Belford

Road from Highway 40 (Princeton-Summerland Road). Again, police say there would have been damages to the front of the vehicle.

On December 9th or 10th a driver drove or backed into the chain link gate on the south side of John Allison Elementary School damaging the site.

Local RCMP request anyone with information regarding these incidents to either contact the local detachment by calling (250) 295-6911 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

## Interior Health Authority pitches in

A letter written to the Princeton Doctor and Nurse Recruitment Committee on November 26th by Lorraine Ferguson, Health Services Administrator South Okanagan was passed on to the News Leader by Mayor Randy McLean. It appears below:

Dear Pam (Jones);

Murray Ramsden, CEO of Interior Health has requested that I respond to your letter of November 19, 2007 outlining your Committee's concerns with recruitment of health care professionals for the Princeton community.

Interior Health will provide any assistance they can in the recruitment of staff and physicians for the community of Princeton to maintain the current level of service. We agree the closure of the Emergency Department is not a desirable option and we are committed to ensure the Emergency Department will remain open as long as there are physicians willing to provide

on call coverage for the hospital. At the meeting you attended with Murray Ramsden and Alan Dolman, Board Chair, the option of providing Life and Limb Physician coverage with Nurse Triage was discussed with you. We are in the process of discussing this option with the Princeton medical staff if another physician leaves the community. In the meantime Interior Health has taken the following steps in our recruitment efforts:

1) An application for Emergency Locum Physician Coverage has been submitted to the Ministry of Health for funding on November 12, 2007.

2) I have requested Wayne Tebbutt, the Economic Development Officer for Penticton to develop a Fact Sheet for Physician Recruitment that can be used by the Princeton Economic Development Officer, Michael McLaughlin and at various recruitment fairs. Wayne Tebbutt has been able to locate two potential locum candidates for Princeton.

3) The physician vacancies in Princeton are highlighted on the BC Health Match web site and Health Match has found a potential

physician locum willing to do longer term locum stay with Dr. Adams and we are currently following this up. Health Match remains committed to finding physicians for Princeton.

4) You have met Cathy Stashyn, Leader, Physician Recruitment for Interior Health who is also very committed to supporting any recruitment efforts for Princeton.

Joyce Mackenzie, Director of Health Services of Keremeos/Princeton is working with the medical staff, nursing staff and Directors of other health professionals within IH to ensure the residents of Princeton continue to receive the appropriate medical care during this time of depleted resources. I am thrilled to read that the community is working with Interior Health to recruit staff to Princeton and am fully supportive of the efforts your committee has taken on.

Joyce Mackenzie and I have met with BC Ambulance representatives as well to discuss ways of sharing resources between the ambulance and the hospital and will continue to develop a stronger collaborative relationship with BC

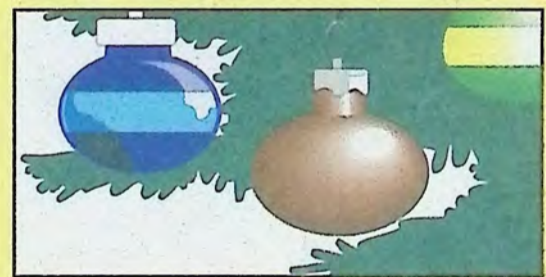
Ambulance.

Thank you for taking the time to articulate your concerns in a letter. Working together to ensure Princeton maintains its current level of health services is our goal.

On Friday, December 14th, Mayor Randy McLean told the

News Leader that Interior Health has, since this letter was written, indicated they would pay the cost of a flight to a South African doctor who has expressed an interest in Princeton and would like to see the community.

### May The Spirit Of Christmas Brighten Your Holiday



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## PSS announces honour roll

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Edith  
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Princeton Secondary School announced the 2007/08 Term 1 Honour Roll last week.

*Grade 8 - Principal's List (86-100%)*

Amanda Jackson, Dylan Lueke, Taylor Robillard, Kelsey Crawford, Mia Crawford, Alida Kleyn and Brady Johnson (tied with) Jordan Palumbo.

*Grade 8 - Gold List (73-85%)*

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*Grade 8 - Honourable Mention (67-72%)*

Kaylin Burstall, Josh Sanderson,

Brandon Ghiloni, Devon Knopf, Brandt Fenrick.

*Grade 9 - Principal's List*

Jessica Dennis, Rachel Halipchuk, Meagan Haayer, Skylar Daponte, Kourtney McInroy, Melissa Morosse, Jordyn Senger

*Grade 9 - Gold List*

Taylor Kostiuik, Katelin Marshall, Brandon Artis, Ian McKenzie, Danielle Konst, Mark Cimbaro, Kelly Buhler, Kira Miller, Tahlia McIvor, Calli Martin

*Grade 9 - Honourable Mention*

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*Grade 10 - Principal's List*

Alysa Larsen, Helen Bibby, Vian Maritz, Danielle Hassell, Cayden Johnson, Alexa Musgrove, Daniel Howarth, Caitlin Merenick, Kelcy Banks, Makenzie Johnston, Karis Bergsma

*Grade 10 - Gold List*

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*Grade 10 - Honourable Mention*

Neko Bertucci, Katie Liberatore, Milen Wilkinson, Adrienne Dodd, Lindsay Mervyn

*Grade 11 - Principal's List*

Rachel Vinthers, Scott Ramsey, Miranda Newman

*Grade 11 - Gold List*

Allana Garton, Rachel Jung, Elizabeth Szekely, Carley Brewer, Dawn Campbell, Chloe Littlejohn, Clint Cook, Samantha Goodman (tied with) Katelyn McInroy, Brittani Martini, Tom Smyth, Rick Nicholls

*Grade 11 - Honourable Mention*

Dylan Bielby, Mathew Sawin, Jenny Laska, Katelynn Simpson, Lillian Bradshaw

*Grade 12 - Principal's List*

Julia Halipchuk, Brian Shewchuk, Nicholas Obey, Claire Bibby, Tia Tolmie

*Grade 12 - Gold List*

Kaila Musgrove, Madison Johnston, Candace Klassen, Hannerl Huber (tied with) Michelle Derkson, (also tied with) Courtney Webb (also tied with) Chantelle White, Kelsey MacDonald, David Ashley, Philip Langstroth, Shelby Mack (tied with) Amber Pepler (also tied with) Ty Senger, Hannah Donohoe, Tiffany Mervyn (tied with) Brenden Stephen, Jessica McCarthy, Justin Hilton, Kayley Thomas

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Honour Roll photos appear on Pages 26 and 27.

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The Junior Band performed as part of the Christmas Concert at PSS December 10th. Here we see four flautists concentrating on their portion of a song during the performance. \*

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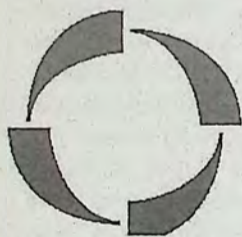
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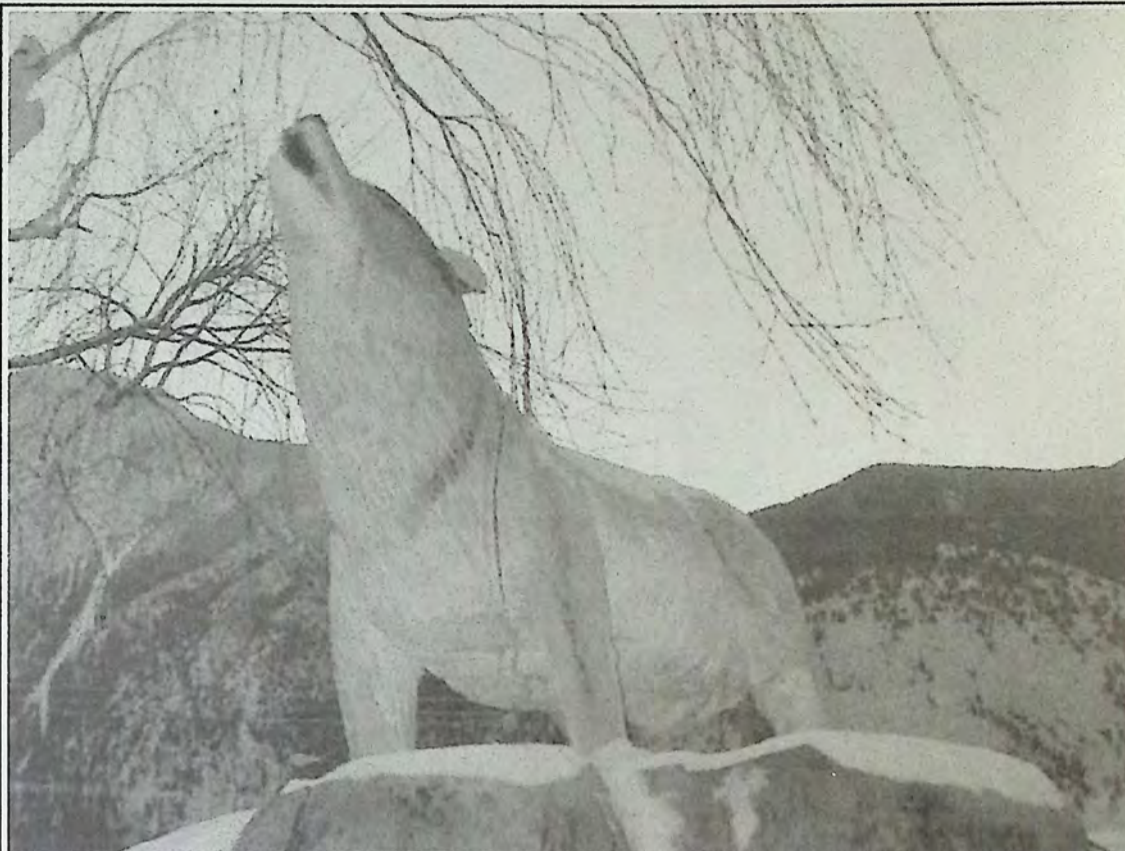
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## keremeos and area news



From this angle it practically looks real! This 'howler' is located outside Village Office. Photo: Brenda Engel

## Holiday meal leftovers can be liberating

(NC)—Holiday eating is a delightful combination of seasonal delicacies, unexpected tasty treats, lavish menus, party buffets – and leftovers galore. As the days go by, our refrigerators slowly get packed with all kinds of surplus food, but then we wonder: in what way would all that leftover turkey – or ham, beef, cold vegetables or yesterday's mashed potatoes – ever measure up to the caliber we call, holiday fare?

"Liberating – that's what they are," says Dana McCauley, food writer and author of Dana's Top Ten Table.

"Leftovers give us an easy way to serve another meal or two, very quickly. The food is all cooked and most of the work is done. All we have to do is experiment with creative ways to mix and match so we can serve something that's just as tasty yet different than the day before – and that's the fun part." Take a look at these tips and tricks for your leftovers from Dana's kitchen:

- For a great weekend brunch, place your leftover ham slices in a

skillet. In another saucepan, blend peach jam with Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce and heat to make a delicious glaze. Brush over ham and pan fry until browned. Serve with eggs and fried potatoes.

- To use up leftover mashed potatoes, stir in shredded cheese, chopped green onions, and a little Lea & Perrins. Form into cakes and lightly brown in a skillet – hot potato pancakes.

- Blend Heinz Chili Sauce into ranch-style salad dressing to toss with leftover roast ham, mixed greens and cheese cubes for an easy to make chef's salad.

- For a superior hot roast beef sandwich, heat shredded, leftover roast beef with gravy and a generous splash of Lea & Perrins in a skillet. Stir in leftover peas or corn and serve over bread or buns.

- Combining equal parts HP Sauce and leftover cranberry sauce makes a delicious glaze to make leftover roast chicken or meatloaf moist and unique.

- For a festive turkey melt, stir leftover, chopped turkey with a dash of Lea & Perrins, mayon-

naise, shredded Cheddar cheese and leftover cranberry sauce. Spoon over buns and broil until bubbly.

- Toss leftover veggies and turkey, shredded cheese, cooked pasta and equal parts each pasta sauce and Diana's Gourmet Barbecue Sauce in a skillet for a pasta dish with Southwestern flair.

- For an easy way to use up all kinds of leftovers, stir-fry leftover turkey, ham or beef with cooked veggies, rice and a few dashes of Lea & Perrins to taste.

When preparing and reheating leftover ingredients to make tasty new recipes, make sure to follow the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's food safety recommendations. Be sure to store leftovers within 2 hours of cooking. Discard leftovers if the food has been sitting at room temperature for more than 1 hour. Cold food should be stored at 4°C (40°F) or colder.

Date leftovers to ensure that they are not stored too long – eat leftovers within 4 days.

For frozen leftovers, eat within 4 days of being taken out of the freezer. Discard uneaten leftovers after they have been reheated. More food safety tips can be found at this website: [www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/concern/tipcon/leftove.shtml](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/concern/tipcon/leftove.shtml).

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## Ranching Ain't Easy

### Christmas With Gramma

by Lyn Melnechenko

This story is my Christmas gift to all of you.

Many winters ago I had just broken up with my boyfriend and we had given up the rented farm we shared. I decided to move in with my grandmother to help her out. Grandpa had died a few weeks earlier and she was very lonely.

I was despairing of how I was going to buy gifts for my family for Christmas because I had no money and no job. She missed the money from Grandpa's pension. One evening she took me into the enclosed porch she used for a work room.

"We're going Christmas shopping," she said. I had no idea what she had in mind. She brought out several boxes and started pulling out all sorts of fabric scraps, laces, ribbons and bits of leather. I recognized most of them. They were leftover scraps from all the things she had made us over the years: pajamas, dresses, shirts from when we were young. Curtains she'd made for each of our first homes. Table cloths, bedspreads, and all the dresses she'd made for special occasions like weddings and graduations. It was like finding a long lost treasure.

But still I couldn't see how this was going to solve our gift problem. She asked me to help carry all the piles of fabric into the kitchen where it was heated and we put the scraps in stacks according to who's they were. This is where she explained to me that the pieces for my sister could be made into patchwork pillow shams and a braided rug for her and her husband's bedroom. The pieces from my mom's

would make a nice quilted lap robe for her wheelchair and slippers to keep her feet warm. My brother's would be a nice vest. My aunt's would be a quilted knitting bag to carry her wool. We would make small stuffed toys for the children and even beds for the pets. There were enough scraps to make gifts for all the family.

The next morning we set up our workshop in the kitchen, my treadle sewing machine facing Gramma's industrial machine that she had used as an upholsterer. For the next few weeks our days were filled with sewing and laughing and drinking tea and eating those little butterfly shaped pastries that she made that I loved so much. When they were all done we wrapped each one in either colored cartoon paper or white industrial paper that we glued pictures cut from old magazines.

Christmas morning the family gathered to open gifts and we shared stories of the pajama parties or weddings or new homes or even disasters that each tiny patch of fabric reminded us of. It brought all our memories back to life and we laughed and cried and hugged a lot. It was the best Christmas we'd ever had. The best part for me was when I presented Gramma with the apron and potholders I'd secretly made for her and embroidered "I Love You Gramma" on them. She in turn had made me a beautiful pair of deerskin riding gloves that she had beaded for me. They brought tears to my eyes.

Gramma has been gone many years now but she left me with this lesson: The best Christmas gifts cannot be bought with money, they

can only be made with love.

My Christmas wish for all of you is that you receive a gift of love this year. Thank you for reading my stories.

