



Kyle Lozier of 150 Mile House scored 75 on The Butcher in Bull Riding on Sunday May 11th. More on the 7th annual Princeton Rodeo on Page 11. Many more photos on Page 12 & 24. *

Manion praises PXA, Chamber

Councillor Jim Manion reported to Town Council on May 5 that Princeton Exhibition Association (PXA) has done a remarkable job on the grounds.

He told Council the user groups are working well together, they have a lot of enthusiasm, and the Rodeo Club has a lot of energy. The Fall Fair Association, he said, has a good cross-section of members of different ages, and is well-organized.

Mayor Randy McLean complimented Councillor Manion on getting the groups working together.

Manion also reported to Town Council on May 5 that the Chamber of Commerce is "coming into their own".

He stated the Chamber is going out to businesses to see what they would like done, and is welcoming new business people. Plans are in the works for "Business After Hours" to resume as a networking method, as was done several years ago and has been a regular 'networking' opportunity used by Similkameen Country, the Chamber of Commerce serving the Keremeos and Hedley areas.

Snowpack is 'near normal' levels

At the peak of snow accumulation in mid-April, much of British Columbia had near normal snowpacks, with a few areas above normal, such as the Peace and the south, central and north coasts.

However, as a result of one of the coldest Aprils in the last 50 years, spring snowmelt has been delayed, and additional snow has accumulated.

As of May 1st, basin snow water indicators range from a low of 99 per cent of normal in the mid Fraser, to near 120 per cent of normal on Vancouver Island and along coastal drainages. The Upper Fraser River basin and the Peace River are both at 116 per cent of normal, and the North Thompson is at 114 per cent.

Most other basins, including the Nechako, Mid Fraser, South Thompson, Columbia, Kootenay, Okanagan and Similkameen are near normal.

The Fraser River snow index,

which includes all of the river's major water-producing areas, from its headwaters down to Mission, is 107 per cent of normal, up from 102 per cent on April 1st.

As of May 1st, snow conditions are likely to produce near normal or slightly above normal volumes in major rivers as the snow melts from now through July. These snow conditions provide a positive outlook for water supplies in most of the province, including community water supplies, in-stream flows, ground water and aquifers.

Cold spring weather and the resulting delay in snowmelt could also result in above normal water levels on rivers in the major Interior basins in late May and June (Upper Fraser, North Thompson, South Thompson, Shuswap Lake, Skeena, Bulkley, Nass, Kootenay, Columbia and others).

If spring weather conditions are near normal (not unusually wet or unusually hot) there is low likelihood of flooding on major rivers. The forecast for the Fraser River at Hope is a peak discharge in June that could meet last year's peak discharge of 11,000 cubic metres per second.

Flooding on Vancouver Island and other coastal drainage areas, such as areas surrounding the South Coast mountains, is unlikely, as high flows in these areas typically result from fall and winter rain storms - not spring snowmelt.

Environment Minister Barry Penner says the BC government is working to reduce risks by funding

Town hosts airport appreciation day

In celebration of the hard work the Airport Select Committee has been doing for the community over the past two years, the public is invited to attend the first ever Princeton Airport Appreciation Day on Saturday, June 7th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Princeton Regional Airport.

This celebration follows the Radio Air Controlled jet flyers exhibition the weekend before.

Grab your lawn chairs, wear a hat and sunscreen and join us for a spectacular air show featuring the Fraser Blues Flying Demonstration Team, a five-member team who showcase their World War II Navion aircraft in a crowd pleasing display of true air-manship and thrilling precision fly-

ing. The five-member team includes former Canadian Air Force Snow Bird pilots. Everyone will have a chance to meet with the pilots and view the aircraft up close.

Stop by for a barbeque lunch donated by Billy's Restaurant, visit the weather station and enjoy children's activities throughout the day. Fun, food and entertainment for all ages is what you will find at this free community event hosted by the Town of Princeton. Gates off of Airport Road will open to the public at 10:30 AM.

"The Airport Select Committee has been working extremely hard on behalf of the Town of Princeton for several years now," notes Committee Chair Ray Jarvis.

"We are celebrating our successes

with the community by hosting a free Airport Appreciation Day and Air Show."

Although an airport committee has been in existence for several years, Town Council officially created the Airport Select Committee in 2006 and their first order of business was retaining the consulting services of William R. Neale and Associates to conduct an airport feasibility study. Neale presented his report to the committee and council in July 2006.

The community will observe some modest changes at the airport when they visit on the Saturday and the Town of Princeton will be making an important announcement about the bright future of the airport.

River Forecast Centre (RFC) monitors snowmelt, weather and stream flow conditions. The RFC produces forecasts of river discharge and water levels, and releases advisories and warnings as conditions warrant.

For more information visit: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/rfc/>

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Princeton Lions Club members Wayne Passey and Wayne Harrop try to decide which of the great donations to the Lions Club Auction they will use for the 'Pay What You Spin' Wheel of Fortune Raffle. This year's annual auction is set for Saturday, May 17th in Princeton Arena. Photo: Anne Passey

Funds mount for trail bridge

A foot bridge on the TransCanada Trail, called the Bridge of Dreams, is one step closer to reality. On May 5, Town Council entered into an agreement with the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for

\$96,973, money allocated from gasoline taxes.

The project is estimated to cost \$960,000, with \$75,000 coming from Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust and \$150,000 from TransCanada Trail Foundation. Town Council is hoping to receive the remainder from the provincial government LocalMotion Program. This final funding was applied for earlier this year and if granted, will allow for the construction of the foot bridge without drawing on local property taxes.

The foot bridge completes a section

of the TransCanada Trail across the Tulameen River parallel to the existing Highway 5A bridge for automobile traffic. The project was proposed to Town Council seven years ago by John Sandness, who noted the unsafe conditions faced by persons using the trail who had to cross the highway to use the bridge then cross it again to go back to the trail.

Construction of the foot bridge should begin this year as soon as all funding is confirmed. Vermilion Trails Society has accepted a proposal from StructureCraft Builders of Delta, B.C. to construct the bridge.

Jarvis hears local youth

Councillor Ray Jarvis was impressed with young people from Princeton Secondary School who spoke at the CYC meeting held last month. He told Town Council on May 5 that Princeton's youth favour an aquatic centre, as they feel there is not enough to do in town.

The youngsters would really like to have a driving instruction school in Princeton, as they and their parents find it too expensive to go to Penticton for driving instruction.

When asked about whether they would do volunteer work in the community, the young people said they would be happy to volunteer for local projects, but they would need to be asked. A bulletin at the school was suggested as a means of requesting volunteers.

The students at the meeting said most young people leave Princeton after graduating from Grade 12 because Princeton is "boring" and because there are not enough jobs available locally.

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The Similkameen River near Wolfe Creek actually had waves on it last week! Photo: Brenda Engel

Leaders express park study concerns

Directors of the Similkameen Valley Planning Society, which represents the communities and First Nations of the Similkameen Valley, recently issued a statement of concerns to Parks Canada.

A study of the feasibility of a new national park is reaching its final stages. The proposed boundaries place over 80% of the proposed park in the Similkameen watershed. The SVPS says the study method is flawed and results provided so far ignore the interests of Similkameen residents.

SVPS Chair, George Hanson, says there are three main concerns.

"First, there has been no consultation with our organization, our Economic Development Officer or other managers of the Similkameen economy about our economic realities and strategies. The Parks Canada consultants have done their analysis in isolation from local knowledge and expertise.

"Secondly, we have voiced concerns that residents of the Similkameen will suffer economic and social losses if the park goes ahead, while primary benefits might go to the South Okanagan. We will lose range lands and ranches, most of the last free Crown Land will be protected from development and the last unrestricted sports and recreation lands used by local residents will be off limits. Should the park go ahead, then in compensation we expect the park headquarters and visitor centre to be located in the Similkameen. As far as we can tell, Parks Canada has made no commitment to that equitable trade-off.

"And, thirdly, the Lower Similkameen Indian Band has crucial issues with park development related to traditional rights and title. Band members will be the most effected by a park, because it would surround their reserves, cutting

them off from their traditional and historic land base."

Chief Joe Dennis of the Lower Similkameen Indian Band says that while the rights and title issues are most important, lack of economic benefits for his people is another concern.

"Right now (Parks Canada) is offering us almost nothing in the way of jobs for our people."

Parks Canada began studying the feasibility of a new national park in 2004. In 2006, a tourism impacts study was completed without input from the SVPS. The final socio-economic feasibility study is being completed by a consultant from Vancouver. Michael McLaughlin is Similkameen Valley Economic Development Officer. He says he is puzzled by the consultant's failure to contact him.

"You would think that, without someone on their team who is familiar with the area's economic plans, they would ask for information. And you would think that if Parks Canada wants to build an economics benefits case for the park, they would want to show the park will be complementary to existing strategies and developments. Instead, they work in isolation, as if a park is not connected to the economy around it."

The SVPS has stopped short of expressing opposition to the park. In the words of SVPS Director Joe Nitsch, "results of the current study are irrelevant and unsuited as a basis for a park proposal."

Hanson has written to Parks Canada Feasibility Study Project Manager Tom Hurd requesting a dialogue on dealing with concerns in the Similkameen.

It is a question of credibility, says Hanson.

"Parks Canada has to prove to us that they have the sensitivity to develop a park on an occupied

landscape in a way that respects and addresses the lifestyle and interests of the people who live here."