(Lyn has released a collection of her poems and drawings in "Cowgirls Cuss Too!" Contact her at [lyn@nethop.net](mailto:lyn@nethop.net) to purchase your copy.) copyright 2007 Lyn Melnechenko



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**Leadership: Focus your attention**

Your attention is precious, and you only have a finite amount of it. On the Slow Leadership blog, consultant Adrian Savage notes that if you split your attention equally between two activities, instead of one getting 100 per cent of your attention each receives only 50 per cent. And if you are juggling five tasks at once, even the one you are most paying attention to might only get 30 per cent of your focus. The solution is to stop colluding with any practice that fragments or distracts your attention. Control distractions, making it clear you are not always available and checking e-mails at staged intervals. "Avoid multitasking like the plague it is. Take tasks in sequence and try to complete each one (or reach a sensible point to pause) before moving on to the next," he says. "Pay attention to your attention. Learn to direct it where you want."

THESE TIPS AND INFORMATION ARE INTENDED TO HIGHLIGHT GENERAL TAX RULES AND PLANS AND SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL ADVICE RELATED TO YOUR SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES.

*Merry Christmas*

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## news leader health and lifestyle page

# Budgeting for the holidays

by: Rose Smith

(NC)—'Tis the season to shop and, more importantly, 'tis the season to control your spending. Research conducted by Visa Canada last year indicated that Canadians expected to spend \$20 billion during the 2006 holiday season. To ensure you don't go overboard this year, develop a realistic and manageable budget when you draw up your holiday shopping list.

Here are some tips to help you create your holiday budget:

• How much can you afford?

Write down your monthly household income and subtract your monthly expenses. Don't forget to include all household expenses, utilities, entertainment, transportation

and all other spending. The remaining amount should give you a realistic idea of how much you have to spend on gifts.

• How much do you need to spend? Take a good look at all the people on your list and estimate how much you would like to spend on each of them. Be sure to include other holiday expenses, such as decorations, entertaining, hostess gifts and postage. You can find a handy gift log at [www.practicalmoneyskills.ca](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.ca) to help you decide who to shop for and how much to spend on each person.

• Track, trim and target

If the amount you'd like to spend is more than what you can afford, take a second look to see where your

costs are highest. If your gift giving list is just too long, ask close friends and family if they're comfortable setting a maximum spending limit or having a gift exchange instead. Getting together with friends for a night out in lieu of gifts is a popular choice — everyone can relax and enjoy each other's company without the stress of hitting the malls.

More money management tools and tips can be found online at [www.practicalmoneyskills.ca](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.ca).

Staying within budget is one of the most important things you can do to ease holiday pressures. Before the season's festivities begin, spend some time budgeting and planning to help ensure you have a strong financial start to 2008. - News Canada

## Holiday shipping do's and don'ts

(NC)—When it comes to holiday shipping, selecting the right gift is only the first step. Other things to consider include appropriate packing materials, packing techniques, and shipping deadlines.

Shipping experts at Purolator encourage consumers and businesses to get an early start on their holiday shipping to guarantee friends and family receive their gifts and packages on time.

For gifts intended for friends and family across Canada, shipments must be tendered to Purolator by December 21, 2007 (delivered the next business day where applicable).

To help you weather the hustle and bustle of the holiday shipping season, Purolator offers the following do's and don'ts when preparing to send gifts and packages to friends and family:

**Don't**

• Use masking tape, duct tape, cellophane tape or electrical tape to seal boxes. These kinds of materials, along with other opaque tapes, may lack strength to hold the box together and can obscure addresses.

• Tie your package together with string, rope or elastic bands. These items can potentially get stuck in automated sorters.

• Use holiday wrapping paper when shipping a gift.

• Allow any parts of your gift to protrude from the box, as it may get caught in processing equipment.

• Forget to specify shipping instructions and provide the complete address and phone number for both sender and receiver.

**Do**

• Use a new, defect-free box to ship your gift as previously used boxes lose their strength over time.

• Use cardboard inserts to protect the edges of books and picture frames and pack against one corner of the box as opposed to the middle.

• Place each item at least two inches

away from the walls of the box to keep from shifting. Be sure to firmly secure the contents of the box by using appropriate amount of filler material.

• Use plenty of polystyrene packing chips to fill in empty spaces in

parcels that contain lightweight gifts.

• Keep track of your package using a package identification number. More information about holiday shipping is available online at [www.purolator.com](http://www.purolator.com).

## living past 100

### Don't Poison Yourself From A Headache

You may not know it, but 42 percent of all cases of liver failure in the United States were the result of poisoning with a common headache medication containing acetaminophen (found in Tylenol). This is not the fault of the medication, but the lack of awareness on the part of people taking it. Most people tend to think over-the-counter medications are safe in any amount. Not true!

Worse still, the number of cases of acute liver failure due to acetaminophen overdose have risen in the past 10 years. Problems arise when people underestimate the power of the pills they are taking.

This is the beginning of a holiday season that can bring on a headache. It is also the season of colds, flu and sinus problems. This is the season in which people are likely to reach for a medication containing acetaminophen. Read the label carefully and do all you need to do to protect your liver.

First, never take any medication from a pharmacy shelf without consulting the pharmacist if you are on other medications. Acetaminophen does not mix well with a lot of medications, especially those containing narcotics or acetaminophen. Furthermore, acetaminophen does not mix well with alcohol based beverages, a big hazard in the holiday season.

Many cold and flu medications, as well as pain relievers, contain acetaminophen. In fact, there are nearly 100 over-the-counter medications containing acetaminophen, including Nyquil, Robitussin, Contac, Benadryl and Sinutab. Imagine taking a flu pill, a sinus pill, and several headache pills on the same day. Then you have three or four drinks on top of that. Maybe you feel better, but maybe you are causing liver damage.

All medications in Canada must list the ingredients used in the medication. Read labels carefully to make certain the "harmless" cold, flu, sore throat or other medication is compatible with your headache medicine. If in doubt, ask your pharmacist.

**Warning: Keep all medications away from children.**

You may not be worried about leaving cold, flu, sinus or headache medications in reach of children, but these over-the-counter medications can do much more damage to a child than to an adult.

This warning is particularly important for older people who do not have children living in the home. Older people can be careless about leaving medications here and there, such as on a table, night stand, or kitchen counter. A child sees Grandma taking a pill, and thinks, "If it is good for Grandma, it is good for me."

Don't advise the children not to touch your medication. For some children of rebellious spirit, saying this is just a temptation.

Don't risk poisoning and liver damage of beloved little ones in your family. All medications should be removed from the reach of children.





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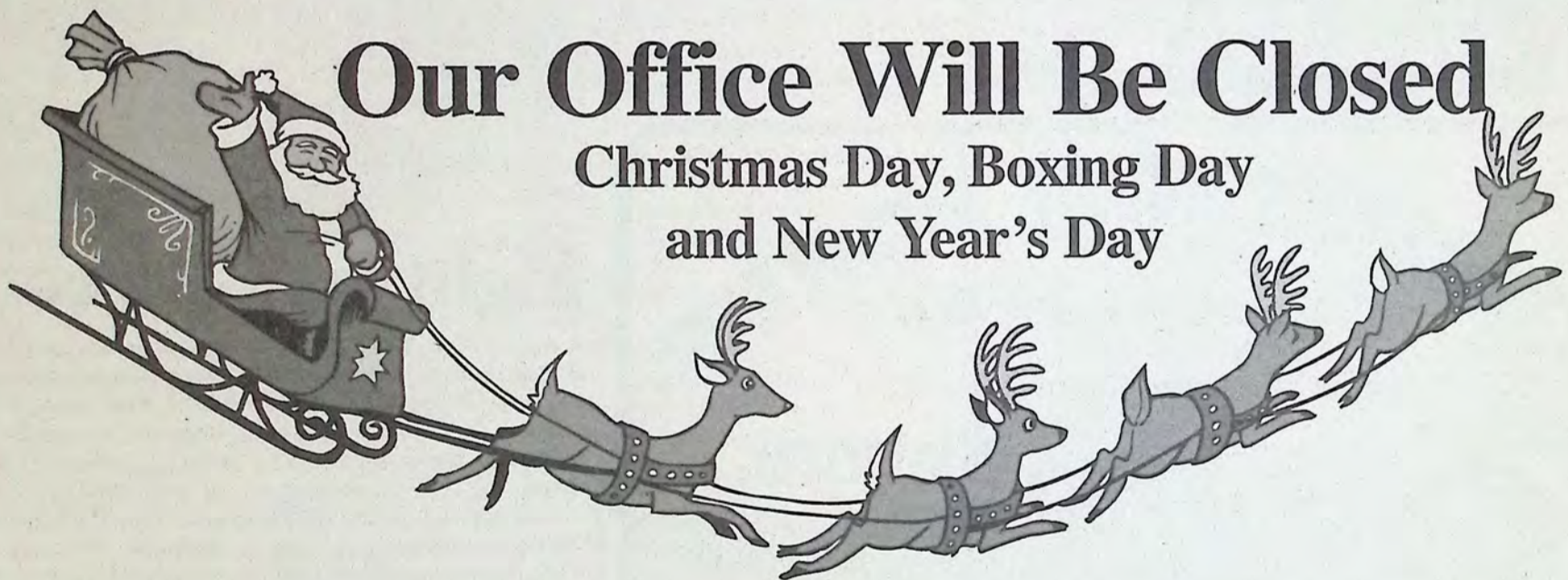
The holiday season gives us the opportunity to extend our thanks to those who helped to make the past year so wonderful.

Happy Holidays & Best Wishes for a prosperous New Year!

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Monday, December 24, 2007 to  
Tuesday, January 1, 2008

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Regular Council meeting of January 7, 2008 is cancelled.

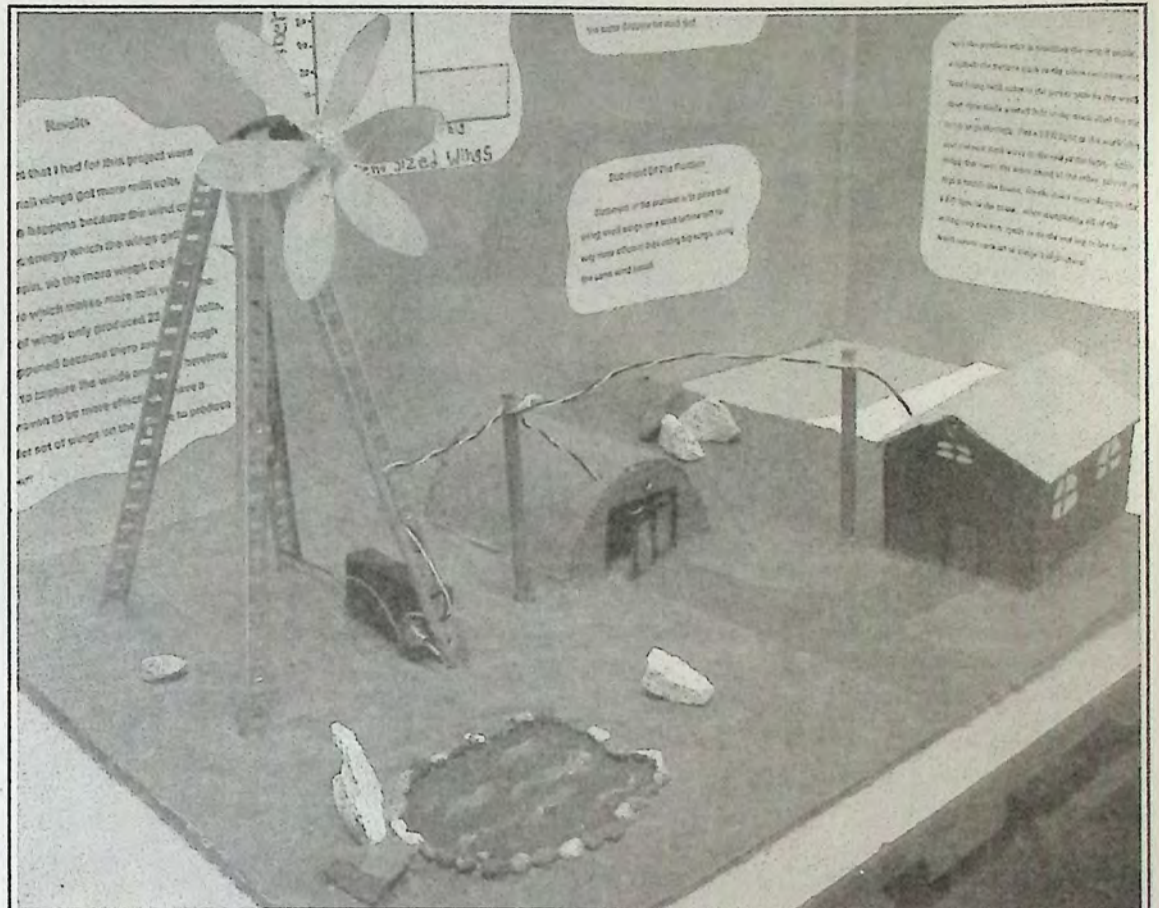
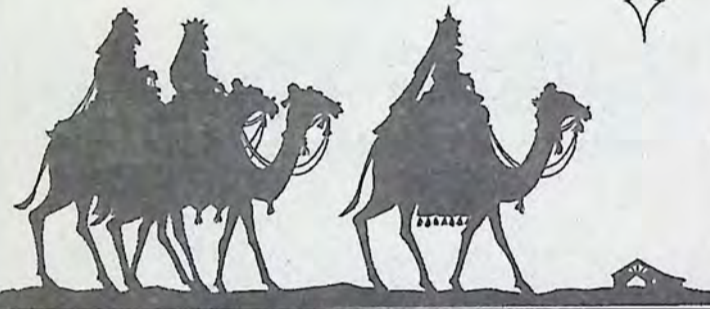
Mayor & Council wish you and yours the best of the season.

Season's Greetings!

We are grateful for your support in 2007...  
May you be blessed with happiness in 2008!  
from all the Staff at



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PSS Grade 8 students hosted their annual Science Fair last week. This display, titled "Small Wind Turbine" explores alternate forms of energy and was researched by Dylan Lueke.\*

Princeton Court News

EXCLUSIVE TO THE NEWS LEADER

News Leader Court Reporter Dawn Johnson

Hedley man fined for poor driving

In Provincial Court in Princeton on December 13, Jedson Long entered a guilty pleas to a charge of driving without consideration for others.

The 31 year old Hedley man was charged after an RCMP officer heading east from Hedley saw two motorcycles being driven over the speed limit and had to swerve to avoid a collision. The officer followed the two vehicles into Hedley and recognized Long as one of the drivers.

Long was sentenced to pay a \$600 fine and serve a six month period under a \$500 recognizance. He may not drive between the hours of 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM unless for a medical emergency. While he is driving, he is to be accompanied by another adult with a driver's licence.

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Fight leads to court

A dispute between Tina L. Despres and Brian Aiken in Hedley result in a court appearance for Despres on December 13 in Provincial Court in Princeton to answer to an assault charge.

In the course of the argument with Despres, she hit Aiken on the nose. When Despres was apprehended, she was drunk and spent the night in

jail. Information provided to the court indicated Despres is dealing with substance abuse problems.

Despres agreed to resolve the matter with a \$500 peace bond lasting one year, during which she is to have no contact with Brian Aiken unless he attends the same Alcoholics Anonymous meeting she does.

Warmest Wishes

for a

Happy & Safe Holiday!

Alex Atamanenko  
Member of Parliament

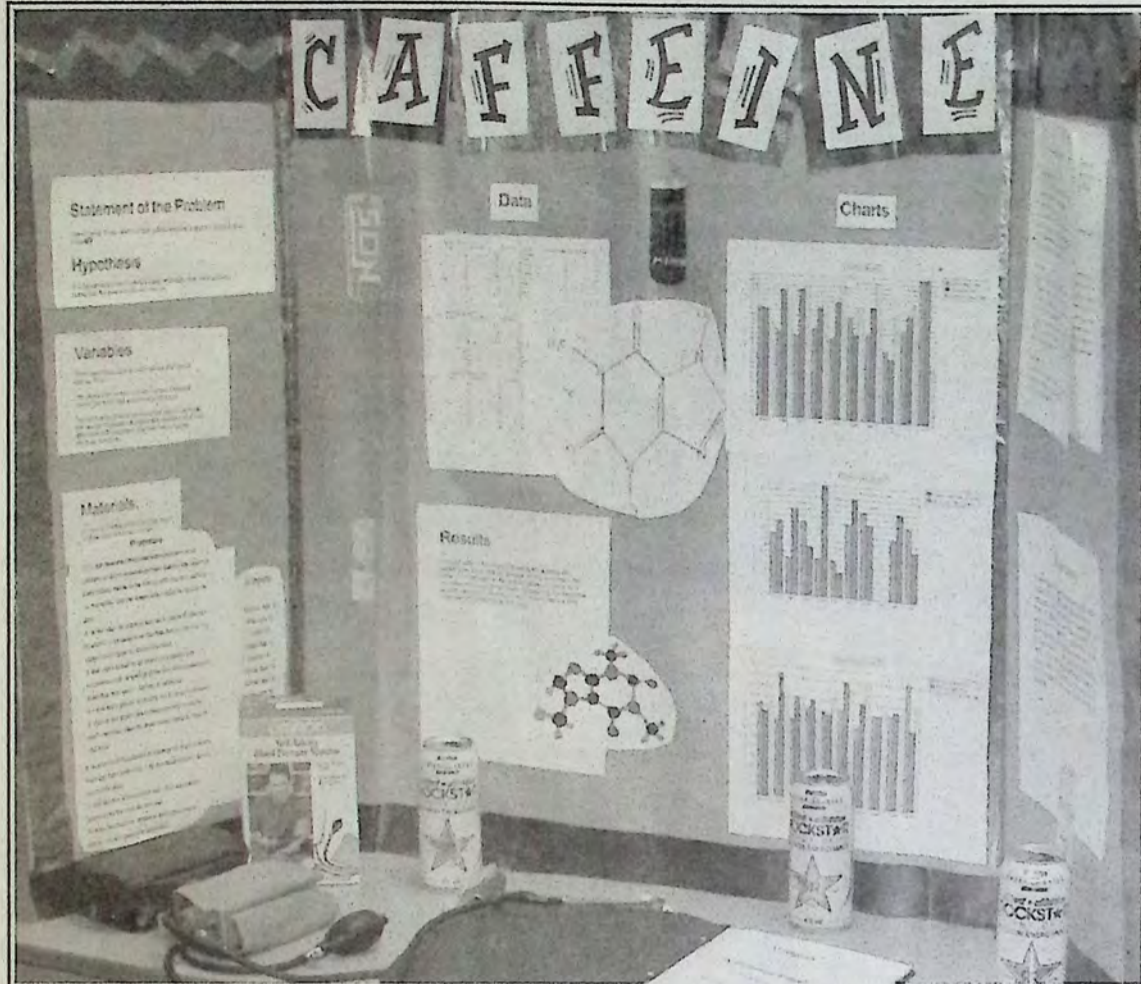
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Alex Atamanenko, MP BC Southern Interior





PSS Grade 8 student Graham Bibby took a close and hard look at "Caffeine" in his Science Fair project. Dozens of projects were on display last week during the PSS Science Fair. \*

## Group shares care instructions

The Canadian Christmas Tree Growers Association's secret source has confirmed that winter conditions affecting much of the country will not delay the arrival of Christmas on December 25th.

The CCTGA reminds you there are simple steps required to enjoy a real Christmas tree's natural majesty and wonderful bouquet that fills our homes during the whites and depths of Canadian winters.

1) When buying your tree, do a freshness test. Grasp a branch between your thumb and forefinger and pull it towards you. If the tree is fresh, no more than five to ten needles should come off in your hand, more needles may come off in cold-

er dryer conditions. This is normal.

2) Store the tree in a cool place, out of the wind and rain, until it is ready to be brought indoors

3) Ensure your tree stand is large enough to hold four litres of water as well as the trunk of the tree

4) When bringing the tree indoors cut half to three-quarters of an inch off the tree stump before it is placed in water. The cut must be no more than four hours old; otherwise sap will seal the cut. This prevents the water from rising up thus drying out the tree

5) Place a tree-moving bag under your tree, ready to be drawn up around the tree to make disposal easy in January

6) The first fill should be with very warm water enabling the sap to flow readily. As the tree thaws water will be drawn upwards replenishing the moisture to the extremities. No additives are required.

7) Have a family member top up the water twice daily so the base of the tree never gets dry. Your tree will drink several litres of water everyday for the first week or two

8) After the holidays envelop the entire tree with the moving bag. Bring everything outside, including the stand, which can be easily removed once the tree is on it's side outdoors

9) Your tree is 100% recyclable. Contact your municipality for details.

For more information visit the CCTGA's website at [www.christmastree.net](http://www.christmastree.net).

-submitted

## RDOS conducts survey

Each year the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) spends millions of dollars on a variety of regional services.

This spending affects your taxes, the services you use and the quality of life you enjoy.

"We are surveying a random number of property owners to ensure if we are doing the right job in serving our communities," says RDOS Chair Dan Ashton.

"The objective of this survey is to determine how the taxpayers of the RDOS evaluate the services provided, and to identify services that are not currently

provided."

One thousand surveys will be randomly distributed to homes throughout the Regional District. If you do not receive a copy but would like to give your feedback, residents of the RDOS will be able to complete the survey online at [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca) (or print the PDF copy and mail back to the RDOS).

The survey can also be found at various locations within the Regional District. Contact the Finance Department at (250) 490-4105 for a location nearest you.

-submitted

## Judge says 'not guilty'

In Provincial Court in Princeton on December 14, Sherry Caruso stood trial on a mischief charge. She was accused of scratching a vehicle belonging to her ex-husband's girlfriend.

After all of the evidence was presented to the court, Judge G. Sinclair said there was insufficient evidence to convict Caruso of the crime, and pronounced her "not guilty".

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Harry Lali, MLA Yale-Lillooet  
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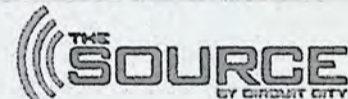
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## Holiday Wishes!

For a Wonderful Christmas  
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## Princeton Pentecostal Church

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**Christmas Eve**  
**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 PM - "Christmas Is For Kids"**

The Christmas Story and carols for children, their parents and grandparents.

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Princeton's Christmas Hamper Fund received a shot in the arm last week from Valley First Credit Union and Valley First Insurance Services. Princeton Crisis Assistance Society President Earl Driver, centre, accepts cheques from Jennifer Greening (Valley First Insurance) and Valley First Credit Union Manager Kevin Kelbert. One cheque, worth \$739.97, was for the Crisis Assistance Society with the second cheque, worth \$400.00 for the Christmas Hamper Fund. The funds were raised by employees of the credit union and insurance office from donations made every payday throughout the year. The Christmas Hamper Fund donation was from Valley First's head office and represents what would have been spent had Christmas Cards been sent to members. Photo submitted




**Best Wishes**  
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# OPEN HOUSE

The community is invited to an Open House at 6:00 PM Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at the Princeton and District Skills Centre. Join the Town of Princeton along with the Upper Similkameen Indian Band and Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen for an information session on the various initiatives the three partners are jointly pursuing.

*We wish our customers and friends  
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 and a prosperous New Year!*



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## Pottery studio remains busy

The Pottery Studio at Riverside Centre has had a very busy and successful Fall season with Adult and Youth classes and plans to continue classes and workshops in the New Year.

Sue Delatour LePoidevin, Riverside Centre's resident potter, taught 5-8 year olds in October and has just finished teaching eager 8-12 year old boys and girls how to make clay holiday houses with winter themes and tree ornaments. She also had a very keen group of adults, handbuilding one-of-a-kind pieces and making pots on the wheel.

In February, Sue will start a new session of 4 week pottery classes for kids and 6 week sessions for adults. Watch for times and dates in the upcoming Community Programs flyer distributed at the schools and throughout town.

The Princeton Potter's Guild is also very excited to be sponsoring a 2-day workshop entitled, "Murals, Masks, and Many other things" by

Vernon potter Bob Kingsmill, February 2 and 3.

We have had a huge response and our class is now full but we will take names on a waiting list. The idea of bringing in an expert in the field of clay murals arose at a Potter's Guild meeting because we decided we would like to enhance the Riverside Centre decor by creating a clay tile mural for the building. We hope to get many community members involved in this project and will have more information to pass on in February.

Sue would like to thank all the people who came out to her Open House at her Pottery/Painting showroom at 291 Fenchurch Avenue last Sunday and if you missed that date, she will have her showroom Open again Saturday, December 22 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM or call 295-0527 for a time that suits you better. For any information regarding upcoming classes or workshops, call Sue 295-0527.

- submitted

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# weekly entertainment guide

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007 THROUGH MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2007



Santa visited with Tulameen area residents recently during Tulameen Light Up. His youngest visitor was Olivia Vander Gulik. More photos on Page 12. Photo: Anne Passey

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## Inside The Vault

### “Long Road For Posse”

#### Clint Clifton, Princeton Posse Trainer

The Valley First Princeton Posse once again hit the road for their second three-game Kootenay trip. The first stop was in Sicamous to take on the much-improved Sicamous Eagles.

The highly expected six-point weekend was quickly dissolved, as the Posse were downed 7 to 2 by the hungrier Eagles.

Game two Saturday, December 8th they traveled to Invermere for a match up with the Columbia Valley Rockies. The shock of the previous night was still evident as the Posse

found themselves down 3 to 0 after 20-minutes of play.

The team gathered themselves in the second and cut to gap to 3 to 1. The third period saw the Posse play like they're one of the powers in the league. The boys moved to within a goal only to have the Rockies score to give them a two-goal lead once again.

Undaunted by the score and forcing Columbia Valley into numerous penalties, the Posse scored two goals in the span of 15-seconds to tie the game and later the game win-

ner to leave town with a 5-4 victory.

The third and final stop was in Golden to play the league's cellar dwellers the Golden Rockets.

Once again, penalties were the issue finding the Posse spending a great deal of the game on the defence. Although they had numerous scoring chances, they just couldn't capitalize when Golden made good on most of their opportunities and were rewarded with a 5 to 2 victory over the Posse.

To say the least, it was not a kind road trip.

## Midgets host awesome tournament

The Best Western Midgets held their home tournament and it truly was a big hit! It was the first time in a very long time that Princeton Minor Hockey Players have hosted a contact tournament.

The tournament started out with Princeton's first game against Langley Canucks. It was the team's first ever contact game and they handled themselves perfectly. The team would find themselves tied going into the second, but when they came out for the second it was all business.

Devon Lilly gave Princeton the lead and they never looked back controlling the play at both ends of the ice. Colton Williams gave Princeton a two-goal lead with Jared Fenrick rounding up the scoring to give them a 5-2 victory.

Their second game was against

Coquitlam Chiefs. This tested their resolve about contact hockey with some very hard solid checks thrown by both teams. They loved it. Unfortunately the team lost their youngest player to a broken wrist, but even though Joey Sandli was sore he came and cheered his team on.

This game was very fast paced with both teams having numerous chances. Clint Cook was stellar in net all weekend challenging every shooter he could giving them nothing to shoot at. This was a great game to watch but unfortunately Princeton lost 3-2. Jared and Devin got the goals for Princeton.

Their third game would be even tougher - it was against Chilliwack Chiefs. This would be a nail biter. Steven Schwartz opened the scoring from an excellent pass from

Vian and Colton but two minutes later answered with one of their own. Chilliwack took the lead quickly in the second but with five minutes left in the second Devin scored to tie it up.

Once again Chilliwack scored with under five minutes to go in the third. The team upped their level of play skating hard and passing the puck to finally tie the game with a shot by Cody Leonard on the point that made it's way past the netminder. With a minute and a half left Chilliwack would score their fourth of the game to eventually win the game 5-3.

Their last game turned out to be a 2-1 win for the Langley Canucks because we found ourselves in penalty problems. This was a game we should have won but could not ..... continued on next page

Wishing you Yuletide Greetings and the Best of the New Year!!!

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ANNUAL  
**TEDDY BEAR GAME**

Bring a Teddy Bear to the December 19<sup>th</sup> Princeton Posse game against Summerland. When Princeton scores their first goal, toss your Teddy Bear on the ice. All bears will be collected and donated to the Christmas Hamper Fund. The Teddy Bear Game is sponsored by:  
**PRINCETON DAIRY QUEEN & SIMILKAMEEN NEWS LEADER**



# Midgets experience 'contact'

..... continued from Page 11 get our game together. The defense of Braydon, Cody, Vian and Nic played excellent taking the man clearing the zone.

The whole team played awesome until the last game and I am very proud of how they handled themselves. Thanks should go out to the sponsors of our tournament, the people who helped make this possible (Holly Fenrick, Kelley Cook, Sandy Yee, and Char Ferguson)

and the four refs. A special thanks to 'Duner' the coach of the Posse, and the players who for the last month have been helping to get our team ready for this tournament. Thanks.

The winners of the tournament were the Chilliwack Chiefs who eventually defeated the Coquitlam Chiefs 4-2. It was a great tournament.

- submitted by Kevin Williams

## Club hosts crib tourney

Otter Valley Fish & Game Club hosted it's first annual singles crib tournament on Sunday, November 25th at the Legion Hall.

A total of 42 players participated in a day of crib and had a lot of fun. There were raffles with donations from Bernadette Kelleher, Myrt Gilligan and Marg Brice as well as an excellent soup donated by Chuck Whitlock and Jean Borud.

Sharon Paterson and Chuck Whitlock donated fillings for sandwiches. Cec Anderson helped with the sandwiches and the crib scores. Cam Powley and Jeanette Lee stayed all day to sell tickets and the club thanks all helpers and donors, as these events would not be possible without their contributions.

First Prize (\$300.00) went to Laura Haw who scored 1787. Second Prize (\$150.00) Robert Clark (1766), Third Prize (\$100.00) Ron White (1749), Fourth Prize (\$75.00) Wayne Harrop (1748), Fifth Prize (\$50.00) John Tanaka (1745).

The Low Game of the Day Prize (\$25.00) went to Ed White for scoring 71 points.

The Otter Valley Fish & Game Club thanks everyone for supporting the club as well as the Legion for use of their hall.

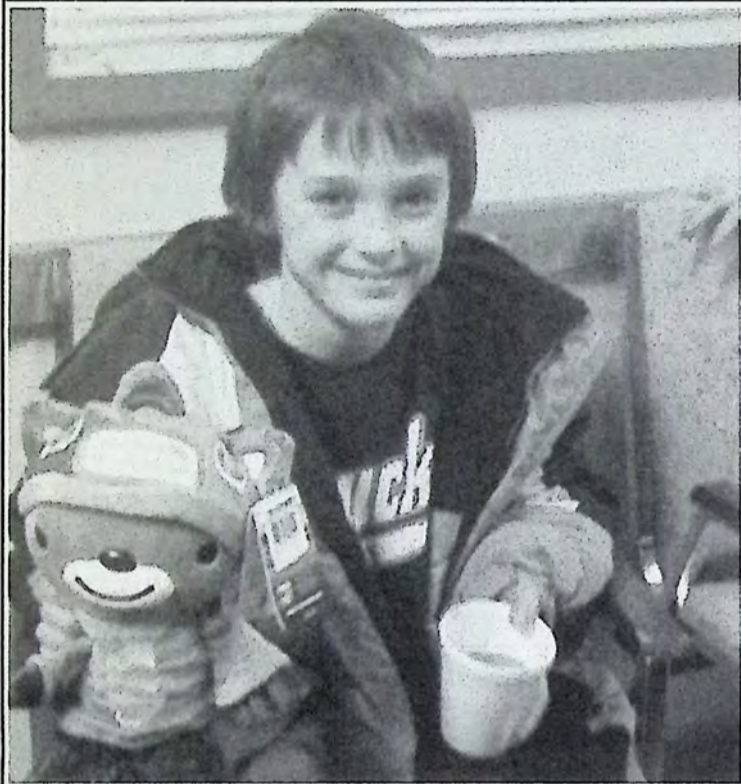
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Kyle Snihur visited Santa during Tulameen Light Up and received a 2010 Olympic Mascot. Photo: Anne Passey



Taydra Reichert, Jan Hik and Loretta McDiarmid during Santa's visit to Tulameen. The 50/50 draw was won by Marg Reichert. All children received a \$10 Gift Certificate from Tulameen Trading Post or a stuffed animal, a candy cane and an orange. Santa arrived on the fire truck and helped light the Christmas tree in front of the Fire Hall. Photo: Anne Passey

Best Wishes and Good Health at Christmas and in the New Year to all our Friends and Customers!