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We encourage you to learn the facts about CBG not just from us. For details on government regulations which we follow and, at times, exceed, go to the BC government CBG website at www.coalbedgas.gov.bc.ca. Or for information on CBG drilling in Canada, visit the Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas at www.csug.ca.

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Keremeos RCMP responded to a single vehicle roll over accident on Highway 3 south of Yellow Lake on May 1st. The vehicle was travelling south along the highway with three occupants when the accident occurred. The adult driver and two children were taken to Penticton Regional Hospital. RCMP are still investigating the incident and say alcohol and speed were likely factors. Photo: Keremeos RCMP Detachment

Talented students are all winners

SESS students put on a talent show on May 6 to show the world they are gifted. In fact, they are so talented no winner was chosen by judges, but by drawing names. Everybody was a winner.

There were 23 acts, with singing, dancing, musicians, comedy routines and gymnastics.

Ian Johnson was in charge of lighting, teacher organizers were

Robyn Richter and Leroy Slanzi, ushers were Kelsey Cummings and Alyda Worthing, and Leroy Slanzi acted as Master of Ceremonies, quite a job considering the number and variety of acts presented for appreciation.

Jessica Lion and Keira Stel led with O Canada. Gymnastics were performed by Ashley Freeman, Paige Haamers and Leah McCurdy. Dancing included Pavan Bengag, Sandeep Bengag, Rita Dhaliwal, Kiran Lidher, Satinder Lidher in a group performance, and Nicola Fransch in a dance solo.

Other performers who sang and played music were Michaela

Sanders, Josh Vissia, Marla Clifton, Melanda Danehower, Sheena Anderson, Tracy Jerowsky, Dominique Dupuis, Margaux Herder, Jenifer Sparkes, Rayanna Kirton, Damielle Jerowsky, Book-lyn Ouimette, Natasha Wigglesworth, Sammy Slade, Donna-Lee Bradshaw, Katie Fransch, Christine Chartrand, Megan Clifton, Amy Vikner, Amanda Jerowsky, Deyannarah Seaman, Chelsea Vissia, Lois Fraser, Mercedes Pinch, Tia Reimer, Girl Group and a group called Name Us.

This was the first talent show, but the plan is to have it an annual event.

LSIB is against flooding

Chief Joseph Dennis has made it quite clear to anyone and everyone that Lower Similkameen Indian Band is unrelentingly opposed to a dam at Shanker's Bend in Washington.

Such a dam would flood Reserve Land in Canada. At a meeting with Minister Barry Penner, at Manning Park on April 11, Dennis told him the LSIB posi-

tion in regard to Shanker's Bend. The Band wants it erased as an option.

At the same time, LSIB recognizes the need for more electrical power sources, and is not opposed to wind farming.

The Band has discussed this with Fortis BC as a buyer of power, and is considering the potential for a wind farm.

Students attend festival

Elementary School students will go to Penticton's Children's Festival on Thursday, May 22. The festival will be held in performance tents set up at Okanagan Lake Park. The festival will feature musicians, actors, acrobats, comedians and storytellers. Hands on activities will include origami,

crafts, circus arts, making music, and an eco-tent.

The purpose of the festival is to stimulate global awareness and an appreciation of cultural differences, as well as encouraging children's creativity.

Food is available on site, and bag lunches will be provided.

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We love blossom time in the Similkameen Valley. Here's a look at trees in blossom at Keremeos. *

Lali demands PGH cuts restored

Harry Lali, NDP MLA for Yale-Lillooet, called on the Minister of Health to restore cuts to the Princeton Hospital and presented a petition May 8th on behalf of Princeton residents that protests the cuts to community health services.

"The people of Princeton are very clear about the failure of the Campbell-Liberal government to provide much-needed health services to their community," said Lali.

"The petition containing 662 signatures from residents in the Princeton area calls on the government to keep the Emergency Room open and to reinstate surgical services at the Princeton Hospital."

During debate May 7th in the Legislature on Bill 25 entitled Health Professionals (Regulatory Reform) Amendment Act, 2008 Lali said, "On behalf of my community, they've asked me to lobby the Minister. I'm lobbying the Minister to give a little bit of attention to these communities who have been hurt by the Campbell-Liberal government's agenda of cuts."

Since 2001 the Campbell government cut services in small, rural communities.

"The result has meant fewer acute care beds, loss of surgical procedures, and the closure of the natal care units, including the one in Princeton," said Lali.

"Now patients must travel long distances to places like Penticton, Kelowna, Chilliwack and Kamloops for care they previously received in local hospitals in the 1990s. It is simply unacceptable. No one in Princeton can forget Jessica Obey giving birth to her son on the roadside in her family's SUV while the child's father received emergency instructions for delivering the baby over the cell phone,"

said Lali.

"The family had to rush the pregnant mom 110 kilometres, over mountain passes, to the Penticton hospital all because the Campbell government shut down the natal unit in Princeton. Unfortunately, the BC Liberal government is again handing down more cuts," said Lali.

"And in Princeton people are facing further cuts to the Emergency

Room and surgical services. When will this Liberal government stop hurting small communities?" asked Lali from the Legislature.

"The Campbell-Liberals approach has led to crisis after crisis in small communities. The reality is communities in my constituency look forward to the day the Minister rectifies the situation so we don't have these kinds of crises surfacing every few months." - submitted

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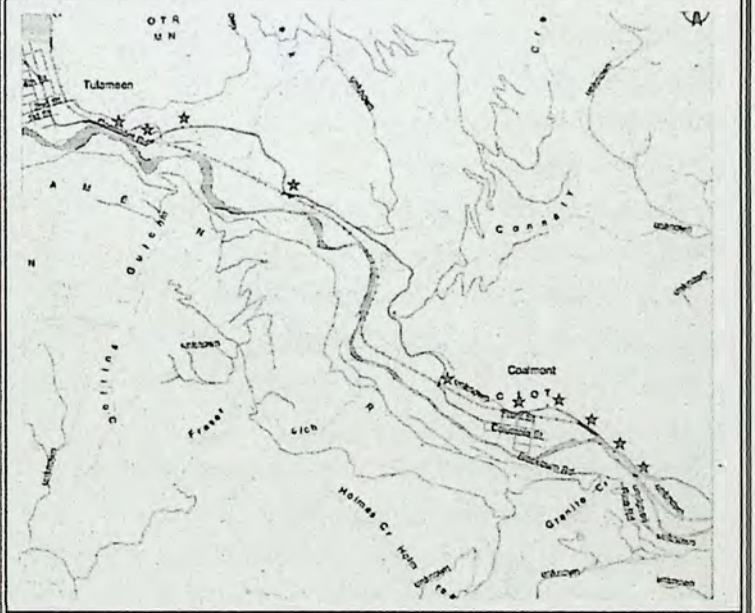
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The Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA), and our

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What's all the fuss about fibre? Benefits beyond bran

(NC)—Did you know that the right type and amount of dietary fibre could help you lose weight, balance cholesterol, prevent blood sugar problems and even change the glycemic index of the foods you eat?

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Dr. Murray, co-author of a new book from Atria Press called *Hunger Free Forever*, explains that soluble fibre can make a person feel full even with a small amount of food. Soluble fibre combines with food and water and expands in the digestive tract, slowing digestion and therefore helping the body receive nutrition, especially glucose, at a more controlled rate. This is extremely helpful for anyone with blood sugar problems such as Metabolic Syndrome, pre-diabetes or Type II diabetes.

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Parsley is known as a cancer preventative food, as well as an excellent aid in combatting kidney inflammation. Dried parsley tea can be used to treat inability to urinate, painful urination, kidney stones, and fluid retention. Take one cup of parsley tea daily with meals.

Parsley tea is believed to be a good cure for improving your sex life if taken a half hour before sexual activity. Lovers should keep parsley in the cupboard to enjoy a busy sex life!

If you have a problem with bad breath, chew parsley. If you want your dog's breath to improve, chop some parsley into very small bits and stir into wet dog food.

For better health, make a point of adding parsley to salads, put finely chopped parsley on potatoes or in rice, or to top a plate of tomatoes.

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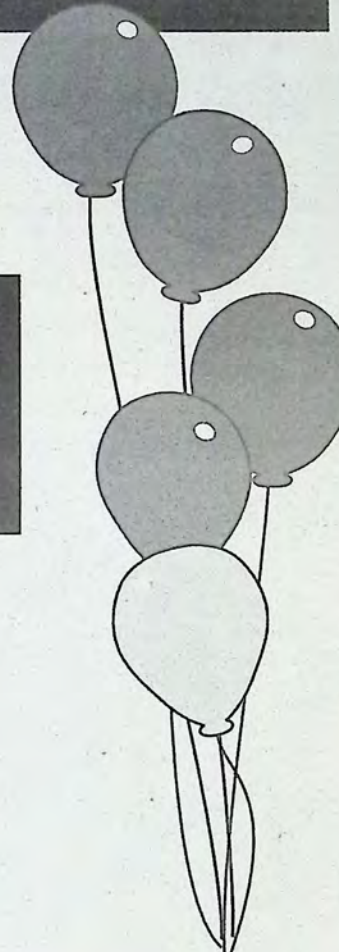
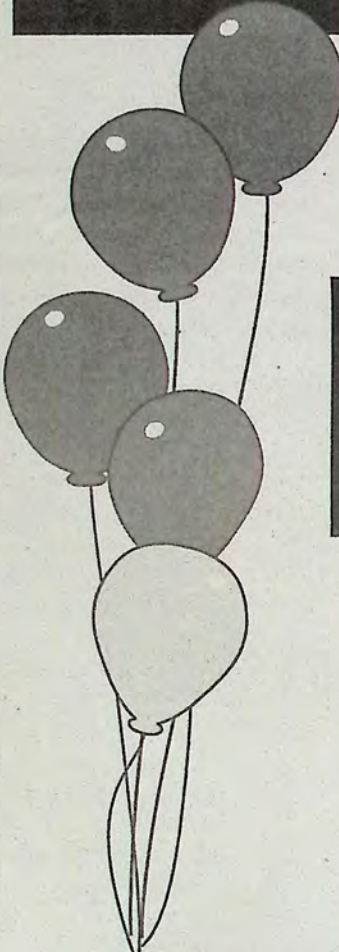
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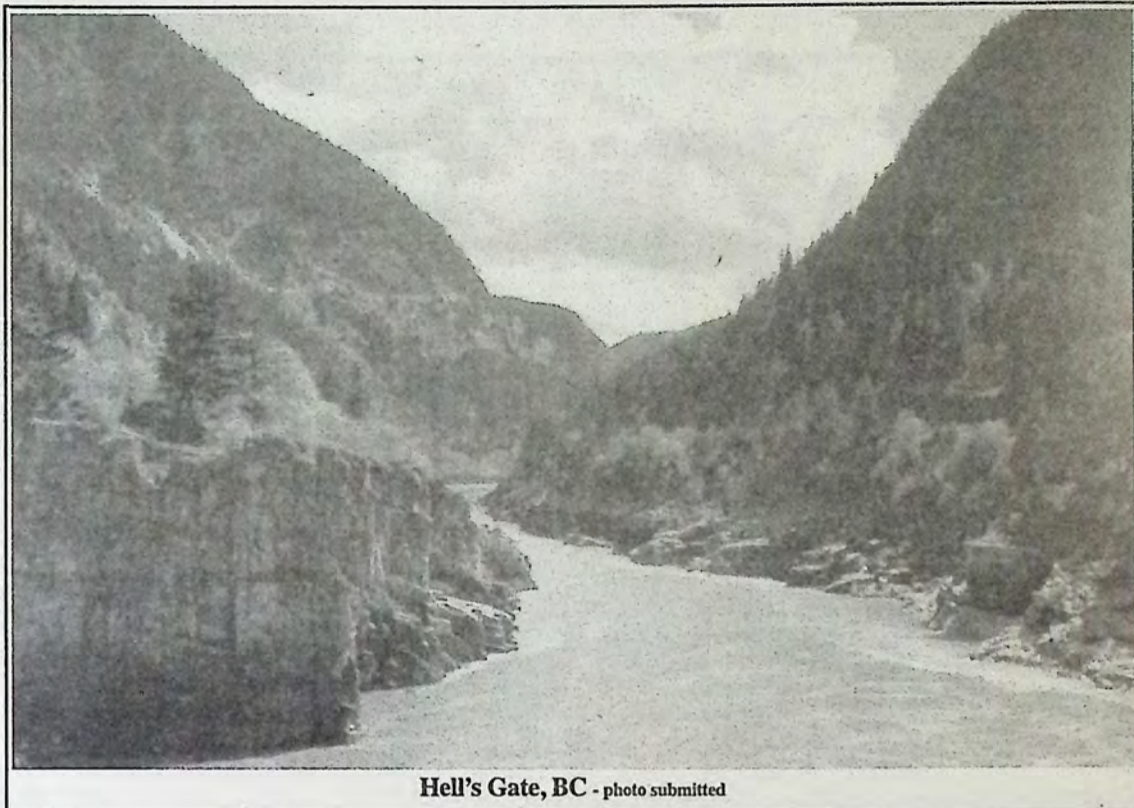
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Hell's Gate, BC - photo submitted

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by Nick Mills, Princeton Museum & Archives

Hell's Gate is a 35-metre narrowing of the Fraser River, located immediately downstream from Boston Bar where the towering rock walls of the Fraser River plunge towards each other forcing the waters through a passage only 110-feet wide.

Simon Fraser's journey of 1808 is the first recorded history of Hell's Gate. There he describes the narrow passage as an awesome gorge and adds 'Surely this is the gate of Hell.' On June 26, 1808 he passed along the cliffs on a series of bridges and

ladders built by the local Nlakapamux people.

In 1914 construction of the Canadian Railway blasted thousands of tons of rock into the river below the railroad grade. This further constricted the river and damaged sockeye salmon runs. In 1944, after thirty years of scientific planning construction of the Hell's Gate fishways was started by a joint Canadian-American Commission and completed in 1946.

The route of the present Trans-Canada Highway through the Fraser Canyon roughly parallels the fur brigade trail of the Hudson's Bay Company which was built over the shoulder of the Cascade Mountains high above the east bank of Hell's Gate. Starting with the Fraser Canyon Gold Rush of 1858 a useable mule trail was built through the Canyon which the new colonial government invested in heavily to build the Cariboo Wagon Road. The Cariboo Road was completed in 1864, but destroyed by CPR construction in the 1880s. A road through the Canyon was not opened again until 1922 as the Cariboo Highway.

The Canadian Pacific Railway construction through the canyon

took four years and was completed in 1884. Across on the opposite side of the river runs the Canadian National Railway, originally called the Canadian Northern Railway, having been completed thirty years later in 1914. In 1969 the planning began to build Hell's Gate Airtram. There were twelve principal owners, one of which was Andrew Mulligan the General Manager. In 1970 the stringing of the cables took place; the upper and lower terminal buildings both being anchored by bolts that went back 20 feet into the bedrock.

July 20th, 1971 was the first day of public transportation, but at this time there was not too much at the lower terminal for people to do except view the International Fishways, there being no interpretive centre or souvenir shop.

With only six months to operate in that year the company had an amazing 131,000 passengers. To date the most passengers carried in one year is 185,000 during 1980.

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Princeton Court News

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News Leader Court Reporter Dawn Johnson

Judge finds driver not guilty

Kimball G. Maynard, of Princeton, went to trial in Provincial Court on May 8 facing a charge of driving while prohibited. The charge was based on an impaired driving investigation begun on December 21, 2004, when police issued a driving prohibition.

Under the terms of the prohibition, Maynard had seven days to request a review, or in 21 days he would begin a 90 day prohibition.

Maynard requested the review. A decision would have to be rendered by the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles by January 10, 2005.

On January 14, Maynard was dri-

ving his vehicle and was stopped and charged with driving while prohibited.

Maynard's defence counsel argued that Maynard was not advised that his review was unsuccessful. The decision had been made, but Maynard was not notified. In fact, his lawyer presented evidence showing the notification was sent to his counsel's office by regular mail and arrived after the date Maynard was charged.

Judge G. Sinclair ruled Maynard was not guilty, as he had done all that he needed to do, and he, or his lawyer, should have been notified immediately that the decision was not in his favour.

Judge sets limits for chef

In Provincial Court in Princeton on May 8, Kevin J. Reinhardt attended for sentencing. He had entered guilty pleas to common assault, breach of undertaking and breach of recognizance. All charges arose out of an incident on June 8, 2007, at Linguini's Restaurant in Princeton.

Reinhardt had been a business partner in the restaurant, and had been drinking after hours with guests at the restaurant. He ordered more drinks for himself and friends, and although his partner allowed it, she told him he should not be out there drinking when the restaurant was closed.

Staff was becoming concerned at his rude behaviour. At midnight, Reinhardt's partner told his friends they would have to leave, and Reinhardt became abusive and assaulted her, pushing her to the floor and injuring her leg. He threatened to kill himself and her. The abuse, both physical and verbal, went on until his partner was able to flag down a police cruiser on Vermilion Avenue.

The partner was taken to hospital, but police could not find Reinhardt until the next morning. He was charged, and ordered to stay away from the restaurant and his partner. Instead, he went back and was charged for the breach of undertaking.

He was later placed under a court ordered recognizance with a condi-

tion that he not consume alcohol. On June 16, he was drinking in the Coalmont Hotel and followed customers to a residence in Coalmont where he became a nuisance.

A pre-sentence report indicated Reinhardt showed no remorse for what he had done. The 42 year old chef saw no reason to change his behaviour and said he thinks of making people angry as an amusement. He blamed his partner for what happened.

The partner submitted a victim impact statement which outlined living in constant fear of Reinhardt, as well as loss of business and some permanent physical damage due to injuries he inflicted.

Judge G. Sinclair made it clear he had no grounds to send Reinhardt to jail, but emphasized Reinhardt had a long standing history of alcohol related incidents, and the alcohol problem must be addressed. He sentenced Reinhardt to 15 months probation for the assault, and three months for the breaches. Reinhardt is opening a restaurant in Bowden, Alberta, and was ordered to leave Princeton by May 13, 2008.

If he must come back for any reason, he must notify his probation officer. Recommendations were made for Reinhardt to undergo alcohol abuse counselling, as well as counselling for anger management and domestic violence. He is to have no weapons and must give a DNA sample.