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6 AM	All-Family	News (N)		Body Elec.	News (N)	News (N)	Crossing Jordan	(5:00) News	News (N)	(4:30) News (N)	CBC News: Morning (N)	Inspector	SportsCentr	News	Daily Planet	Henry's	Rachael Ray	V.I.P.	F/X: The Series
:30	All-Family	2nd Chnce	George S.	Thomas							Morning (N)	Viva Pinata	e	Canada AM (N)		King		"Raging Val"	
7 AM	Temptation	Body	Clifford	Barney	Today Kelly Pickler; holiday tipping;	The Early Show (N)	Amer-Justice	Good Morning America (N)			Animalia	Grossology	SportsCentr		Mayday "Lost"	K. Possible (7-24)	CityLine	V.I.P.	Traders "Home Office"
:30	Temptation	Past Lives	Dora	Arthur (EI)						Curious	Battle								
8 AM	Jeffersons	Room	(7:54) Hi-5	Curious	Thom Filicia; gifts for pets. (N)		American Justice			100 Huntley Street	Bo On Go	Pokemon	SportsCentr		Canada's Worst Driver	Weekend Lloyd	Star Trek: Voyager	V.I.P. "Big Top Val"	Due South "The Deal"
:30	Jeffersons	Vanity	Magic Bus	Clifford						Busytown	Flamingo								
9 AM	Sanford	Inside Box	Berenstain	Super Why!		The 700 Club	Cold Case Files	Regis and Kelly	100 Huntley Street	World Vision	Lunar Jim (DVS)	Christmas	Off-Record	Regis and Kelly	Daily Planet	Feet	News (N)	Disorderly Con.	ET Canada
:30	Sanford	Antique (9:33)	Dragon								Viva Pinata	Motoring			Tigger	City		What	
10 AM	Harvey	PoPQ (Live)	(9:57)	Sesame Street (EI)		The Price Is Right (N)	CSI: Miami "Rap Sheet"	The View Denis Leary.	World Vision	Room House	Wilbur	Jane	Bowling	The View Denis Leary.	Megabuilders	Mickey Sprites	"Miracle Run" (2004)	Disorderly Con.	Videos
:30	Harvey		Pancakes								Doodlebop	Erky Perky							
11 AM	Cosby	Playing	Rolie Polie Olie	Big World Sit-Be Fit	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Young and the Restless	Crossing Jordan	Paid Prog.	Past Lives	(10:59) News (N)	Martha Stewart	Jacob	UEFA	eTalk	Frontiers of	Benj Bear (11:25) King	Mary-Louise Parker.	Oblivious	The Nanny
:30	Cosby	Homes									George S.	Hamburger		FashionTel				MXC	Frasier
12 PM	Still Std	News (N)	History	Charlie Rose	Paid Prog.	News (N)	Crossing Jordan	All My Children (N)	News (N)	Days of our Lives (N)	CBC News: Today (N)	SpongeBob	Rodeo: PRCA	Degrassi	Legend Hunters	(11:49) Weekend	CityLine	Star Trek: Voyager	Seinfeld
:30	Still Std	That News	Scattering			Bold & B.					Grossology								Seinfeld
1 PM	Fresh Pr.	Design	Planet	Paulson	Days of our Lives (N)	As the World Turns (N)	Amer-Justice	One Life to Live (N)	As the World Turns (N)	As the World Turns (N)	Living	LazyTown	NFL Films	Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye	Canada's Worst Driver	Dragon Emperor	Making It Best	Star Trek: Voyager	Beverly Hills, 90210
:30	Fresh Pr.	Vanity	By Design	Quilting							Dinner	Winx Club	SpoCenter						
2 PM	King	The Steve Wilkos Show	Pan Asia Undersea	Word Lions	Millionaire	Guiding Light (N)	American Justice	General Hospital (N)	Guiding Light (N)	Guiding Light (N)	Wind at My Back	Christmas	Summer	General Hospital (N)	How-Made	(1:48) Weekend	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Star Trek: Voyager	Fresh Pr. Family Guy
:30	King										Flamingo	Interruptio							
3 PM	Friends	Big Screen	BluesClues	Maya	Judge	Dr. Phil	Cold Case Files	Rachael Ray	Young and the Restless	Young and the Restless	Food	Team	Off-Record	Dr. Phil	Machines	K. Possible	News (N)	CSI: Crime Scn	Inside Box
:30	Seinfeld	Daily 10 (3:45) Miss	Arthur (EI)	Judge							Miracles	Neutron	Sports		Machines	Replace		Vanity	
4 PM	Family Guy	Andy Dick-True	Dora	Cyberchas	Judge J.	Oprah Winfrey	CSI: Miami "Rap Sheet"	Videos Inside	Oprah Winfrey	(3:59) News Global	Frasier	Arnold	Hockey	Daily Show	Daily Planet (N)	Emperor	Friends	CSI: Crime Scn	That News
:30	Family Guy		(4:35) Little	Fetch! With Judge J.							Global	Mercer	Ginger	Colbert	Proud	Hollywood		House	
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:30	Jennifer Lopez	Jeopardy!		Fortune	Scrubs			The Insider	ET Canada			Malcolm		Me to We					Frasier
8 PM	Drumroll	Clash of the Choirs	How Art Made	Wild Things	Clash of the Choirs	NCIS "Tribes" (N)	CSI: Miami "Breathless"	Duel (N)	NCIS "Tribes" (N)	NCIS "Tribes" (N)	Holiday Festival on Ice	Frank Ptrl	In Corner	Duel (N)	Daily Planet	Suite Life	News (N)	CSI: NY "Fare Game"	Family Guy
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9 PM	Frasier	The Biggest Loser (Same-day Tape)	One Thousand	Independen t Lens "An Unreasonabl e Man" (N)	The Biggest Loser (Same-day Tape)	The Unit (N)	CSI: Miami	Jim	House "Act Your Age"	House "Act Your Age"	McDermott Christmas	Futurama	Boxing: Ricardo Mayorga vs. Fernando Vargas.	Gossip Girl	Futureweap ons "Israel"	Montana Phil	(9:06) Jimmy Kimmel	CSI: Crime Scn	Seinfeld
:30	Seinfeld							Jim				PinkyBrain							Seinfeld
10 PM	Frasier	Tell It On The Mountain				Cane "Open and Shut"	CSI: Miami	Boston Legal (N)	Deal-No Deal	News Hour Final (N)	National	Naruto	Fernando	Law & Order: SVU	After the Catch	School	Movie: "Backdraft"	Star Trek: Voyager	Married...
:30	Movie: "Angel Eyes" (2001)											Shadow				Cory		Fresh Pr.	
11 PM	News (N)	An Indigo Christmas	Charlie Rose (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	CSI: Miami "Broken"	News (N)	News (N)	Entertain	(11:05) The Hour	Mystery	SportsCentr (Live)	News (N)	How-Made	Suite Life	(1991) Kurt Russell	Deep Space 9	Frasier
:30	Guy Stuff			Tonight	Late Show					ET Canada		Frank Ptrl			Life Derek				The Nanny

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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)	Crossing Jordan	(5:00) News	News (N)	(4:30) News (N)	CBC News: Morning (N)	Gadget	SportsCentr	News	Daily Planet	Henry's	Rachael Ray	V.I.P.	F/X: The Series
:30	All-Family	2nd Chnce	George S.	Bob Build							Morning (N)	Viva Pinata	e	Canada AM (N)		King			
7 AM	Temptation	Body	Clifford	Barney	Today Patti LaBelle; children's holiday fashion; super-foods for women. (N)	The Early Show (N)	Amer. Justice	Good Morning America (N)			Animalia	Grossology	SportsCentr		Africa-Dinosaur	K. Possible (7-24)	CityLine	V.I.P. "Dr. StrangeVal"	Traders
:30	Temptation	Past Lives	Dora	Arthur (EI)							Curious	Shuriken							
8 AM	Jeffersons	Room	(7:54) Hi-5	Curious	Thom Filicia; gifts for pets. (N)		American Justice			100 Huntley Street	Bo On Go	Pokemon	SportsCentr		Dirty Jobs	Weekend Lloyd	Star Trek: Voyager	V.I.P.	Due South (DVS)
:30	Jeffersons	Vanity	Magic Bus	Clifford						Busytown	Flamingo								
9 AM	Sanford	Inside Box	Berenstain	Super Why!		The 700 Club	Cold Case Files	Regis and Kelly	100 Huntley Street	World Vision	Lunar Jim (DVS)	Top 20	Off-Record	Regis and Kelly	Daily Planet	Feet	News (N)	Disorderly Con.	ET Canada
:30	Sanford	Antique (9:33)	Dragon								Viva Pinata	Timber			Tigger	City		What	
10 AM	Harvey	PoPQ (Live)	(9:57)	Sesame Street (EI)		The Price Is Right (N)	CSI: Miami	The View (N)	World Vision	Room House	Wilbur	Jane	Billiards	The View (N)	Futureweap ons "Israel"	Mickey Handy	Movie: "Beethoven" (1992)	Disorderly Con.	Videos
:30	Harvey		Pancakes								Doodlebop	Erky Perky							
11 AM	Cosby	Playing	Rolie Polie Olie	Big World Sit-Be Fit	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Young and the Restless	Crossing Jordan	Paid Prog.	Past Lives	(10:59) News (N)	Martha Stewart	Jacob	Sports Hall of Fame	eTalk	About Killer Dinosaurs	Benj Bear (11:25) King	Charles Grodin.	Disorderly Con.	The Nanny
:30	Cosby	Homes									George S.	Hamburger		FashionTel				MXC	Frasier
12 PM	Still Std	News (N)	History	Charlie Rose	Paid Prog.	News (N)	Crossing Jordan	All My Children (N)	News (N)	Days of our Lives (N)	CBC News: Today (N)	SpongeBob	Rodeo: PRCA	Degrassi	About Killer Dinosaurs	(11:49) Weekend	CityLine	Star Trek: Voyager	Seinfeld
:30	Still Std	That News	Wildness			Bold & B.					Grossology								Seinfeld
1 PM	Fresh Pr.	Design	Moving On	Art Work	Days of our Lives (N)	As the World Turns (N)	Amer. Justice	One Life to Live (N)	As the World Turns (N)	As the World Turns (N)	Living	LazyTown	Arm Wrest	Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye	MythBuster s	Dragon Emperor	Speakers RAW	Star Trek: Voyager	Beverly Hills, 90210
:30	Fresh Pr.	Vanity	Home	Sewing							Dinner	Winx Club	Rally						
2 PM	King	The Steve Wilkos Show	Entrada	Word Lions	Millionaire	Guiding Light (N)	American Justice	General Hospital (N)	Guiding Light (N)	Guiding Light (N)	Wind at My Back	Top 20	Summer	General Hospital (N)	After the Catch	(1:48) Weekend	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Star Trek: Voyager	Fresh Pr. Family Guy
:30	King		Landscape								Flamingo	Interruptio							
3 PM	Friends	Big Screen	BluesClues	Maya	Judge	Dr. Phil	Cold Case Files	Rachael Ray	Young and the Restless	Young and the Restless	Food	Team	Off-Record	Dr. Phil	How-Made	K. Possible	News (N)	CSI: Crime Scn	Inside Box
:30	Seinfeld	Daily 10	Pets	Arthur (EI)	Judge						Miracles	Neutron	Sports		How-Made	Replace		Vanity	
4 PM	Family Guy	John Candy: THS	Dora	Cyberchas	Judge J.	Oprah Winfrey	CSI: Miami	Videos Inside	Oprah Winfrey	(3:59) News Global	Frasier	Ruby	Hockey	Daily Show	Daily Planet (N)	Emperor	Friends	CSI: Crime Scn	Match Ups
:30	Family Guy		(4:35) Little	Fetch! With Judge J.							Global	Just-Gags	CatDog	Colbert	Proud	Hollywood		House	
5 PM	Movie: "Eraser" (1996)	News (N)	Timothy	BBC World	News (N)	News (N)	CSI: Miami	News (N)	News (N)	(4:59) News (N)	Simpsons	Neutron	Hockey: Los Angeles Kings at Detroit Red Wings.	News (N)	Extreme Machines (N)	Suite Life	Movie: "The Family Man" (2000)	CSI: Crime Scn	ET Canada
:30	Movie: "Eraser" (1996)		(5:35) Business	NBC News	CBS News			ABC News	Global		Arrested	SpongeBob				Montana		What	
6 PM	Action Arnold Schwarzeneg ger.	Ad Pers	Creatures	News-Lehrer	News (N)	News (N)	CSI: Miami "Kill Zone"	News (N)	News (N)	ET Canada	News (N)	Without Santa		News (N)	Extreme Machines	Zoey 101	Nicolas Cage. Tea Leoni.	UFC Unleashed	Family Guy
:30	Action Arnold Schwarzeneg ger.	News	Mechanics	Raymond	Hollywood			News (N)		Entertain						Sadie		Seinfeld	
7 PM	Frasier	Jeopardy!	Noel Noel	Wired Science (N)	Jeopardy!	Friends	The Sopranos	Entertain	Entertain	Deal-No Deal	Red-Nosed Reindeer	Santa Claus	SportsCentr (Live)	Degrassi	MythBuster s	So Raven Smart Guy	MANswers	Seinfeld	
:30	Frasier			Fortune	Scrubs			The Insider	ET Canada					eTalk				MANswers	Frasier
8 PM	Seinfeld	Clash of the Choirs (Same-day Tape)	Riddles of the Dead (N)	Christmas-Mor	Clash of the Choirs (Same-day Tape)	Frosty	CSI: Miami	Private Practice	Island Vets	Island Vets	My Song Is My Gift	Futurama	Varsity Inc.	Criminal Minds (N)	MythBuster s	Montana Phil	(9:06) Jimmy Kimmel	CSI: Crime Scn	Seinfeld
:30	Seinfeld											PinkyBrain							Seinfeld
9 PM	Movie: "Eraser" (1996)	News (N)	You Walk Funny	Charlie Rose (N)	News (N)	News (N)	The Sopranos	News (N)	News (N)	Entertain	(11:05) The Hour	Mystery	SportsCentr (Live)	News (N)	Extreme Machines	Suite Life	Movie: "The Family Man" (2000)	Deep Space 9	Frasier
:30	Movie: "Eraser" (1996)			Tonight	Late Show					ET Canada		Frank Ptrl			Life Derek				The Nanny



# Horoscopes

December 19, 2007 - January 1, 2008

**Aries** - This will be a Christmas to remember as a great family celebration. Take time to enjoy the fun. Then, take it easy for a week. On New Year's Eve, resolve to further education.

**Taurus** - You can expand your spiritual awareness this holiday season, and you can communicate with people at a distance. This is a time for you to appreciate what others share with you.

**Gemini** - The key for you to fully enjoy this holiday season is to share with others. Share time, share fun, give from the heart, and give of yourself. Others will respond with love.