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More news from Town Council

Town changes parking demand

An office building proposed for construction on Tipton Avenue will go ahead following a change in parking space requirements. On May 5, Town Council voted to allow a variance to parking spaces, reducing the requirement from 13 spaces to seven spaces.

The new building will provide three office spaces and a caretaker suite. The variance permit was requested by Beaupré Drilling Ltd.

Council liked public input

Mayor Randy McLean and Councillor Pam Jones remarked on the good turnout to the public meeting about the proposed aquatic centre.

Mayor McLean was careful to add that the meeting was a fact finding session to see what the people of Princeton want in an aquatic centre. The next step will be to design a centre and estimate the cost, including the added cost of property taxes. Then the proposal will be taken back to the public. The final stage in the approval process would be to go to referendum this fall.

Love your local airport

June 7 has been designated as the first Airport Appreciation Day in Princeton. At the May 5 Town Council meeting, Councillor Ray

Jarvis outlined some of the activity expected at the airport on that date.

There will be planes coming from the Lower Mainland to do a display of aerobatics, and Councillor Jarvis said he hoped to be able to offer plane rides to the public. Food will be available at the airport, and many visitors are expected to arrive by air. He said he would have more information at the May 20 Town Council meeting.

Ultraman plans Princeton leg

Ultraman Canada will take place August 30 through September 1 this year. This event involves a 10 km. swim followed by a 145 km. bike ride which will lead from Okanagan Falls to Osoyoos and go over the Richter Pass to Keremeos and back to Okanagan Falls via Highway 3A.

The next challenge, a 274 km. bike ride, begins in Penticton and covers a lot of backroads in the Okanagan area, including Green Lake Road and Twin Lakes, then west to Keremeos, up the Similkameen Valley via Highway 3, and onto Highway 5A to complete the ride at Allison Lake.

The third day is an 84 km. double marathon run from Princeton to Summerland via Highway 40.

Poker run set for June

ATV/BC will hold a poker ride in Princeton on June 19 - 22. The

Poker Ride is the main event, to be held Saturday, June 21, but there are other events, including a parade of 50 quads in downtown Princeton on Friday, June 20, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The total number of participants in the weekend events is estimated, by ATV/BC, at approximately 600 to 700, and includes riders from Alberta and Washington as well as from all areas of B.C.

The location for the organization of the poker ride and other activities will be the fairgrounds. A dunk tank is planned, with proceeds going to charity. Town Council members are invited to be dunked.

Town Council plans travel

Princeton's Town Council has agreed to attend two upcoming events. The first invitation comes from Tonasket, Washington, Princeton's "sister city". Mayor Randy McLean, or his delegate, and any other members of Town Council, will attend Tonasket Founder's Day on May 31, and will participate in the Founder's Day parade.

The second invitation accepted was to attend the 100th anniversary of the Red Bridge in Keremeos on July 26. Mayor McLean, or his delegate, and other members of Town Council who are available, will join the Keremeos celebration.




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2008 Automobile Deduction Limits and Expense Benefit Rates for Business - Part 1

The Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, announced the automobile expense deduction limits and the prescribed rates for the automobile operating expense benefit that will apply in 2008.

Specifically:

- The ceiling on the capital cost of passenger vehicles for capital cost allowance (CCA) purposes will remain at \$30,000 (plus applicable federal and provincial sales taxes) for purchases after 2007. This ceiling restricts the cost of a vehicle on which CCA may be claimed for business purposes.
- The limit on deductible leasing costs will remain at \$800 per month (plus applicable federal and provincial sales taxes) for leases entered into after 2007. This limit is one of two restrictions on the deduction of automobile lease payments. A separate restriction prorates deductible lease costs where the value of the vehicle exceeds the capital cost ceiling.
- The maximum allowable interest deduction for amounts borrowed to purchase an automobile will remain at \$300 per month for loans related to vehicles acquired after 2007.

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COURT NEWS

Woman pleads guilty

A night in jail brought Princeton resident Maria Ball to Provincial Court in Princeton on May 8. Ball had been arrested for public consumption of alcohol on March 25, and when placed in the police cruiser, she became very angry and verbally abusive. When placed in a cell at the detachment, she had carved words into a bench and wall, doing damage estimated at \$500.

Ball admitted she has problems, and needs help dealing with them. Judge Sinclair placed her on probation for 12 months, during which she is not to consume alcohol nor enter any bars or pubs.

Man loses licence

Darrell Morris, a Surrey resident, appeared in Provincial Court in Princeton on May 8 to plead guilty to a charge of refusing to give a breath sample. He had been arrested after police had noted his vehicle weaving in the lane and crossing over the fog line.

Morris was ordered to pay a \$600 fine and is prohibited from driving for one year.



Joan Kelly, Princeton Potters Guild member, displays the large decorative pottery bowl generously donated by Bob Kingsmill, internationally renowned ceramic artist from Vernon, to be raffled off as a fundraiser for the group. In February, Kingsmill hosted a successful workshop at Riverside Centre where he made a clay mural, some masks and the pottery bowl. The mural, an abstract rendition of Princeton's two rivers, is being glazed by the Potters Guild and will be mounted in the Riverside foyer once theatre renovations are complete. Raffle tickets for the decorative pottery bowl and mask are available from Guild members or by calling Sue at (250) 295-0527. You can view the pieces in the window of Goldion Gallery (the former Goldion Restaurant). Draw date is June 15th. - photo submitted

weekly entertainment guide

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008 THROUGH MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008



Princeton Rodeo Queen 2008 Janine Esdale was officially crowned at the opening of Princeton's Rodeo.*

Rodeo Club hosts another great show

The 7th annual Princeton Rodeo was an awesome weekend of activity at Sunflower Downs.

The Saturday, May 10th performance started with the official crowning of Rodeo Queen Janine Esdale, included an amazing demonstration by the Cariboo Cowgirls team of Williams Lake and featured some of the toughest cowboys and cowgirls matched up with even tougher livestock.

There was also a break in the action to officially dedicate the large indoor arena building at Sunflower Downs the 'Kenny McLean Memorial Arena' with members of the late rodeo great's family on hand for the ceremony.

The unofficial rodeo results from both days are as follows:

In the Bareback event there was only one qualifying ride on Saturday. Justin King of Sagal, Washington scored 82 riding Billy. On Sunday, Kevin Lusk of Buckley, Washington tied that score on XXL. Dan Keller of Roy, Washington scored the next highest with 76 after riding Bad Company.

In Tie-Down Roping, Keegan Smith (150 Mile House, BC) took first place with his Saturday score of 12.9 seconds. Riley Isnardy

(Cache Creek, BC) earned second on Sunday with a time of 13.8 seconds. Third went to Derek Mobbs of Merritt with his Saturday time of 15.3 seconds.

In Saddle Bronc only three cowboys had qualifying rides on Saturday. Steve Hohmann (Quesnel, BC) scored 81 on Casino Royal and Jay Louis (Vernon, BC) earned a 74 on Step 'n' Stone. Third place went to Jeff Gray (Williams Lake) who scored 73 on Sunday riding Insomnia. It was just enough to drop Princeton's Justin Buhler to fourth place with his Saturday ride on Grey Area which scored 70 points.

In Steer Wrestling, Willie Twan (Alkali Lake, BC) topped the leader board Saturday with a time of 6.3 seconds. Wade McNolty (150 Mile House, BC) took second with his Sunday time of 6.6 seconds. Third place went to Jordie Maurice (Alexis Creek, BC) who scored a time of 8.0 seconds on Sunday.

In Breakaway Roping, a BCRA standard event, all winners came from runs made during the Sunday performance. Charlie Soffel (Vanderhoof, BC) took first place with a time of 5.0 seconds with Chad Braaten (150 Mile House,

BC) in second with 5.9 seconds and Keely Durrell (Riske Creek, BC) in third with 13.8 seconds.

In Junior Steer Riding, another BCRA required event, Marvin Yahey, Jr. (Charlie Lake, BC) finished in first place with his Saturday score of 74. Colton Manual (150 Mile House, BC) took second place after a re-ride continued on Page 24

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The Kenny McLean Memorial Arena dedication ceremony May 10th at the Princeton Rodeo featured former Rodeo Club President Stan Thompson, centre. Bob Wicks unveils the sign which will be placed on the indoor arena at Sunflower Downs McLean used for training in the 1980's and 90's. *



Princeton's Justin Buhler in the chute on Grey Area during Saturday's Saddle Bronc event. He scored 70. *



Clayton Moore of Pouce Coupe earned a 'no time' with this ride May 10th in the Tie-Down Roping event. *

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TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008

Table for Wednesday, May 14, 2008. Columns: Time Slot, Channel, Program Name, and Program Details. Rows: 6:00 AM to 11:30 PM.

Horoscopes

May 14 - 21, 2008

Aries - Minding your money and looking after your possessions is a key interest this week. Chances are you want to own nicer things. Go to yard sales for bargains. Enjoy.

Taurus - Home may seem increasingly hectic this week, or you may need to do repairs on your home. Check your home for safety hazards. You feel well now, and your mind is relaxed.

Gemini - You are moving into your own element at the end of this week, and you may feel strong and self-confident, but watch out! You should be very cautious while driving.

Cancer - You could have a lot of mixed feelings this week about what you own, and about siblings or neighbours. You make some plans for more happy times with partner or friends. Fun!

Leo - You are in the grip of ego this week and until the end of June. Try not to be a pain while you go through this. Remember, the world does not revolve around you! Steady!

Virgo - Enjoy yourself this week, as next week you must deal with problems arising in your career or with parents. You may have to take responsibilities you hadn't planned for. Be alert!

Libra - What you own and what you owe, as well as how much you earn, may be bothering you, but things will change next week. Look for a career opportunity. Go for it!

Scorpio - Partner is amiable for another week. Career could be too hectic or stressful. Matters dealing with debt, insurance, banking, investments should be checked carefully. Life is busy.

Sagittarius - Clear up day to day chores this week, as next week looks like it could be filled with challenges. Money situation brightens, but be cautious about spending. Conserve.

Capricorn - You will be very active, and your job could be very demanding. Matters related to debts, investments, need to be attended to. You would feel better having some carefree fun.

Aquarius - Young people and friends occupy your interests this week. Others may press you to do more than you should. Money could challenge you next week: don't spend!

Pisces - You can enjoy going places and doing things if you are prepared to go alone. Friends seem distant, and disinterested. Short trips are fun, and neighbourhood activity brings pleasure.

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.
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- 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.
- Legion Ladies Aux., second Tuesday each month, 7:00 PM, Legion.

thursday movies

MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) "Dragonwheel" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Krista MacDonald. An insecure band manager and a neurotic music lover find romance on a trip around the world. [E]

EVENING

6:00 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "Driven" (2001, Action) Sylvester Stallone. At the request of the team owner, an auto racer comes out of retirement to mentor an immature hotshot. [E]

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CHBC (4) "Trophy Wife" (2006, Suspense) Brooke Burns. When a woman's wealthy husband is found dead, a ruthless blackmailer threatens to frame her for murder. [E]

10:00 pm KNOW (5) ★★ "The Slanted Screen" (2006, Documentary) Filmmaker Jeff Adachi examines Hollywood's portrayal of Asian men in movies. [E]

10:06 pm CITY (29) "Dragonwheel" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Krista MacDonald. An insecure band manager and a neurotic music lover find romance on a trip around the world. [E]

11:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Mimic" (1997, Horror) Mira Sorvino. Married scientists battle killer cockroaches with the ability to assume human form.

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friday movies

MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "The Blue Lagoon" (1980, Romance) Brooke Shields. A boy, a girl and a burly cook are shipwrecked on a Fiji island, where the boy and girl grow up as lovers. [E]

EVENING

7:00 pm CITY (12) ★★ "Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat" (2003, Comedy) Mike Myers. Looking for fun, a mischievous feline invades the home of two children while their mother is away. [E]

7:30 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Gotta Kick It Up" (2002, Drama) Susan Egan. A teacher inspires a group of Latina schoolgirls to reach for their full potential and become a championship dance team. [E]

8:00 pm BCTV (11) ★★ "Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat" (2003, Comedy) Mike Myers. Premiere. Looking for fun, a mischievous feline invades the home of two children while their mother is away. [E]

9:00 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "Men of War" (1995, Action) Dolph Lundgren. Former special-forces agents hired to invade an exotic island learn they were duped by con artists. [E]

FAM (26) ★★½ "Ghostbusters II" (1989, Comedy) Bill Murray. Now the parapsychologists are trying to rid New York of stress-related pink slime.

10:06 pm CITY (29) "Sex House 5" (2004, Adult) Beverly Lynne. Roommates have assorted erotic encounters.

10:48 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Freaky Friday" (2003, Comedy) Jamie Lee Curtis. Two fortune cookies cause an engaged psychotherapist and her teenage daughter to magically exchange bodies. [E]

11:00 pm SPIKE (44) ★★ "Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult" (1994, Comedy) Leslie Nielsen. Ed coaxes his "Police Squad" pal Frank out of retirement to thwart a terrorist bombing. (In Stereo)

11:30 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "Playing God" (1997, Drama) David Duchovny. A decertified surgeon accepts a job as personal doctor for a Los Angeles mobster sought by the FBI.

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- 1 1/4 cups Regular or Low Fat Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed (300mL) Milk
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- 1/4 cup lemon juice (juice of 1 lemon) (50mL)
- 1 tbsp zest of 1 lemon (15mL)
- 1 tsp vanilla (5mL)
- 4 cups fruit (sliced strawberries, blueberries, raspberries) (1L)
- 3 cups granola (375 mL)

Mix yogurt and condensed milk. Add lemon juice, zest and vanilla. Whip until mixture thickens.

Place 1 cup (250mL) granola in bottom of an 8 cup (2L) bowl. Spoon 2 cups of yogurt mixture. Layer 2 cups (500mL) fruit, 1 cup (250mL) granola, remaining yogurt mixture, fruit and granola.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Baking Time: n/a
Makes: 8 servings
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THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008

TV schedule grid for Thursday, May 15, 2008. Columns include channel (WTBS-3 to TROP-45) and program details (time, name, host, series).

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008

TV schedule grid for Friday, May 16, 2008. Columns include channel (WTBS-3 to TROP-45) and program details (time, name, host, series).

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 #89 - Rated Easy

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CHALLENGE #90 - Rated Hard

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THIS WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
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saturday movies

MORNING

9:00 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Laws of Attraction" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Pierce Brosnan. Two successful attorneys fall in love despite battling each other in high-profile divorce cases. (D)

11:00 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Excess Baggage" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Alicia Silverstone. A thief ruins a young woman's attempt to get ransom from her wealthy father by faking her own kidnapping. (D)

A&E (9) ★ "Sphere" (1998, Science Fiction) Dustin Hoffman. Premiere. A psychologist, a biochemist, a mathematician and others investigate a large golden sphere deep in the ocean. (D)

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Smart House" (1999, Comedy) Jessica Steen. A boy tries to stop his father from dating by programming their computerized house to be a surrogate mother.

SPIKE (44) ★★ "Ghostbusters II" (1989, Comedy) Bill Murray. Now the parapsychologists are trying to rid New York of stress-related pink slime. (In Stereo)

1:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Alfie" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Jude Law. A Londoner continues his womanizing ways while working as a chauffeur in New York. (D)

1:30 pm FAM (26) ★★ "The Thirteenth Year" (1999, Fantasy) Chez Starbuck. As his 13th birthday approaches, a youngster's true heritage is revealed as he undergoes a "fishy" transformation.

2:30 pm SPIKE (44) ★★ "Ghostbusters" (1984,

Comedy) Bill Murray. Parapsychologists with nuclear guns go into business ridding New York of poltergeists. (In Stereo)

4:00 pm YTV (18) ★★ "The Goonies" (1985, Adventure) Sean Astin. Coastal Oregon kids follow the treasure map of pirate One-Eyed Willie past his deadly traps to gold. (In Stereo) (D)

5:00 pm SPIKE (44) ★★ "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987, Comedy) Steve Martin. Premiere. An ad exec and a shower-curtain-ring salesman become co-travelers on the way to Thanksgiving in Chicago. (In Stereo)

EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) "Manufacturing Dissent" (2007, Documentary) Failing to score an interview with the man himself, two filmmakers assemble a profile of documentarian Michael Moore by interviewing figures from his past. (D)

8:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Suspect Zero" (2004, Suspense) Aaron Eckhart. With help from his former partner, an FBI agent searches for a man who is hunting and murdering serial killers. (D)

CHBC (4) "Love Sick: Secrets of a Sex Addict" (2008, Drama) David James Elliott. A married woman who lives a seemingly normal life tries to recover from sexual addiction. (D)

KSPS (6) ★★ "Strangers on a Train" (1951, Suspense) Robert Walker. A psychopath and a tennis player meet in a club car and plot that each will murder someone for the other.

KXLY (10) ★★ "Hitch" (2005, Romance-Comedy) Will Smith. Premiere. A smooth-talking man falls

for a hardened columnist while helping a shy accountant woo a beautiful heiress. (In Stereo)

VTV (22) "Prom Queen" (2004, Docudrama) Aaron Ashmore. Media and legal storms descend when a gay teenager fights for the right to bring his boyfriend to the prom. (In Stereo) (D) (DVS)

9:00 pm CBC (13) ★★ "Mayor of the Sunset Strip" (2003, Documentary) Rodney Bingenheimer. Filmmaker George Hickenlooper chronicles the life of Los Angeles disc jockey and pop star impresario Rodney Bingenheimer. (In Stereo) (D)

FAM (26) "Minutemen" (2008, Comedy) Jason Dolley. Three high-school outcasts face unexpected problems when they use a time machine to change the past. (D)

CITY (29) ★★ "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans. Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites to foil a kidnapping plot and save their jobs. (D)

10:30 pm FAM (26) ★★ "One Small Hero" (1999, Adventure) Nathan Kiley. A diminutive but determined boy secretly follows along after failing to qualify for a wilderness camping trip. (D)

11:00 pm SPIKE (44) ★★ "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987, Comedy) Steve Martin. An ad exec and a shower-curtain-ring salesman become co-travelers on the way to Thanksgiving in Chicago. (In Stereo)

11:15 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" (2001, Comedy) Ben Affleck. Two slackers venture to Hollywood to sabotage the production of a new movie based on their alter egos. (D)

sunday movies

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A&E (9) ★★ "The Last Boy Scout" (1991, Action) Bruce Willis. An ex-Secret Service agent plays private eye with an ex-quarterback on a case of sports gambling and murder. (D)