**Cancer** - Your partner is going to surprise you this year with generosity and praise. You may feel too pressured by a hectic season, but there will be help, and blessings come your way.

**Leo** - You are going to have to work hard during the holidays, but you will work at making it fun for everyone. Your health takes a leap forward, and you make your job fun.

**Virgo** - Family fun is the keynote of your Christmas this year. You can be generous, and they will be generous. Don't forget to make praise work magic for the people who share your holiday.

**Libra** - Your greatest joy this holiday season will be in the form of messages from friends and family. The season of generosity will touch you and may bring you surprises. Fun!

**Scorpio** - This holiday season, indulge yourself a little. Ease back, give yourself a spa treatment, and enjoy socializing, even if by phone. Messages at Christmas will bring delight.

**Sagittarius** - Christmas finds you reviewing what you value, and New Year's Eve finds you making new resolutions. You have a lot more peace of mind now. Use it to dream or plan.

**Capricorn** - The holiday season will prompt you to make a resolution to lose a few pounds, but you will do it with good humour. This could be your best Christmas season in years.

**Aquarius** - You feel good, and you have a soul-satisfying Christmas. As you begin the new year, you will see changes in the way you view the world. Career takes upward turn.

**Pisces** - All you really want to do is travel and have fun, so go ahead and fulfill your dreams. The only problem you may have is with contrary young people or unruly pets. Ignore them.

## 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

10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "A Dog of Flanders" (1999, Drama) Jack Warden. An orphan struggles to become an artist within a society that favors only the upper class. [E]

### EVENING

6:00 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles" (2001, Comedy) Paul Hogan. Mick and his girlfriend return to America and link the mysterious death of a reporter to a movie studio. [E]  
 8:00 pm BCTV (11) CITY (12) "Recipe for a Perfect Christmas" (2005, Romance-Comedy) Christine Baranski. Premiere. A fledgling food critic agrees to visit a struggling restaurant if its chef will date her meddling mother. [E]  
 CBC (13) ★★ "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994, Fantasy) Richard Attenborough. A retail-war lawyer

goes to court to prove a department-store Santa Claus is for real. [E]  
 9:00 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles" (2001, Comedy) Paul Hogan. Mick and his girlfriend return to America and link the mysterious death of a reporter to a movie studio. [E]  
 CHBC (4) "Christmas Caper" (2007, Comedy-Drama) Shannen Doherty. While baby-sitting her niece and nephew, a professional thief hatches a new scheme to steal. [E]  
 10:06 pm CITY (29) ★★ "White Palace" (1990, Romance) Susan Sarandon. Lust turns to love for a 40-ish working-class woman and a 20-ish yuppie adman with little in common. [E]  
 11:30 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "Lifeform" (1996, Science Fiction) Cotter Smith. An Army test facility becomes a battleground after a spacecraft originally sent to Mars returns with an alien stowaway.

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## friday movies

### MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) ★★½ "Mystery Men" (1999, Fantasy) Hank Azaria. Aspiring superheroes band together to defeat a villain when real superhero Captain Amazing disappears. [E]

### AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "The Fan" (1996, Suspense) Robert De Niro. A knife salesman kills to help his favorite San Francisco Giant, then kidnaps the athlete's son when he seems ungrateful. [E]  
 YTV (8) "All I Want for Christmas" (2007, Romance) Gail O'Grady. A boy asks contest organizers to find a new husband for his widowed mother.

### EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Alien vs. Predator" (2004, Science Fiction) Sanaa Lathan. Members of an expedition discover two vicious extraterrestrial races dueling to the death in the Antarctic. [E]  
 7:30 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Ernest Scared Stupid" (1991, Comedy) Jim Varney. Sanitation engineer Ernest P. Worrell rallies to save his town from an evil 200-year-old troll. [E]  
 8:00 pm CBC (13) ★★ "The Santa Clause 2" (2002, Comedy) Tim Allen. Santa must get married by Christmas Eve in order to save the holiday and keep his job. [E]

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 9:02 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Matilda" (1996, Comedy) Mara Wilson. A little girl develops extraordinary mental abilities, despite neglectful parents and a brutal headmistress.  
 10:06 pm CITY (29) "Voyeurs Sex Club" (2004, Adult) Gina Ryder. Friends meet weekly to spin titillating tales about photos of strangers having sex.  
 10:40 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Frozen Impact" (2003, Suspense) Ted McGinley. While his son waits for a liver transplant, a man races against time to retrieve the organ from a plane crash. [E]  
 11:00 pm SPIKE (44) ★★ "Boondock Saints" (1999, Crime Drama) Willem Dafoe. Two brothers, believing themselves to be on a mission from God, begin killing members of Boston's underworld. (In Stereo) [E]  
 11:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Road to El Dorado" (2000, Musical) Voices of Kevin Kline. Animated. Two Spanish rogues find the fabled city of gold, where the natives proclaim them to be gods. [E]

## Similkameen News Leader

Recipe Corner (Recipe #198)

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# Wild Blueberry Chutney

Spice up your holidays with wild blueberry chutney

(NC)—Create a simple, mouth-watering chutney with all the healthy goodness of wild blueberries for your holiday table. Use in place of your favourite relish – it's ideal with roast turkey, duck, goose, pork, venison or broiled meats such as chicken and beef – as an accompaniment to a festive Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner or as a topping for turkey or chicken sandwiches. Or, serve as an appetizer by topping a small wheel of brie with chutney, bake in a 350°F (180°C) oven and serve with crackers or bread.

### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (125ml) raspberry vinegar
- 1 teaspoon minced lemon rind
- 1/2 cup (100g) sugar
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 1 medium onion, minced
- Pinch of salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh minced ginger 3 cups (450g) wild blueberries
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon (fresh or frozen)
- 1/4 cup (100g) cranberries (dried)

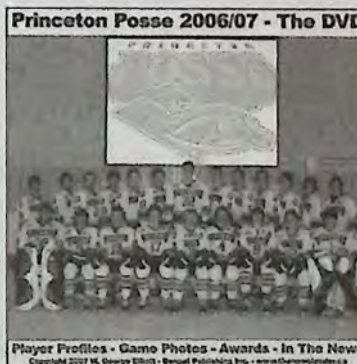
Combine the vinegar, sugar, onion, ginger, cinnamon, lemon, pepper and salt in a saucepan, bring to a boil and simmer 15 minutes. Add 1 cup (150g) of wild blueberries, and the cranberries. Simmer 20 minutes, stirring frequently. Add remaining 2 cups (300g) blueberries and simmer another 10 minutes. Yields about 1 cup. Additional recipes and more information are available at www.wildblueberries.com.

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If you have a favourite recipe you would like to share, contact us for details!

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# CARTER'S Sudoku Challenge

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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 #49 - Rated Easy

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### CHALLENGE #50 - Rated Hard

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THIS WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:  
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## saturday movies

### MORNING

- 6:00 am SPIKE (44) ★★★ "The Negotiator" (1998, Suspense) Samuel L. Jackson. A framed police negotiator takes hostages and demands to speak with a counterpart from another precinct.
- 8:00 am VTV (22) "The Magician's House: Secret Cavern" (1999, Fantasy) (Part 1 of 2) Ian Richardson. Three children time-travel and meet a magician from the past who implores them to help save Golden Valley from his wayward apprentice. (In Stereo) (DVS)
- 9:00 am WTBS (3) ★★★ "Mixed Nuts" (1994, Comedy) Steve Martin. The proprietor of a telephone helpline receives an eviction notice during the holiday season. (DVS)
- 11:00 am WTBS (3) ★★★ "Mouse Hunt" (1997, Comedy) Nathan Lane. Brothers inherit a dilapidated mansion inhabited by a resourceful rodent that refuses to leave. (DVS)
- 11:30 am SPIKE (44) ★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro. In the 1950s an Irish-Italian hoodlum joins the New York Mafia, but his mob career is not what he expected. (In Stereo)

### AFTERNOON

- 12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★★ "Snow" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Tom Cavanagh. A North Pole-based toy distributor must go to California to rescue one of his family's magical reindeer from a zoo.
- 1:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★★ "Multiplicity" (1996, Comedy) Michael Keaton. Cloning enables a harried family man to step back from life's responsibilities, a situation that becomes irreversible. (DVS)
- CITY (29) "Eve's Christmas" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Elisa Donovan. A lonely career woman gets a second chance to rethink a fateful decision after she makes a wish upon a Christmas Eve star. (DVS)

### MORNING

- 7:00 am A&E (9) ★★★ "Risky Business" (1983, Comedy) Tom Cruise. A call girl helps a Princeton applicant turn his home into a one-night brothel. (DVS)
- VTV (22) "The Magician's House: Secret Cavern" (1999, Fantasy) (Part 2 of 2) Ian Richardson. Three children time-travel and meet a magician from the past who implores them to help save Golden Valley from his wayward apprentice. (In Stereo) (DVS)
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- 11:00 am CITY (29) "Chasing Christmas" (2005, Drama) Tom Arnold. Holiday spirits visit a single father who has boycotted Christmas since his wife left him. (DVS)

### AFTERNOON

- 12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★★ "A Mom for Christmas" (1990, Fantasy) Olivia Newton-John. A widower and his daughter try to keep a mannequin that magically came to life from returning to its former state. (DVS)

- 2:00 pm YTV (18) ★★★ "All I Want for Christmas" (1991, Drama) Ethan Randall. A boy and his little sister cook up a holiday scheme to get their divorced parents back together.
- 2:30 pm SPIKE (44) ★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro. In the 1950s an Irish-Italian hoodlum joins the New York Mafia, but his mob career is not what he expected. (In Stereo)
- 5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★★ "Space Cowboys" (2000, Adventure) Clint Eastwood. Four aging astronauts who never made it into space agree to go up and repair a 1950s satellite. (DVS)
- A&E (9) ★★★ "Erin Brockovich" (2000, Drama) Julia Roberts. A law clerk researching a client's health case stumbles on a cover-up of a contaminated water supply in a desert town. (DVS)

### EVENING

- 6:00 pm YTV (18) ★★★ "Call Me Claus" (2001, Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg. Facing mandatory retirement after 200 years, Santa Claus asks a television producer to replace him.
- CITY (29) "Chasing Christmas" (2005, Drama) Tom Arnold. Holiday spirits visit a single father who has boycotted Christmas since his wife left him. (DVS)
- 7:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★★ "Grumpy Old Men" (1993, Comedy) Jack Lemmon. Minnesota neighbors rekindle a 10-year feud when they fall for the same widow. (DVS)
- 8:00 pm CHBC (4) "Tales From the Neverending Story" (2001, Fantasy) Mark Rendall. Premiere. A book about a boy warrior and an empress transforms the life of a grief-stricken 12-year-old. (DVS)
- KSPS (6) ★★★ "The Robe" (1953, Historical Drama) Richard Burton. The red robe worn by Christ links a Roman tribune, his Christian lover and a Greek slave.
- KREM (8) ★★★ "E11" (2003,

- Comedy) Will Ferrell. Adopted as a baby by one of Santa's elves, a man leaves the workshop to search for his family in New York. (In Stereo) (DVS)
- KXLY (10) ★★★ "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" (2004, Comedy) Jim Carrey. Premiere. A dastardly count plots to steal an inheritance from three young orphans placed in his care. (In Stereo) (DVS)
- YTV (18) "Crazy for Christmas" (2005, Drama) Andrea Roth. A limo driver tries to help a wealthy man find his long-lost daughter on Christmas Eve.
- VTV (22) "Luna: Spirit of the Whale" (2007, Docudrama) Adam Beach. Aborigines try to prevent a government official from transporting a stray killer whale. (In Stereo) (DVS)
- 9:00 pm A&E (9) ★★★ "Erin Brockovich" (2000, Drama) Julia Roberts. A law clerk researching a client's health case stumbles on a cover-up of a contaminated water supply in a desert town. (DVS)
- FAM (26) ★★★ "Max Keeble's Big Move" (2001, Comedy) Alex D. Linz. When his parents announce they are moving, a schoolboy decides to take revenge against his tormentors. (DVS)
- CITY (29) ★★★ "Predator" (1987, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A sneaky alien monster attacks commandos on a jungle mission in South America. (DVS)
- 10:00 pm SPIKE (44) ★★★ "U.S. Marshals" (1998, Crime Drama) Tommy Lee Jones. A chief deputy and his team pursue an escaped fugitive accused of killing two government agents. (In Stereo) (DVS)
- 10:46 pm FAM (26) "Lenny the Wonder Dog" (2004, Adventure) Sammy Kahn. An experimental microchip gives a canine the ability to converse with humans.
- 11:15 pm CITY (29) "Eve's Christmas" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Elisa Donovan. A lonely career woman gets a second chance to rethink a fateful decision after she makes a wish upon a Christmas Eve star. (DVS)

## sunday movies

### MORNING

- 7:00 am A&E (9) ★★★ "Risky Business" (1983, Comedy) Tom Cruise. A call girl helps a Princeton applicant turn his home into a one-night brothel. (DVS)
- VTV (22) "The Magician's House: Secret Cavern" (1999, Fantasy) (Part 2 of 2) Ian Richardson. Three children time-travel and meet a magician from the past who implores them to help save Golden Valley from his wayward apprentice. (In Stereo) (DVS)
- 8:30 am WTBS (3) ★★★ "Mouse Hunt" (1997, Comedy) Nathan Lane. Brothers inherit a dilapidated mansion inhabited by a resourceful rodent that refuses to leave. (DVS)
- 10:00 am SPIKE (44) ★★★ "U.S. Marshals" (1998, Crime Drama) Tommy Lee Jones. A chief deputy and his team pursue an escaped fugitive accused of killing two government agents.
- 10:30 am WTBS (3) ★★★ "Multiplicity" (1996, Comedy) Michael Keaton. Cloning enables a harried family man to step back from life's responsibilities, a situation that becomes irreversible. (DVS)
- 11:00 am CITY (29) "Chasing Christmas" (2005, Drama) Tom Arnold. Holiday spirits visit a single father who has boycotted Christmas since his wife left him. (DVS)

### AFTERNOON

- 12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★★ "A Mom for Christmas" (1990, Fantasy) Olivia Newton-John. A widower and his daughter try to keep a mannequin that magically came to life from returning to its former state. (DVS)

- 12:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★★ "Space Cowboys" (2000, Adventure) Clint Eastwood. Four aging astronauts who never made it into space agree to go up and repair a 1950s satellite. (DVS)
- 1:32 pm FAM (26) ★★★ "Ebbles" (1995, Fantasy) Susan Lucci. The ghosts of Christmases past, present and future visit a heartless CEO in a version of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."
- 3:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★★ "Grumpy Old Men" (1993, Comedy) Jack Lemmon. Minnesota neighbors rekindle a 10-year feud when they fall for the same widow. (DVS)
- 4:00 pm YTV (18) ★★★ "Blizzard" (2003, Fantasy) Brenda Blethyn. A youngster learns about true friendship with the help of a magically gifted reindeer from the North Pole. (In Stereo) (DVS)
- 5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★★ "Proof of Life" (2000, Suspense) Meg Ryan. A woman enlists a hostage negotiator to lead mercenaries to rescue her kidnapped husband from South American guerrillas. (DVS)
- BCTV (11) CITY (12) ★★★ "Spider-Man 2" (2004, Action) Tobey Maguire. Tormented Peter Parker battles a sinister scientist who uses mechanical tentacles for destructive purposes. (In Stereo) (DVS)
- 8:00 pm KNOW (5) "The Daughters of Cain" (1996, Mystery) John Thaw. Inspector Morse investigates the murder of a retired Oxford professor. (N) (DVS)
- CBC (13) ★★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. The Griswolds spend the holiday in a garish way, especially when a country cousin pulls up in an RV. (DVS)
- 9:00 pm KXLY (10) ★★★ "The Santa Clause 2" (2002, Comedy) Tim Allen. Santa must get married by Christmas Eve in order to save the holiday and keep his job. (In Stereo) (DVS)
- FAM (26) ★★★ "Honey I Shrunk the Kids" (1989, Comedy) Rick Moranis. An inventor's ray gun zaps his son, his daughter and a neighbor's boys down to pea-size in his jungle of a lawn. (DVS)
- SPIKE (44) ★★★ "The Negotiator" (1998, Suspense) Samuel L. Jackson. A framed police negotiator takes hostages and demands to speak with a counterpart from another precinct. (In Stereo)
- 10:49 pm FAM (26) ★★★ "Angus" (1995, Drama) Charlie Talbert. An overweight freshman who pines for a pretty cheerleader is the target of a high-school quarterback's cruel prank.

### EVENING

- 6:00 pm YTV (18) ★★★ "Jack Frost" (1998, Fantasy) Michael Keaton. A man who died on Christmas Eve returns to his wife and son one year later in the form of a snowman.
- CITY (29) "The Christmas Card" (2006, Romance) Ed Asner. Premiere. Home on leave, a soldier







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	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)	Cold Case Files (E)	(5:00) News (E)	News (N)	(4:30) News (N) (E)	Arthur	Rupert	SportsCentre (E)	News (E)	How-Made	Henry's	Rachael Ray (E)	V.I.P. (E)	FX: The Series (E)
:30	All-Family	2nd Chnce	George S.	Bob Build							Arthur	Bunnies		Canada AM (N) (E)	How-Made	King (E)			
7 AM	Temptation	Body	Clifford	Barney	Today (N)	The Early Show (N) (E)	Cold Case Files (E)	Good Morning America (N)			Animalia	Wintertime	SportsCentre (E)		Canada's Worst Driver	K. Possible (7:24)	CityLine (E)	V.I.P. (E)	Traders (E)
:30	Temptation	Past Lives	Dora	Arthur (E)							Curious	Care Bears							
8 AM	Jeffersons	Room	(7:54) Hi-5	Curious			Cold Case Files (E)			100 Huntley Street (E)	Bo On Go	(7:50) Care	SportsCentre (E)		Canada's Worst Driver	Weekend	Star Trek: Voyager (E)	V.I.P. (E)	Due South (E) (DVS)
:30	Jeffersons	Vanity	Magic Bus	Clifford							Busytown	A Fairy Tale Christmas				Lloyd			
9 AM	Sanford	Inside Box	Berenstein	Super Why!		The 700 Club (E)	Cold Case Files (E)	Regis and Kelly	100 Huntley Street (E)	World Vision	Lunar Jim (E) (DVS)		Off-Record	Regis and Kelly	Canada's Worst Driver	Feet	News (N)	Disorderly Con.	Grace
:30	Sanford	Antique	(9:33)	Dragon									Fishing			Tigger	City		Grace
10 AM	Harvey	PoPQ (Live)	(9:57)	Sesame Street (E)		The Price Is Right (N)	Cold Case Files (E)	The View (E)	World Vision (E)	Room House	Wilbur (E)	Pippi	Billiards: WPBA	The View (E)	Canada's Worst Driver	Mickey Handy	Movie: "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2000) (E)	Disorderly Con.	The Nanny
:30	Harvey		Pancakes																The Nanny
11 AM	Cosby	Playing	Rolie Polie Olie (E)	Big World Sit-Be Fit	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Young and the Restless	Cold Case Files (E)	Paid Prog.	Past Lives	(10:59) News (N) (E)	Arthur's Perf	Adrenalini	Rodeo: PRCA	eTalk (E)	Canada's Worst Driver	Benj Bear (11:25) King		Disorderly Con.	Ellen (E)
:30	Cosby	Homes						Paid Prog.	House			George S.		In Fashion					Frasier
12 PM	Still Std	News (N)	History	Charlie Rose (E)	Paid Prog.	News (N)	Cold Case Files (E)	All My Children (N) (E)	News (N)	Days of our Lives (N)	Legend of Frosty	Christmas	Boxing (E)	Degrassi	Canada's Worst Driver	2007 Toronto Santa Claus	CityLine (E)	Star Trek: Voyager (E)	Seinfeld
:30	Still Std	That News	Reach-Top		Paid Prog.	Bold & B.						Top 20		Bold & B.					Seinfeld
1 PM	Fresh Pr.	Design	World Christmas	Fine Art Sewing	Days of our Lives (N)	As the World Turns (N)	Cold Case Files (E)	One Life to Live (N)	As the World Turns (N)	As the World Turns (N)	Santa Claus	Beasts		Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye	Canada's Worst Driver	Parade	NewMusic Cover	Star Trek: Voyager (E)	Beverly Hills, 90210
:30	Fresh Pr.	Vanity										LazyTown				Emperor			
2 PM	King	The Steve Wilkos Show	Macphee	Word Moving On	Millionaire	Guiding Light (N) (E)	Cold Case Files (E)	General Hospital (N)	Guiding Light (N) (E)	Guiding Light (N) (E)	Movie: "Jack Frost" (1998)	Movie: "Blizzard" (2003)	Back Day	General Hospital (N)	Canada's Worst Driver	(1:48) Weekend	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Star Trek: Voyager (E)	Fresh Pr.
:30	King										Michael Keaton. (E)	Brenda Blethyn.	NFL Primetime (N) (E)	Dr. Phil (E)	Dirty Jobs "Pig Farmer"	K. Possible Replace	News (N) (E)	CSI: Crime Scn	Inside Box
3 PM	Friends	Big Screen	BluesClues	Maya	Judge	Dr. Phil (E)	CSI: Miami "Pro Per"	Rachael Ray (E)	Young and the Restless	Young and the Restless			Rudolph Reindeer & Island of Misfit Toys	Friends	Dirty Jobs	Emperor	Friends	CSI: Crime Scn	Tube Tales
:30	Seinfeld	Daily 10	Pets	Arthur (E)	Judge			Team Inside	Oprah Winfrey (E)	(3:59) News Global	Movie: "Jingle All the Way" (1996), Sinbad (E)		NFL Football: Denver Broncos at San Diego Chargers. (Live) (E)	Friends	Dirty Jobs	Emperor	Hollywood	CSI: Crime Scn	House
4 PM	Family Guy	Halle Berry: THIS	Charlie (4:35) Little	Cyberchas	Judge J.	Oprah Winfrey (E)	CSI: Miami (E)			(4:59) News (N) (E)	Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946)	James Stewart, Donna Reed. (E)	Malcolm Fries That?	Friends	Dirty Jobs	Emperor	Speakers	CSI: Crime Scn	Family Guy
:30	Family Guy		Fetch! With Judge J.											Friends	Dirty Jobs	Emperor	Life Derek (8:35) News	Married...	
5 PM	Movie: "The Rich Man's Wife" (1996)	News (N) (E)	Timothy (5:35)	BBC World Business	News (N)	News (N)	Movie: "Forrest Gump" (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. (E)	News (N)	News (N)	ET Canada	News (N) (E)	Red-Nosed Reindeer	NFL Football: Denver Broncos at San Diego Chargers. (Live) (E)	Raising Rover	Dirty Jobs	Suite Life Montana	Movie: "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003) (E)	CSI: Crime Scn	Family Guy
:30		Ad Pers	Orange	News-Lehrer	News (N)	News (N)		News (N)	News (N)	ET Canada	News (N) (E)			News (N) (E)	Dirty Jobs	Zoey 101	Sadie	CSI: Crime Scn	Seinfeld
6 PM		News	Noel Noel	Raymond	Raymond	Hollywood		Entertain	Entertain	Falcon Beach (E)	Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946)	Yogi Bear	Degrassi	Dirty Jobs	So Raven	Bio.: Moore	CSI: Crime Scn	Seinfeld	
:30								The Insider	ET Canada			Christmas	4REAL		Smart Guy				
7 PM	Frasier	E! News	Christmas Glory-Wales	Served	Jeopardy!	Friends								4REAL					
:30	Frasier	Jeopardy!		Wait God	Fortune	Scrubs													
8 PM	Seinfeld	Movie: "Now & Forever"	Christmas in Vienna	Antiques Roadshow	Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946)	How I Met My Big Bang	Paranormal	Grinch Stole Christmas	Movie: "The Road to Christmas" (2006) (E)	Movie: "The Road to Christmas" (2006) (E)	James Stewart, Donna Reed. (E)		SportsCentre (Live) (E)	Movie: "Spirit Bear: The Simon Jackson Story"	Dirty Jobs	Suite Life	Speakers	CSI: Crime Scn	Family Guy
:30	Cheers													Movie: "The 2007 Juno Awards"	Dirty Jobs	School	Movie: "Die Hard" (1988) Bruce Willis. (E)	Deep Space 9	
9 PM	Movie: "The Rich Man's Wife" (1996)	(2001) Mia Kirshner.	Christmas	Christmas-Mor	James Stewart. (E) (DVS)	Two Men Rules	Movie: "GoodFellas" (1990, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. (E)	Premiere.	Falcon Beach (E)	News Hour Final (N)	National	Monster Mystery	Capital One Holiday Celebration on Ice (Taped)	The 2007 Juno Awards	Dirty Jobs	School	Movie: "Die Hard" (1988) Bruce Willis. (E)	Deep Space 9	
:30														News (N)	Dirty Jobs	Suite Life	Life Derek		
10 PM		World of Possibilities	(10:45) Christmas Oratorio	Charlie Rose (N) (E)	News (N)	Christmas		News (N) (11:35)	News (N)	ET Canada				News (N)	Coal mining.	Life Derek			
:30																			
11 PM	Movie: "Showtime"	What Guy Stuff																	
:30																			

monday movies

10:00 am CITY (29) ★½ "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2000, Comedy) Ashton Kutcher. Two potheads wake to discover their car missing, their drug stash gone and no memory of the previous night's events. (E)  
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 4:00 pm CBC (13) ★★ "Jingle All the Way" (1996, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A crazed postman, a tough policeman and a shady Santa impede a workaholic seeking a coveted toy for his son. (E)  
 5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "The Rich

Man's Wife" (1996, Suspense) Halle Berry. The unhappy wife of a wealthy television executive meets a sinister stranger with a murderous proposition. (E)  
 A&E (9) ★★½ "Forrest Gump" (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks. JFK, LBJ, Vietnam, Watergate and other history is seen through the eyes of an Alabama man with an IQ of 75. (E)  
 CITY (29) ★★½ "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003, Comedy) Steve Martin. While his wife is away on business, a college-football coach must handle the chaos surrounding his 12 children. (In Stereo) (E)  
**EVENING**  
 7:00 pm CBC (13) ★★½ "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946, Comedy-Drama) James Stewart. Ruined by a miser on Christmas Eve, a suicidal family man sees life anew thanks to his guardian angel. (E)

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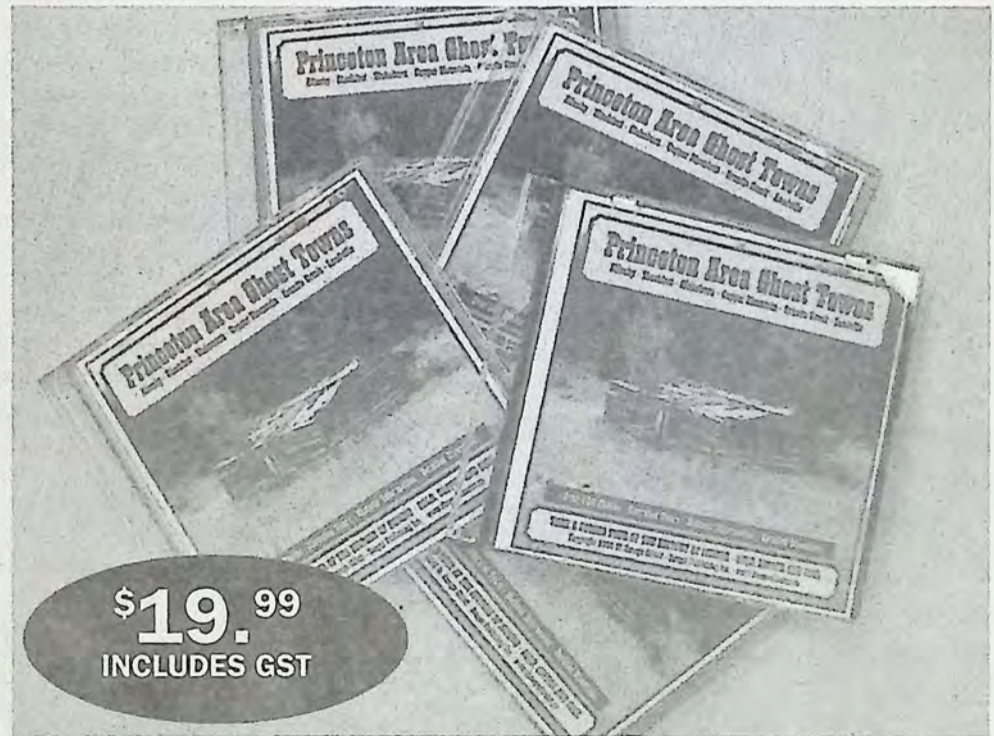
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## my turn

### Rockin' 'Round the Christmas Tree

There was a conversation not long ago in a place you may have been. It involved a line up of customers waiting for service in a very well known establishment. As a way of passing the time someone in line asked the others a question.

"What was the best Christmas gift you received?"

The question generated smiles, giggles and one person slipped into a coma. Okay, that was us slipping deep in thought.

"A rock," was one answer.

"A rock?"

"Yes, we eventually called it our Christmas Rock. When I was growing up our family was poor and all me any my brothers had to play with was a stick and a rock. We'd play with that rock all day, every day. Then one cold December afternoon the rock disappeared. We first thought the neighbour kid was jealous and swiped our rock but two weeks later, under the Christmas tree we found a shiny new rock. It was painted in a bright red so we wouldn't lose it and when Dad gave it to us we promised to be more careful with our rock."

By this time the line up had come to a screeching halt and everyone in the building stopped what they were doing to hear this Christmas Rock story.

"Each year, until I was 21, we'd have a rock to play with and about a week before Christmas it would mysteriously disappear and for some reason we'd find a brightly painted rock under the Christmas tree. One year it was blue, the next it was green and once it was yellow."

Someone started pulling people in from off the street to hear this story.

"Every Christmas we got us a brand new rock to play with. It was our Daddy's way of giving us the gift of Christmas when he couldn't afford to give us anything else."

We had to ask something, being curious newspaper reporter types.

"Where's that rock now?"

"When my Daddy passed away, we could hardly afford to properly cover funeral costs and the like, so we had some help from friends and neighbours. We buried that rock along with Daddy as our way of saying thanks for all the great Christmas memories he gave us as we were growing up."

We all nodded and said it was a great story. No one else answered the first question. The rock was a tough Christmas gift to beat, no doubt about it. It was the best video game or baseball or bicycle you could have. The rock was anything you wanted it to be, as long as you took care of it and never lost it.

It made us consider opening a Christmas Rock store downtown, but that would just take away from the true meaning of the Christmas Rock.

Then the line up moved swiftly and the old man who told us the story walked out of the store and back onto the street and disappeared.

But we never have forgotten the story of the Christmas Rock, which we first heard close to ten years ago. We've never seen the old man since, but for some unexplained reason, each Christmas morning we find a rock under the tree - a reminder for us of the way Christmas used to be.