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Double Teamed" (2002, Docudrama) Poppi Monroe. Twins Heather and Heidi Burge develop a budding rivalry in high school and make it to the WNBA. (D)

1:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "The Net" (1995, Suspense) Sandra Bullock. Software allowing Internet access to classified government files makes a computer nerd the target of a British hacker's criminal organization. (D)

A&E (9) ★★ "Alien Resurrection" (1997, Science Fiction) Sigourney Weaver. Cloned Ellen Ripley and others aboard a spaceship battle rampaging aliens. (D)

1:30 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Kazaam" (1996, Fantasy) Shaquille O'Neal. Freed from imprisonment in a portable stereo, an outsize, rapping genie grants a harassed urban youth three wishes. (D)

3:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Two If by Sea" (1996, Romance-Comedy) Denis Leary. After stealing a priceless painting, a man promises his long-time girlfriend it will be his last heist. (D)

VTV (22) "Fast Food High" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Alison Pill. A teenage risks losing her job, boyfriend and social status to start a union at the burger joint where she works. (In Stereo) (D) (DVS)

5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "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. (D)

SPIKE (44) ★★ "Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back" (1980,

Science Fiction) Mark Hamill. Yoda teaches Luke Skywalker to be a Jedi knight, and Han Solo woos Princess Leia, as Darth Vader returns to threaten the rebel forces trying to save the galaxy. (In Stereo)

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9:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Short Circuit" (1986, Comedy) Ally Sheedy. An animal lover befriends harmless runaway military robot No. 5, followed by its inventor.

10:00 pm KSPS (6) ★★ "Tie a Yellow Ribbon" (2007, Drama) Kim Jang. A troubled woman finds friendship with other Asian-Americans in New York.

10:38 pm FAM (26) "Adventures of the Cactus Kid" (2000, Adventure) Thomas Curtis. A boy fantasizes about robbing a bank in the style of his comic-book hero. (D)

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SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008

Table with 20 columns (WTBS to TROP) and 12 rows (6 AM to 11:30 PM) showing TV programming for Sunday, May 18, 2008.

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008

Table with 20 columns representing TV channels (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, CBC, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FAM, CITY, SPIKE, TROP) and rows representing time slots from 6 AM to 11 PM. Each cell contains program titles and channel numbers.

monday movies

MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) "The Stork Derby" (2002, Docudrama) Megan Follows. A wealthy lawyer offers \$1 million to the Toronto woman who gives birth to the most babies in 10 years.

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (26) "High School Musical 2" (2007, Musical Comedy) Zac Efron. A teenager befriends members of a wealthy family while working at a country club.

2:15 pm FAM (26) "Roxy Hunter and the Mystery of the Moody Ghost" (2007, Mystery) Aria Wallace. Premiere. With help from her best friend, a 9-year-old tries to solve an enigma related to the supernatural.

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10:06 pm CITY (29) "White Noise" (2005, Suspense) Michael Keaton. An architect believes his dead wife is using electronic devices to communicate with him.

11:30 pm WTBS (3) "The Toy" (1982, Comedy) Richard Pryor. An unemployed man agrees to become a high-paid companion for a multimillionaire's spoiled son.

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my turn

No news is good news

We turned off our TV.

Well, actually, I should clarify that statement. We no longer have programming fed to our television. It was an option we had discussed quite some time ago thinking that maybe the flickering box in the livingroom was alive because we wanted it to be, and because it was alive, it sucked the life out of us after staring at it's flickering lights for hours on end.

It baby sat us. It kept us company. It told us when to eat and sleep. It encouraged us to buy products it endorsed. It allowed us to watch channels only it could give us.

That flickering box in the livingroom was controlling our evenings. We planned meals around it. I even came home early one night a week so I wouldn't miss the latest episode of my favourite show. This was seriously getting out of hand and something had to give, so it was with some level of relief when the program provider finally shut us out of their world.

Just about a month has passed since the flickering box went dark. I don't really miss it, either. I have to say there's a few programs I may miss a little, but not so much that I need a fix by going over to someone else's house to stare at their flickering box.

I think I'm doing pretty good without it...so far.

I have to admit I thought it would be a tough addiction to beat, but almost immediately there was a change in the livingroom without the flickering box teasing us with it's hypnotic stare. We started to do other things in the livingroom.

We played cards. We read more. We talked about painting the livingroom. Hmmm, come to think of it, that's right. We talked. I forgot how much fun that could be. And how funny she could be. Imagine that.

The flickering box that communicated to us forced us to stop communicating with each other.

Funnier still when you consider both of us work in the 'communication of information' business.

So the once flickering box that kept the livingroom alive with entertainment has been replaced by us entertaining each other with our stories and laughter. We've replaced the flickering box with our own reality show.

A show I can't wait to tune into each night.



your turn

Jay runs for Children's Hospital

To The Editor;

I train for distance running year round on Princeton-Summerland Road near Chain Lake.

On June 1st, I'll be participating in the 23rd annual HSBC Childrun to raise funds for BC Children's Hospital.

Each year in BC, 130 new cases of childhood cancer are diagnosed - the equivalent of five classrooms full of kids from all over the province.

Anyone can take inspiration from these children fighting for their lives and the dedicated staff who support them and their families.

I appreciate pledge donations,

and they can be made by visiting www.akerleydesign.com/childrun.

It will automatically redirect to my page on the Childrun's secure donations site (which has a nasty long address). Donations are tax deductible. If you are in the Princeton area and would prefer to donate offline (cash, cheque or

Letter To The Editor

Reader dislikes Bill C-51

Dear sir,

As a responsible adult living in a free country I take exception to Bill C-51.

I expect to have freedom of choice regarding how I manage my health care. I have been using alternative methods of health care for the last 40 years paying my own way, using the mainstream health system only when absolutely necessary.

This is, in my opinion, a savings for the health care system. I am only one of many. Do you want us all relying on government funded

card) please call me at (250) 295-0010 and I'll visit you with an offline donations form.

For my part, I'll attempt to finish the hilly, probably congested 5-kilometre Childrun course in under 24-minutes!

Regards,
Jay Akerley, Princeton

health care? It's our money be careful in your stewardship. If you are really concerned about the state of health care in Canada you WILL vote AGAINST this bill.

It is our RIGHT to have the freedom to make our own choices.

Respectfully,
Karen Manion, Princeton
(Editor's Note: This is a copy of a letter Manion sent last week to government officials including Prime Minister Stephen Harper and BC Southern Interior MP Alex Atamanenko).

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Current Comment:

Why we can beat high food prices



Dawn Johnson
editor@thenewsleader.ca

My article on the anticipated increase in food prices brought me a lot of response, and indications that some people intend to do things differently this year, such as planting a food garden and canning or freezing food. This is a good idea because we are going to see some foods increase dramatically.

When I talked about the expected increase in food prices, I was not aware of how desperate the world food shortage actually was. I warned of increased food costs due to the high cost of oil for transporting food. A world food crisis is in the making, which means we will see very high prices for some foods.

Grain will be in short supply, especially rice and corn. The rice shortage is due to bad weather. The corn shortage is due to the use of corn to produce ethanol. I believe corn should be used for ethanol, it is good for our environment. Unfortunately, in the American heartland, corn is a primary feed source for livestock (actually, it makes livestock too fat).

We can manage quite nicely without corn. We can easily make the transition from corn flakes to oatmeal or buckwheat. We can give up rice cereals too without starving. In fact, we are in a really good position in the Similkameen Valley to beat the higher cost of food. I know bread prices will keep on climbing, because we pay not only for the cost of transporting the flour for bread, but also for the transporting of the loaves of bread from the big bakeries. Oil and more oil!

We can avoid using so much bread, and we can switch to other things. Pasta will cost more, too, because the price of semolina

flour has doubled in a year. Well, we can cut back our use of pasta.

You might wonder what we are going to eat. I can tell you about products that you can grow if you can keep the deer away. Those of you who have seen my garden know I keep the deer out with heavy plastic netting with chicken wire along the bottom to stop the deer from crawling under it (they have done it, believe me!) If you cannot grow a garden, there are other ways to beat the costs.

Keremeos and Cawston are my greatest resources. I buy in bulk and can or freeze everything possible. For example, I buy 10 kg. of onions in the fall and it lasts until spring. I store potatoes, too, in a cool dark place in my basement. Squash is excellent food, and you can store it at room temperature for months. In September, I buy peppers in bulk and freeze what I don't use in spaghetti sauce.

When it comes to canning, I buy fruit in bulk: cherries, apricots, pears, peaches, plums and tomatoes. I make my own spaghetti sauce for one-third the cost of store bought, and I use fresh produce such as peppers, onions, carrots and zucchini to make the sauce full-bodied. I grow apples, and put up applesauce and apple juice.

When blueberries are in season, I buy them in bulk and make jam, and freeze the rest. I freeze asparagus, raspberries, peas, carrots, peppers, grated zucchini, raspberries and strawberries. I make my own pumpkin pie filling and can it. I make pickled beets, and could make cucumber pickles and relishes, too, if I am so inclined. I pick Oregon grapes and elderberries and make jelly from them. If it is a good year for buckthorn berries, I make jelly from them, too.

If you have kids, show them how to pick berries and teach them

how to turn them into jelly for the winter.