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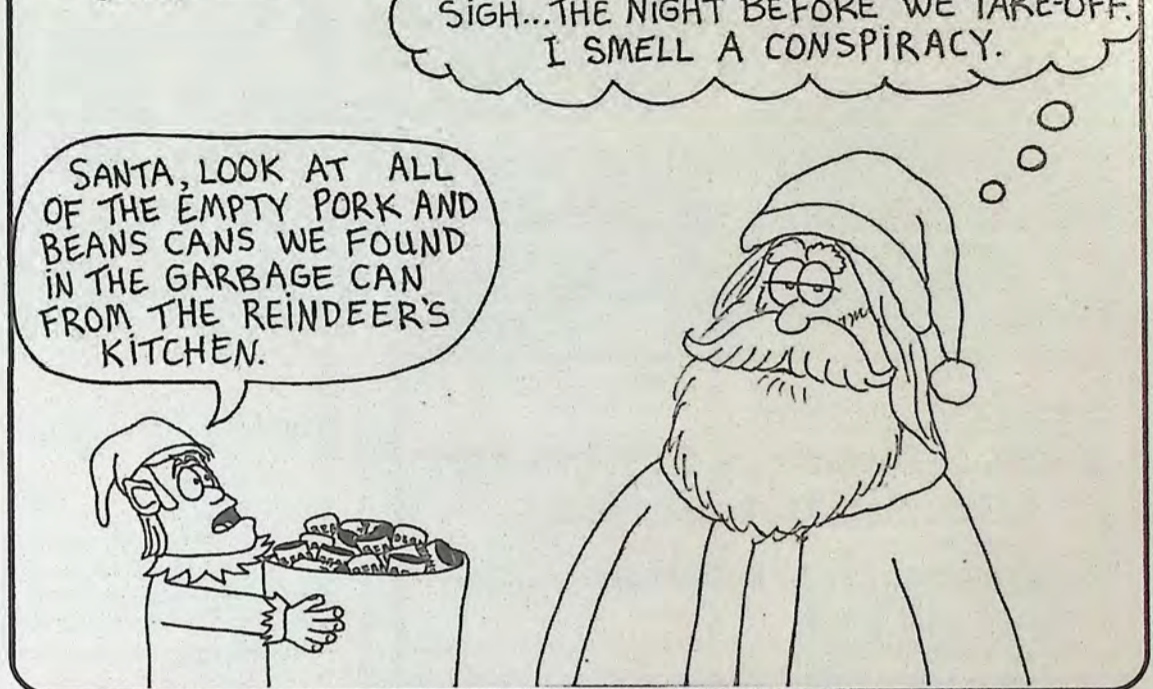
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## THIS TOONS



## your turn

### A different kind of present

To The Editor;

When possible people are drawn to areas like ours to get away from the 'rat race and stress of modern living.' To get close to nature, uplift the spirit and appreciate creation.

Nothing does this more than when gathered around an evening summer or winter campfire gazing up, in awe of the sparkling mysterious vastness of the universe.

The accepted word 'creation' recognizes a 'creator' and appreciating creation is in essence a conversation with a creator or communicating with the mysterious Supernatural, practiced by humans from the beginning of time.

But how about the Creator revealing it's self to the ordinary person? To Christians, such a remarkable event occurred. The wisdom of it's revelation given to the unwavering trust of the nature loving shepherd and is captured in the 'Christmas Story' ushering in a way of life, purpose and hope as presented by the Christian Community throughout the ages

and is celebrated any time.

Like the little Christian lady born in 1875. She suffered the loss of her husband in the first World War and like many others, with very limited means, struggled to raise her family only to see a son lost in the second World War and two other sons in the military on opposite sides on the same battlefield.

Suffering the loss of her home she became a displaced refugee in foreign lands, finally arriving in Canada at age 80. To her Canada was a marvelous Christmas gift. Though there was a language barrier for any her age, to her, going to Sunday morning and late afternoon church service was something she was eternally grateful for.

Besides, in the neighborhood was a new born infant and the little lady could come over and hold and rock the little child in her arms. The two had their own special language. Every time this happened, the joy was such it was another Christmas for the little lady.

One Sunday following an after-

noon church service she was struck down by a car while crossing the street. Maybe because the loss of one of her eyes when she was a young girl impaired her judgement. Well into 80's now, her frail little battered body was not to survive the night but she did and remained in a coma for some-time but eventually completely recovered her faculties.

She remained bedridden for a year, well cared for by those gifted and privileged to do so, like those in our Princeton Ridgewood Lodge. To her another Christmas gift.

Why the little lady was struck down after paying homage and respect to her creator is an eternal mystery understandably asked by those who have lost a loved one or endured the collapse of a marriage or some other tragedy. The little lady's conviction that she was a unique child of the creator and her implicit trust in the Christmas message never ever faltered.

One Sunday afternoon after summoning her family, she invited them to join her in a simple prayer. She was opening her Christmas present. They say she gently closed her eyes. She had a smile and looked somewhat younger with a certain radiance about her.

To Christians, it seemed quite apparent the little lady moved on with the finality of receiving the ultimate Christmas gift --- of eternal peace and happiness.

What a gift - 'Christmas'.

Regards,  
Joe Schwarz, Princeton



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Current Comment:

# Are we losing our identity?



Dawn Johnson  
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At this time of year, I see the true spirit of Canadian identity emerge and grow stronger. Perhaps most people see it as merely a manifestation of Christian charity, but I see the call for generosity as part of who we are as Canadians.

Christmas time comes, and we are asked to give to countless worthy causes, and most of us do the best we can, beginning in our own community. However, few of us appreciate the abundance with which we live and how we came to have such abundance.

Among the native people of our area, there is a strong belief in abundance and in making abundance. They believe we create abundance by giving to those who have less. By giving, by being generous, we create more abundance for everyone. I believe it.

During World War II, Canada was a nation with half the population we have today, yet we helped feed Britain, and after the war, we added Europe to the list of those we helped. We imported displaced people, we brought in immigrants from everywhere, and the result was increased prosperity.

Canadians continued to be generous, helping people when and where help was needed. Along with the United States, which was a very generous nation in those days, we answered need where it occurred.

It seems to me we are not so generous anymore, and neither is the U.S.A. I am not referring to private citizens now, I am referring to governments. Let me give you an example: who were the first to provide assistance when Katrina struck New Orleans? Do you remember the private citizens who rushed to help even before the government got organized? Even Canadians sent help to New Orleans residents. Private citizens continued to provide help long after the crisis was over. Rich Americans, like Oprah Winfrey and Phil McGraw, along with church memberships, provided housing and furniture and jobs for people left homeless by the hurricane.

What I see in our governments is an abdication of the role North Americans have played in helping the world stay well by being generous. It seems like our governments

want some kind of dollar value back in exchange for helping out, as if to say, "You owe me a profit because I have been nice to you."

Charity is not charity unless it is given freely with no strings attached. Our so-called generous World Bank has nearly bankrupted most of the poor countries it was supposed to help. The interest rates could barely be met, and then the World Bank began to dictate to the poor countries about cash crops they had to plant, thus cutting the food supply for the already hard-pressed poor people.

Have we forgotten what it is to be Canadian?

A Canadian is a person who believes that, together, sharing our resources, we can look after the health and well-being of all of our citizens. We do not like slackers who take advantage of our generous programs, but we do insist on health care and care for the needy or those who cannot care for themselves. We have established programs to help people when tough times hit. We developed these programs after the Great Depression.

Because we have been a rich nation, we have been able to generate enough to help more than just our own citizens.

Twelve years ago, Princeton, Coalmont and Tulameen were hit by a flood that left more than 200 people without homes. Yes, the provincial government helped out, but people from other towns sent help in the form of people helping to clean out flooded homes, and they sent goods – blankets, beds, dishes, appliances – you name it. This is the face of being Canadian. This is who we are.

Being generous once a year, or being generous as private citizens, does not cut it. We need to remember who we are as a nation, and we need to remind our government to uphold being what Canada is all about.

When we are generous, we create abundance. Abundance creates more abundance.

We are about to celebrate the birth of Jesus, who knew all about creating abundance. I know we will honour that tradition and create abundance in our community. Can we create it in our world?

## Marketplace Ministry

by Jim Caruso

### It's Christmastime again!

I have experienced 50+ Christmases in my life time, so far, and this time of year brings back many memories of my childhood Christmas celebrations. I think of living in the old Caruso house in Princeton. Now there was a unique experience. The old house was located in the middle of town behind the Rexall drug store and Benny Segal's Dry Goods store. Inside the house, the foundation must have shifted as you had to walk uphill from the living room to my bedroom. Outside, our yard was on the foothills of the first bench, which made for an awesome sledding place for the neighbourhood kids during the winter.

Of course no one in our neighbourhood could afford a toboggan or a sled, so we would take the old cardboard boxes from the drug store, (thanks Mr. Jackson), and use them to slide down from the first bench. We could hit some pretty good speeds and would place a lookout on the Bridge Street, the main street in town, and they would signal when we could start sliding. It took some genuine mathematical guessing to calculate the speed of the kid on the cardboard and the speed of the next car coming up Bridge Street. Of course there was nothing anyone could do after the cardboard rider was underway. The idea was to time it so we could cross the street and not get hit by any cars, continuing on down to the doctor's office about a block below Main Street.

It was on one of these days when we had a great snow fall and we played for hours on the hill. We had set some long distance records and when we were done, the hill was glare ice. That evening it snowed again while we slept. About 7:30AM, we heard a loud frightful voice yelling words that we weren't allowed to say at all in our house. I can't remember if my name was mentioned or not in the monologue, because the voice became louder and more filled with fear as the speed increased. My brother Tony and I looked out our bedroom window, just in time to see the owner of the local meat market, Stan Wilson, surfing by our house on a piece of cardboard that we had left on the hill the night before. It must have been hidden by the new snow. For his first time sliding, I think Mr. Wilson did very well, but I think he should have someone watching for cars.

Our Christmases were always white and we always had something to eat and presents to open. The tree was always ugly and in need of a few branches to be surgically implanted after we had put it up. My dad had taught us all how to drill holes in the trunk and add branches. I don't think we ever had a tree that we didn't have to tie to the wall. I was no problem, cut a piece of rope and drive a couple of nails in the wall and tie the rope to the tree and to the nails. The windows in the old house were self decorating, the ice on the inside of the window, formed beautiful winter frosted scenes. I only got my tongue stuck on the window two times.

There was always plenty of food at Christmas. Mom would cook a 25 pound turkey, a roast of beef, a ham, every vegetable known to mankind, stuffing and gravy and desserts like pie and Christmas cake. I remember one Christmas after all of us each eating enough dinner to feed a small nation: I convinced my brother Doug that he could eat a whole apple pie for dessert. When he was done the pie combined with the small nations food intake, he resembled the old fellow in the red suit that was seen in the neighbourhood the night before.

Even with all the fun playing on the hill beside our house, learning new words from Mr. Wilson, the tree that needed branches and all the food my mom could cook, our Christmases always lacked something. It wasn't until I was twenty-four years old that I experienced my first Christmas as a Christian. Earlier that year I had gone to church and accepted the forgiveness of Jesus Christ, the most wonderful gift that I have ever received, that year I realized that Jesus was the Reason for the Season. I still love the memories of my Christmases growing up in my hometown, but have a new reason to celebrate, and that reason is Jesus. May your Christmas this year, be a time when you focus on the Reason for the Season, Jesus. "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. John 3:16 Message: Merry Christmas!!!!

Pastor Jim Caruso - Oceanside Community Church, Parksville - jpcaruso@telus.net

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Princeton's Tyler Martin takes the face off December 15th against Kamloops. \*

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- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28**  
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# Posse win another at home

The Valley First Princeton Posse has had a rough few weeks.

With a schedule that put 20 days between home games in order to fit in 7 road games (five of which the amazing Posse somehow managed to lose), and numerous tweaks to what appeared to already be a perfect team, the match December 15th against Kamloops Storm was going to be a game to show all the nay sayers that the changes were for the better.

The Posse lost the night before 2-1 in a shoot out in Kamloops.

With a slightly smaller crowd than usual at Princeton Arena, the Posse had a goal waved off at 8:04 in the first period when Kyle L'Arrivee popped one in just inside the goal post but the net had been dislodged

from it's moorings just before the puck entered the net. Early in the second period Princeton gave up two goals to Kamloops (scored at 1:09 and 6:04).

Princeton's Jeremy Wagner finally put Princeton on the scoreboard with a goal scored at 11:07. Tyler Martin was credited with the assist.

Then Brad Goss tied the game at 2 with a goal at 14:08. Assists went to Logan Johnston and Tyler Martin.

The tying goal fired the Posse up and they virtually owned the third period and scored their go ahead goal at 13:25 when Garrett Pfeifer passed to Brad Goss who then took the puck into the Storm zone, back-handed a pass across the front of the net to Taylor Stuart who then

popped it into the wide open glove side.

Kamloops elected to pull their goalie in the final minute and a bit of play for an extra attacker. It looked as if the plan was going to pay dividends as Kamloops did a great job of keeping the puck in Posse territory.

That is, until Brad Goss got his stick on the puck, shoveled it out to Wade Masch who then sent it out to Tyler Martin who raced up the boards in front of both benches to a point where he fired a weak shot across to the empty net. The puck slowly ricocheted off the inside of the post into the goal.

The assist by Goss put him into 16th place overall in the KIJHL ..... continued on next page

### Letter To The Editor

# Princeton man looks for answers

To The Editor;

A depraved miscreant is finally convicted of second-degree murder for the ghoulish horror killings of six innocuous women.

These atrocities were committed as a regular systematic hobby and no doubt there were accomplices. Word is the public cost of convicting this fiend is \$112-million and it could be more with an appeal!

This case and more charges against him and maybe others could go on for years which would be great for lawyers and the media, but it is ironic when money isn't

there for affordable housing and jobs, which would reduce the shameful situation an increasing number of people are falling into. - J. W. Noppe, Princeton

### Letter To The Editor

# Manning sends update

To The Editor;

Merry Christmas and best wishes to everyone in the Princeton area. Once again we would like to thank everyone for helping us to have a great year.

Princeton Hospital, Ridgewood Lodge and Penticton Hospital have all benefited from everyone's generosity.

At the Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Store our last day of business

before the holidays will be Friday, December 21st and we will reopen on Wednesday, January 9th.

In order to give our hardworking members a rest we would really appreciate donations being held until after the holidays.