We live in a valley of such great abundance that it seems a pity to me that so many people do not bother to do canning and freezing, especially families with children. I estimate the cost of a jar of peaches canned at home at about half the cost of an equal amount bought in tins, even counting the cost of jar lids, electricity, and the cost of gasoline to go to Keremeos.

Every trip to Keremeos and Cawston includes not only the fruit I buy in bulk, but a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables to eat in the next few days. For example, if I buy 30 lbs. of apricots, I will also buy a basket of those delicious golden plums, some field tomatoes, and whatever else is available, including a basket of cherries.

You may find yourself changing your eating habits a great deal, and you will probably feel better for it.

In our valley, we can substitute potatoes for rice and pasta. We can eat fruit instead of pastries, and we can eat a lot more vegetables.

We could buy our beef locally by sharing costs of a whole beef among friends and relatives. This would be a great help to beef producers as they are getting a pittance these days for our good grass fed beef.

The more we buy locally, the more we will encourage farmers to produce more, and the more secure our food supply will be.

This is a good year to start making these changes. The latest report says this year will not be nearly as bad as next.

For me, there is a really good bit of news: many American farmers will turn their soybean crops over to corn. Maybe we won't have soybeans added to so many foods. We can only hope!

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The Grad Class of 2008 would also like to thank Ron Harkness for the use of Princeton Plaza for the car wash fundraiser and the Musgroves for donations of supplies for the BBQ sales.

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Popular Rodeo Clown Dennis Halstead of Okotoks, Alberta entertained at Princeton Rodeo. *

..... continued from Page 11 Sunday earned 69 points. Devin Graham (Anahim Lake, BC) finished in third place with a Saturday score of 67.

In Ladies Barrel Racing, Julie Leggett (Kamloops, BC) took first with her Sunday time of 17.732 seconds. Monica Oram (Logan Lake, BC) finished in second with her Sunday time of 17.856 and Dana Marie Muskett (Chilliwack, BC) took third place with her Saturday run of 17.904 seconds. Former Princeton cowgirl Aimee Willis (Prince George, BC) finished in fourth with her Sunday time of 18.013 seconds.

In Junior Barrels, Montana Enns (Courtney, BC) took first with her Saturday time of 18.144 seconds. Brooke Wills (Quesnel, BC) finished second with a Saturday time of 18.145 seconds and Vanessa Leggett (Kamloops, BC) finished in third with a Sunday time of 18.613 seconds.

In Team Roping, the top three fin-

ishes all came from Saturday runs. Jay Louis (Vernon, BC) and Elliott Benjamin (Morley, Alberta) took first place with a time of 6.3 seconds. Second place went to Chad Evanson (Pritchard, BC) and Rod Spiers (Arras, BC) with their time of 6.7 seconds with the pair of Luke Pozzobon and Derek Mobbs (both of Merritt, BC) finishing third with a time of 8.2 seconds.

In Bull Riding, there were only three qualifying rides on Saturday and they took the top three spots. Justin Davis (Williams Lake, BC)

scored 77 on Nic Nac, Brandon Daniel (Cache Creek, BC) also scored 77 riding First Strike with Ty Pozzobon (Merritt, BC) scoring 76 on High Roller. Two other riders scored 76 on Sunday including Charlie Attrill (Maple Ridge, BC) riding First Strike and Mike Gill (Merritt, BC) on Dark Side.

Princeton Rodeo Club is currently finalizing plans for their first ever fundraising Trail Ride (July 5th and 6th) and the BC Professional Bullriders Association BC Finals (September).

CONGRATULATIONS PRINCETON RODEO CLUB ON HOSTING ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RODEO

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Riley Isnardy of Cache Creek finished second in the Tie-Down Roping event with a time of 13.8 seconds. *

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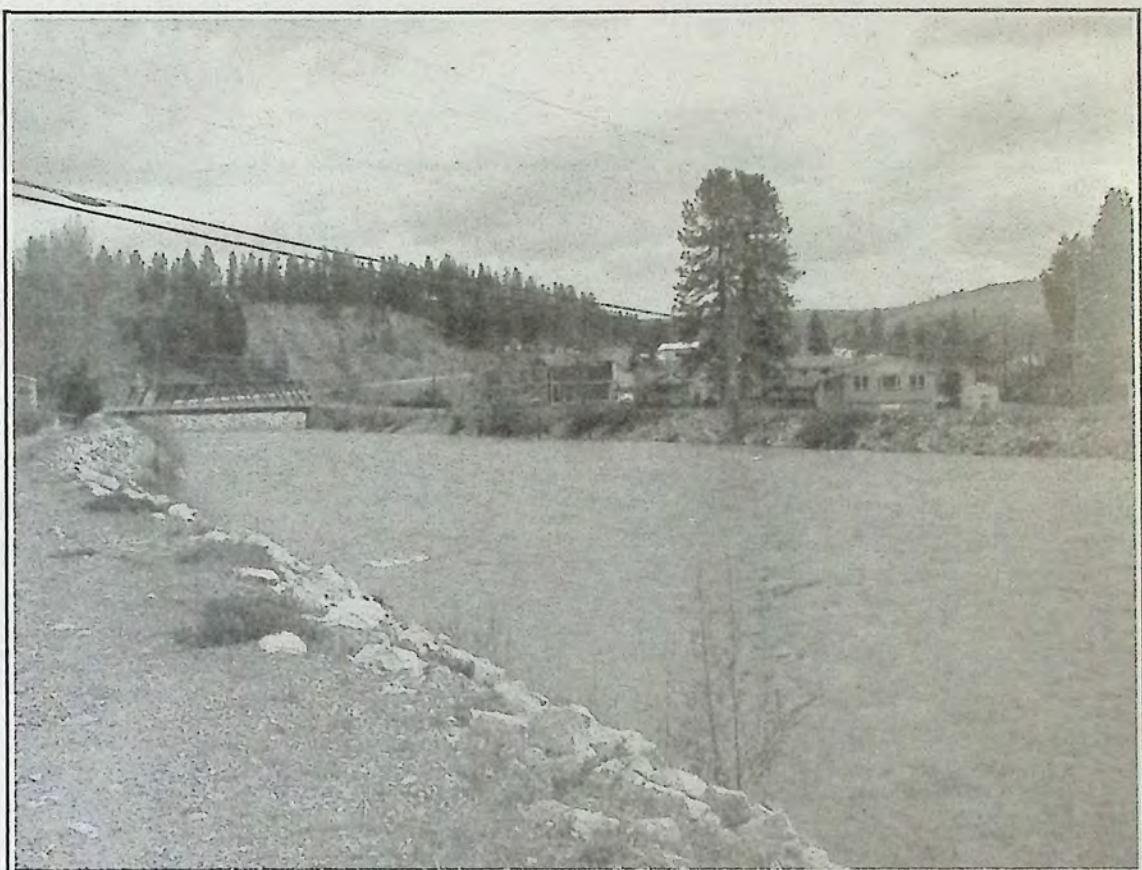
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As the rivers start to rise it's time to keep small children and pets away from them. Photo: Dawn Johnson

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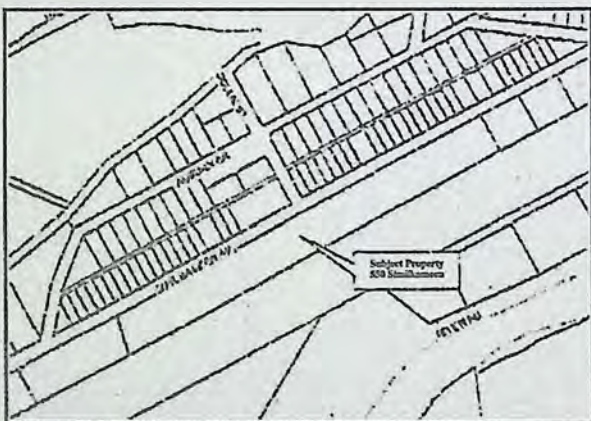
The Council of the Town of Princeton will meet and hold a Public Hearing May 20, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber at Town Hall to consider the following proposed Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendments.

1. Owner: Glenna and Wayne Starink and McBean Holdings Ltd.
 Applicant: Glenna Starink for All Bylaw Amendments

Proposed Amendment: Town of Princeton Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 802, 2008 (Starink)
Purpose: Bylaw No. 802 would amend the OCP to change the land-use designation from *Industrial* to *Low Density Residential* to facilitate the rezoning proposed under Bylaw No. 803.
Location: 550 Similkameen Avenue as shown on map
Legal Description: Remainder Lot 2, District Lot 706, Yale (formerly Osoyoos) Division, Yale District, Plan KAP86366 Except coal (AFB Vol. 18 Fol 123 No. 9729D).

2. Owner: Glenna and Wayne Starink and McBean Holdings Ltd.
 Applicant: Glenna Starink for All Bylaw Amendments

Proposed Amendment: Town of Princeton Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 803, 2008 (Starink)
Purpose: Bylaw No. 803 would rezone the property from *Light Industrial* to *Two Family Residential RD* to allow for the subdivision and development of the land into residential lots.
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All persons who believe their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard in person and/or by written submission. Written submissions will be accepted up to the conclusion of the Public Hearing. If you are submitting a written submission prior to the Public Hearing, please submit it to the CAO office at Town Hall. Council will receive no representations on these bylaws after the close of the Public Hearing.

Bylaw Nos. 802 and 803 and related information may be inspected at the Town Hall, 169 Bridge Street, Princeton, BC Monday to Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

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Ranching Ain't Easy

The View From My Window

by Lyn Melnechenko

I have a lovely view from my window. The scenery is beautiful too, but that's not what I mean.

I first noticed it in the middle of summer when the heat had dried up most of the water holes on the hills above my place. It was early in the morning and I woke to the sound of cattle bawling outside my window. I looked out to see about 30 cattle drinking from my water trough and licking my salt block along with my horses. I have no fence on the back of my property and they had wandered in just as my horses wander out beyond the property line. The horses were not at all upset with sharing their space or their water. The cattle came back every day and drank their fill. I even added a second water trough and filled them twice a day to make sure no one went thirsty. This went on until early fall when it rained and they stopped coming.

A few weeks later I noticed that my stallion, Coke, did not come in for his evening meal. This was unusual since Coke loves food more than anything. Now if you happen to witness me standing out in my field heartily blowing my dog whistle while my dogs are sitting at my feet, I have not lost my last marble. I'm just calling my horses home. After a minute or two of whistling he came bounding into sight with a deer loping along on either side of him. He came to a sliding stop just a few feet from me and the two deer veered off and continued on down the field. I thought it a strange coincidence as I put Coke in for the night. A couple of days later as I was driving into town I spotted Coke lying on the east hillside sleeping in the sun with his two deer friends only a couple of feet away. Very odd indeed.

I often saw them together for the next few days, until winter set in and the ground froze and the first light snow sifted the ground. The next evening I noticed that Coke had come home with two steers. He seemed to be herding them, but again I put it down to coincidence because he was barely green broke and had never been used to work cattle. He showed them where the water with the heater in it was and where the large bale of hay was. They drank and ate contentedly and wandered off over the hill again. The next night Coke brought four cattle home and went through the same procedure. The third night I watched as he brought home eight cattle and it certainly looked like he was herding them along. Two of them appeared to be yearlings who kept looking up the hill and bawling like they were calling their mamas or a buddy. They kept trying to wander off ahead of the rest and Coke kept bringing them back until they settled in and ate their fill. Then he allowed the whole herd to meander on their way. I was hoping that he didn't bring too many more home for supper because I wasn't sure I could afford to pay the feed bill. Fortunately winter dumped a heavy layer of snow and I assume that the cattle went back to their home pastures to be fed by the owner.

In the meantime Coke stayed in more often because of bad weather and was getting a bit restless. He was driving the mares crazy wanting them to run with him. The first sunny day I let him out in the big field. He wandered over the hill for a while but came home alone. Then late in the afternoon I happened to look out my window and saw what I thought was Coke chasing a coyote off the property. They seemed to be

romping playfully in circles, first to the left and then to the right. After a few minutes the coyote sat down to rest and Coke stood a few feet away and lowered his head like he was talking to it. Then they started all over again, like a game of tag. At one point the coyote even chased Coke around in a circle. Then the coyote gave a couple of yips and headed up the hill. Coke stopped at the bottom and whinnied. Then he bucked around in a circle one more time and whinnied again. The coyote was now out of sight, and Coke came to the gate to be let in for supper.

They say that people are the most intelligent race, but after watching my horses out my window I've come to believe that I can learn a lot from them. Coke has no prejudices whatsoever. He doesn't care what color his friends are, where they came from or what their backgrounds are. He doesn't care what their lifestyles are and doesn't speak the same language. He shares his food and water with them, plays whatever game they like and then allows them to go away with no regret or expectations. As long as they show no sign of threat he accepts them. I'm sure that if they were threatening he would run them off. He protected me one day when a belligerent tourist was yelling at me in my driveway and Coke came over and stood between us with his ears back and his teeth bared until the man left.

Looking out my window I see a world of peace and contentment. Maybe the animals are smarter than us. I know I've learned from them. (Lyn has released a collection of her poems and drawings in "Cowgirls Cuss Too!" Contact her at lyn@nethop.net to purchase your copy.) copyright 2008 Lyn Melnechenko

Who Do You Think Is Moving Into The Mall?



Princeton Youth Ambassador candidates helped model clothing at the annual Hospital Auxiliary Tea and Fashion Show. The five candidates for 2008 are, from left, Jenny Laska, Kristie Jack, Maria Shenton, Dawn Campbell, and Sydney Jensen. Photo: Dawn Johnson

Young and older show fashions

The annual Hospital Auxiliary Fashion Show featured the Youth Ambassadors this year along with members of the Auxiliary. The show was held May 10 at the Christian Education Building.

The tea and fashion show attracted a full house, with many added seats. Maureen Turner welcomed everyone and thanked the Youth Ambassadors for their participation and the community for the generosity in giving to the Thrift Shop. The fashions on display came from

the shop, proving for another year that you can put together some great outfits at bargain prices.

Proceeds from the Thrift Shop and fashion show go to the Hospital Auxiliary, who donate the money to Princeton General Hospital and Ridgewood Lodge Foundation, and to other relevant health care needs for the Princeton area. In addition, the Auxiliary gives a \$2,000 bursary to a Grade 12 student.

Sean Hearty and Christina

Scarbrick did the fashion commentary.

Fashions ranged from casual to formal, with some funky outfits in between. The Youth Ambassadors stole the show at the end as they modeled some gorgeous dresses for an evening out. It was a great show.

Letter To The Editor

Mayor explains the process

To The Editor:

I was disappointed by the headlines in the two newspapers last week, (i.e. 'Council goes off the deep end' and 'New aquatic centre in the works for Princeton').

During the meeting and throughout the community I have said over and over that this process is not a result of a direction determined by Town Council or Area H Director Gerri Logan. This process is a direct result of town and Area H residents who have expressed through questionnaires and public meetings the priority of investigating the viability and costs of an aquatic centre.

That is the process we are in, to give residents an opportunity to describe to the consultants what calibre of aquatic centre they might want so that the capital and operating costs to the taxpayers can be determined. Once the public has

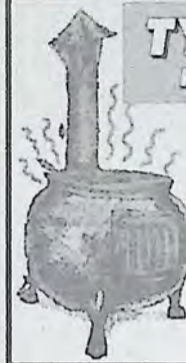
been made aware of those figures and had an opportunity to increase or decrease the projected costs then that proposal will be put before town and Area H residents in a referendum.

A majority of yes votes is necessary in both the town and Area H for that referendum to succeed.

As you can see, it is the residents and not your elected officials who will make that decision. While it is the mandate of us as elected officials to provide an opportunity for residents to determine what major projects they will support, and while council and the Area Director may feel that this facility would help attract doctors, medical professionals and industry and be an economic generator, it is ultimately those residents who will decide what major projects will proceed.

- Randy McLean, Mayor
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When you are looking to buy or sell a home in the Princeton area be sure to call Jim and get the RE/MAX country team working for you!



Osprey Cabin!



4096 Lakesyde Rd \$199,000
Cabin at Osprey Lake! Very rare find! 2 bedrooms, enclosed porch, bright & sunny. Get here quick or this will be sold! [mls.ca#45201](#)

Close To Town & Lakeview



107 Round Lake Rd \$234,900
1 acre hobby farm with lakeview & access. Great home with barn, 22x24 garage & deer fenced garden. View of Round Lake. Great place to call home or getaway! [mls.ca#44991](#)

Almost New



11 Lynnwood MHP \$74,900
14x66+ addition. Includes all appliances. Located in quiet park. 2-baths + 2-bedrooms with centre kitchen and livingroom. [mls.ca#44936](#)

Summer Getaway!



190 2nd Street \$129,900
Great lot in Tulameen and at the lowest price offered in the area. Great spot to build or just move on your travel trailer. [mls.ca#44856](#)

Get Away...Close To Town



576 E. Similkameen \$69,900
.65 acre on East Similkameen Road. Power and septic installed. Great views and total peace and quiet. [mls.ca#43563](#)

Tulameen Treasure



163-2nd Street \$349,900
Minutes to Otter Lake, this immaculate cabin on a double lot is a rare treat! Storage for the toys and woodstove for cozy nights! [mls.ca#44124](#)

Affordable Mobile!




#7-473 Corina Ave \$33,000
3-bedrooms + den with updated oak cabinets and flooring. Priced to sell! [mls.ca#44259](#)

Private, Peaceful, Perfect!



3157 Coalmont Rd. \$499,000
Majestic views, peace and tranquility! Have it all in this fully furnished 7-bedroom home with lake view and shared private beach. Good revenue generator! [mls.ca#44406](#)

Coalmont Reacquaintance



1877 Front Street \$149,000
Bright sunroom opening up to a 2-level deck in the heart of Coalmont. Close to TCT! [mls.ca#44405](#)



Allison Lake Living...



106 Beaver Lane \$379,000
Entails peace, tranquility and cozy comfort in this 3-bedroom energy efficient residence. 2/3 acre, 2 car garage & shed. [mls.ca#43216](#)

For The Handyman



486 Auburn Cres. \$148,000
Priced to move in or to just renovate. Located on popular street across from park. Comes with good-sized shop. [mls.ca#44781](#)

Reduced! Reduced!



2496/2504 Hwy 40 \$429,000
Fantastic 18.75 acres, subdividable. 4-horse stall barn. 24x24 garage, 30x60 covered storage with 220 amp. 1,600 sq ft, 2-bath home. [mls.ca#42754](#)



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