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Seasons Greetings to all,  
- June Manning, President,  
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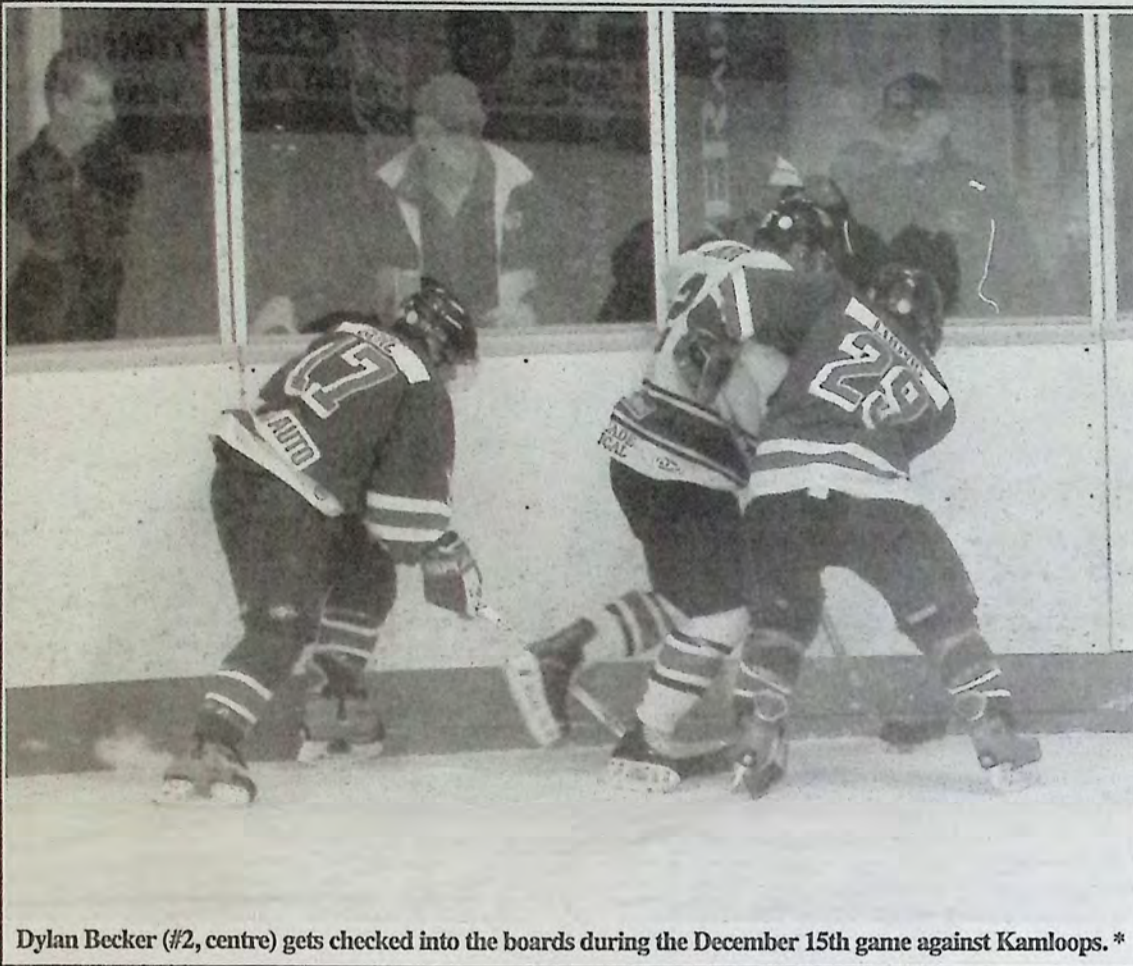
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Dylan Becker (#2, centre) gets checked into the boards during the December 15th game against Kamloops.\*

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League Leaders stats.

Shots on goal: Kamloops 38, Princeton 26. Final score: Princeton 4, Kamloops 2.

The Princeton Dairy Queen/Finning Tractor Kamloops Players of the Game were #1: Brad

Goss, #2: Jeremy Wagner and #3: Tyler Martin.

The next Princeton Posse home game, December 19th against Summerland Sting, will be the annual Teddy Bear Game where fans are encouraged to take a teddy bear to the game and when

Princeton scores their first goal, toss the bears onto the ice. The toys will be collected and presented to Princeton Crisis Assistance Society for the annual Christmas Hamper Drive. Princeton Dairy Queen and Similkameen News Leader sponsor the Teddy Bear game.

## Don't forget 'critters' this Christmas

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- a little bird seed for our feathered friends
- towels, sheets and blankets
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- horse trailer for cruelty investigations

Now remember 'it's Christmas' so don't forget some treats and some toys for our furry little girls and boys (our kitten and cat favourites are fuzzy mice - our puppy and dog favourites are tennis balls, chew toys and stuffed animals).

On behalf of those who can't speak for themselves at the shelter,

thank you for remembering us!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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## Singers take to the streets

Newcomers to the annual Christmas Songfest this year were a group of singers called the Princeton Waits (an old English term).

They will be singing along Corina Avenue and Asp Street on December 18th and some residents along Similkameen River will be inviting the carolers in to warm themselves with mulled wine and

ed at Kevin Acres at 233 Vermilion Avenue and at Princeton Feed & Farm Supply on Bridge Street.

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Christmas goodies.

On December 20th the Princeton Waits will sing at Overwaitea, later to be hosted at the home of two members.

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- submitted by Linda Neumann

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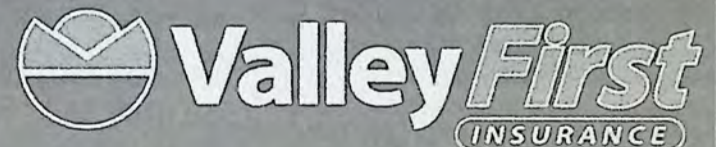


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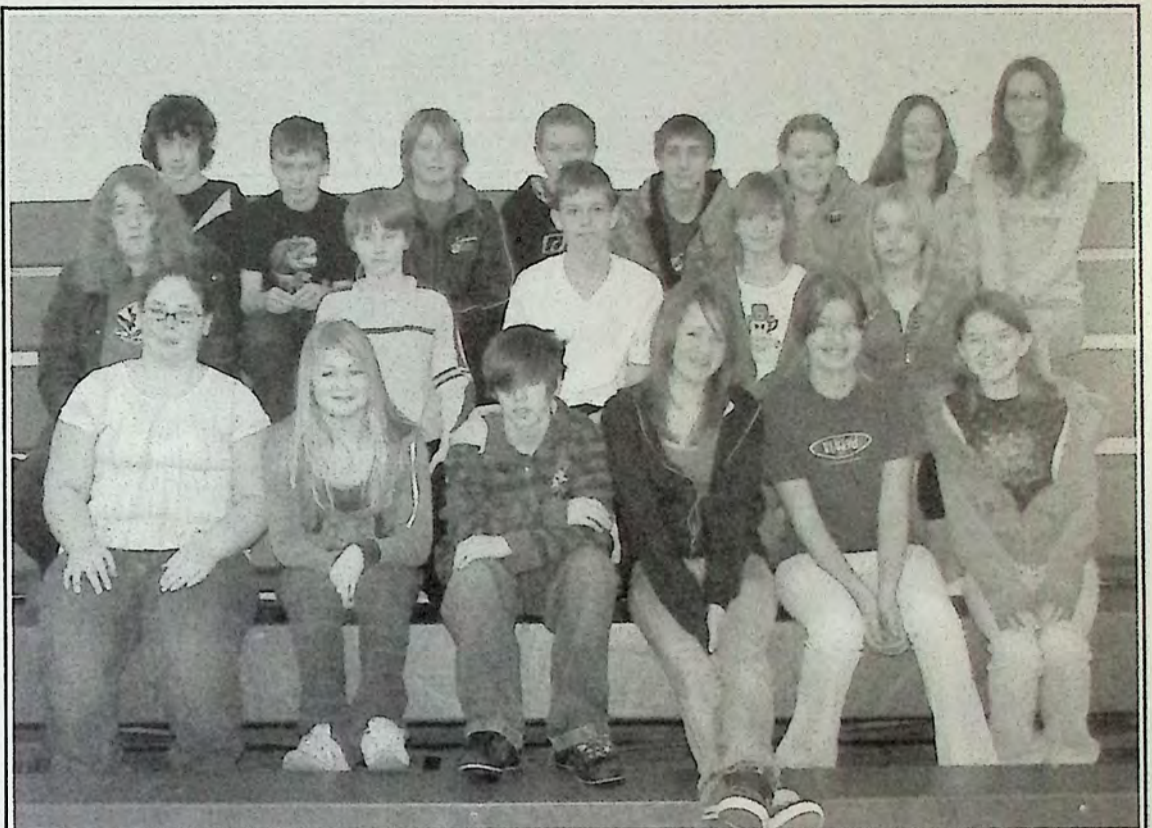
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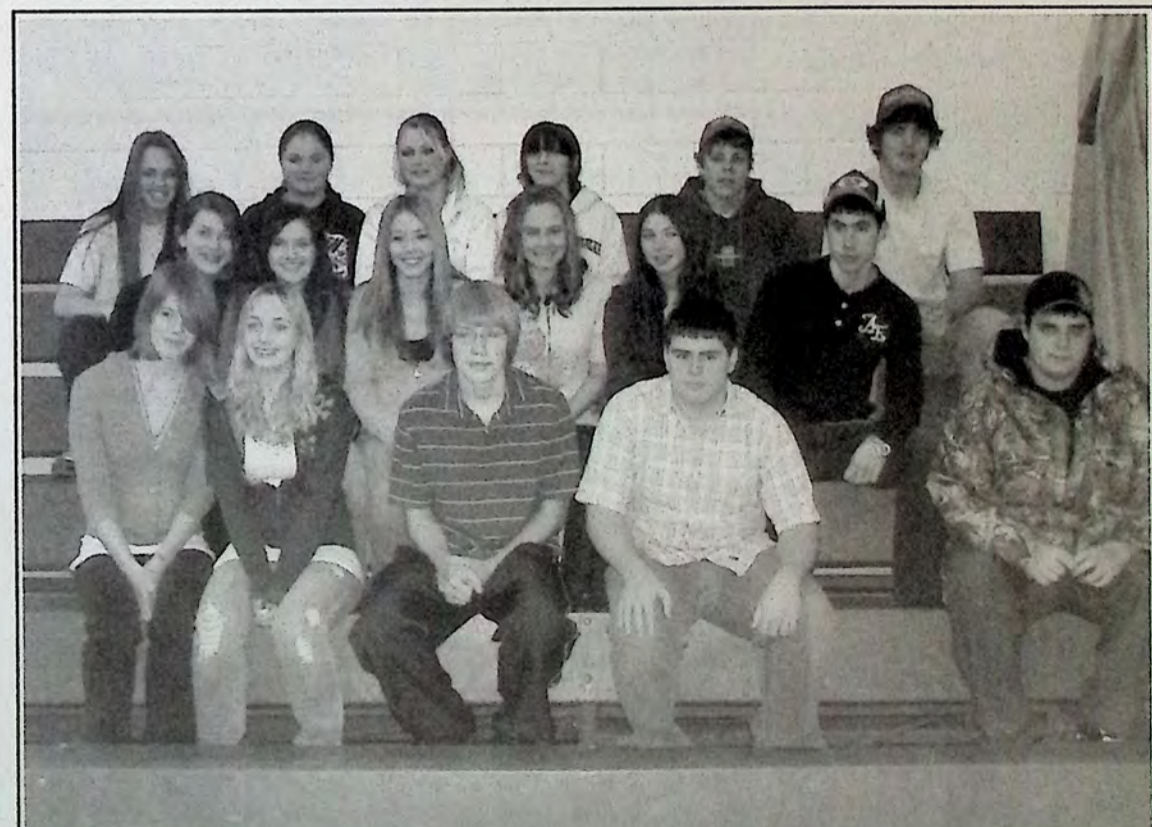
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## Residents prepare for Christmas

We, the residents of Vermilion Court, consider ourselves very lucky. We seem to have little time to feel lonely as there is always one more thing happening to keep us busy and entertained.

Today was no exception. In the morning we had the pleasure of approximately 50 students with teachers and helpers come to entertain us. They were so sweet and happy. And we really enjoyed their singing Christmas songs to us. Also several sang solo parts before the others joined in.

One young lad played a saxophone very well. After their performance they enjoyed juice and cookies before finding their coats and boots and boarding the bus taking them to some other function.

Today we also had the pleasure of Helene come to read us some of her poems. They were so interesting and humorous. The last read by her mentioned each of us by name and caused much laughter.

One afternoon many of the residents were taken by bus to

Ridgewood Lodge where the "Hayseeds" entertained the residents and us.

The "Chipmunks" caused much laughter and don't you know Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer had to prance across in front of everyone? He sported horns and a red nose! More fun! Of course we were treated to juice and dainties for our efforts.

The Scouts and Guides came and entertained us after supper on Wednesday.

Very nicely done. And they each came and spoke to us. Such a nice gesture! I'm sure we enjoyed them as much as they enjoyed their goodies before going home. Congratulations to the children and their leaders for their presentations.

- submitted by D. Stenvold

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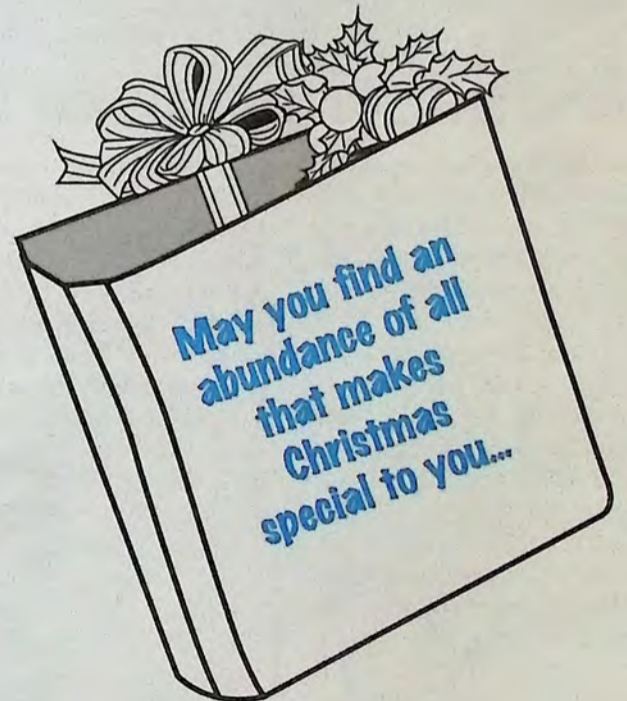
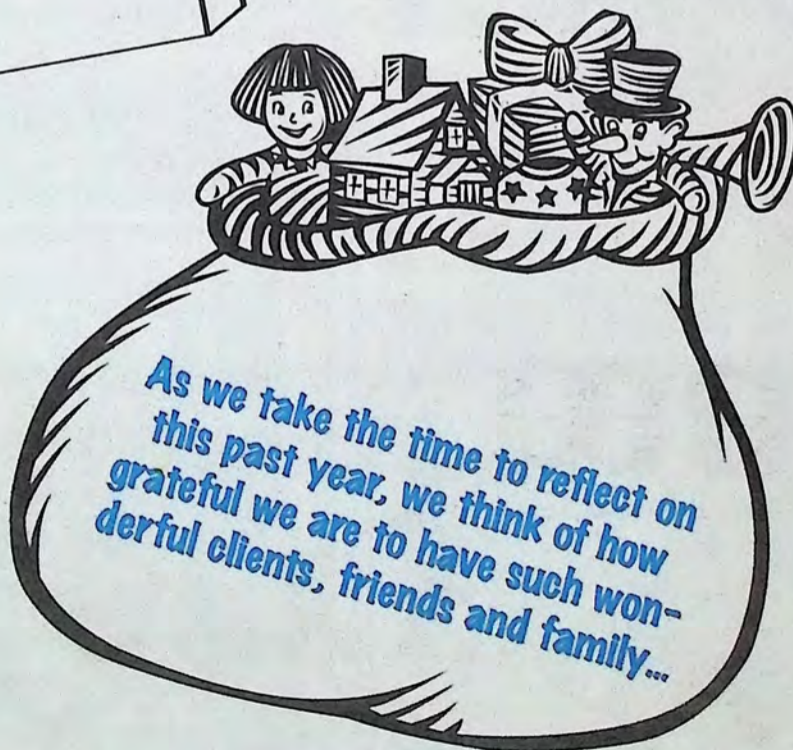
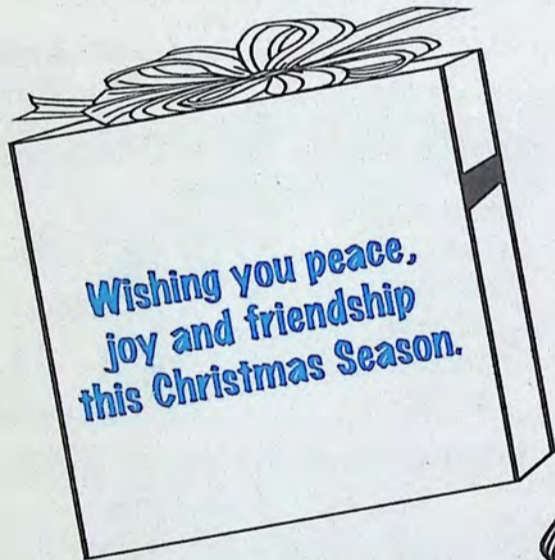
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