



The first annual Princeton Traditional Music Festival was a huge success August 16 and 17. Two stages were set up for performances and activities also took place in Cenotaph Park downtown. *

Music festival becomes new local tradition

In the words of Deputy Mayor Maria Sadegur, it doesn't matter how you define traditional music "as it sounds like a lot of fun and you are encouraged to participate."

Sadegur was speaking during the ceremonies that officially opened the first annual Princeton Traditional Music Festival August 16 and 17.

BC Southern Interior MP Alex Atamanenko brought greetings from the Parliament of Canada and plugged the local economy with, "For those who have come from afar, don't be afraid to spend your money."

Atamanenko encouraged participants to explore the many businesses in Princeton.

One of the event organizers, Rika Ruebsaat, thanked the community for the overwhelming support in hosting the Traditional Music Festival.

She said her first visit to Town Council to promote the concept of the event was met with such enthusiasm that she was more encouraged than ever with the project.

Over 80 performers - many from out of the valley - sang, danced and played over the two day event at three venues downtown.

Funding assists beetle challenges

SBC Firemaster Ltd. will purchase equipment to construct a wood pallet manufacturing facility in Princeton, thanks to an investment by the Government of Canada, through Western Economic Diversification Canada.

Federal funding of more than \$93,000 was announced August 11th by Ron Cannan, Member of Parliament for Kelowna-Lake Country, on behalf of the Honourable Rona Ambrose, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of Western Economic Diversification and Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources.

Funding is provided, on a repayable basis, under the Community Economic Diversification Initiative (CEDI), a component of the federal Mountain Pine Beetle Program.

"This will enable the region to

develop innovative solutions to improve the local economy," said Cannan.

"Purchasing the equipment will add value to manufactured wood products and help the community become less reliant on the forestry industry."

"The project announced August 11 is an example of how the

Government of Canada is addressing the needs of communities affected by the Mountain Pine Beetle infestation," said Minister Lunn.

"Through this support, our government is helping impacted communities turn challenges into economic opportunities."

Funding will help SBC Firemaster

Ltd. to purchase equipment to start the production of wood pallets using beetle damaged lumber sawn by the Upper Similkameen Indian Band. The facility will use low-grade discoloured lumber for the manufacturing of pallets, which will replace those currently purchased from the Lower Mainland. Since this will be the only regional

facility, it is expected that this will create new employment opportunities.

"This funding will assist in further combating the beetle problem," said Brent Wren, CEO of SBC Firemaster.

"We are pleased that Western Economic Diversification Canada continued on Page 2

Valley projects receive Federal funding

The Government of Canada is supporting the Similkameen Valley in its aims to develop and diversify the region through two exciting tourism initiatives.

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"The Government of Canada is committed to providing the tools necessary to help local businesses compete and prosper for the long

term," said MP Cannan.

"This funding reinforces the federal government's efforts to foster business diversification and the development of non-forestry related industries."

The Upper Similkameen Indian Band will receive more than \$245,000 to restore the Hedley School Building, and complete its transformation into the Snaza'ist Centre. The Centre is part of a large tourist attraction based around the Mascot Mine. The restored building will showcase interpretive historical exhibits, and offer office space, a theatre/presentation room and retail space. The second phase of the project will develop tours for

the nearby Tulameen Ochre Bluffs and historic 1850's Hedley First Nation Village.

"The Snaza'ist Discovery Centre plays a key role in our economic strategy to diversify our economy and provide jobs for not only First Nations but the surrounding communities as well," said Chief Rick Holmes.

"In celebrating our Similkameen culture and history we also add to the understanding of the rich fabric of this great land."

Funding of \$102,000 will help the Similkameen Valley Planning Society initiate its economic development strategy. The first component will position the area as a

leader in organic farming by further developing the Organic Farming Institute of B.C. The project will create online educational courses, identify suitable locations for organic farming demonstration projects and design training manuals. Funding will also support the development of the Similkameen Corridor Heritage and Agri-Tourism Association, and assist with preparation of engineering plans for reconstruction of the last bridge connecting the Kettle Valley Railway Trails.

The resulting increase in tourism will add 200 jobs to the Similkameen Valley.

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From left, Princeton Mayor Randy McLean (Similkameen Valley Planning Society), Upper Similkameen Indian Band Chief Richard Holmes, Similkameen Valley Planning Society Chair George Hanson and MP Ron Cannan gather together in Hedley for funding announcement. - photo submitted

Valley projects receive federal funding

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"Two of the important ways we are diversifying the Similkameen economy is by adding value to our agricultural sector and building our tourism sector," said George Hanson, Chair of Similkameen Valley Planning Society.

Hanson added, "Western Economic Diversification has been a partner in the past and with this

grant they will assist us again to reach our goals."

Western Economic Diversification Canada is a department of the Government of Canada that works in partnership with the provinces,

industry associations and communities to promote the development and diversification of the western economy as well as to represent the interests of the West in national decision-making. - submitted

Funding beats beetle challenges

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and the Government of Canada are providing assistance to a small business that has been negatively impacted by the downturn in the forestry sector."

Managed by Western Economic Diversification Canada, CEDI will invest more than \$33 million over two years towards projects in communities most at risk from the Mountain Pine Beetle infestation. The program supports a wide range of projects that further economic growth, job creation and future community sustainability.

The CEDI program is part of the Government of Canada's \$200 million comprehensive response to mitigate the short- and long-term effects of the Mountain Pine Beetle

infestation on BC's forestry sector. This federal Mountain Pine Beetle Program is led by Natural Resources Canada, in collaboration with Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) and Transport Canada.

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For more information on the federal Mountain Pine Beetle Program, please visit this website: <http://mpb.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca>.

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Kelowna-Lake Country MP Ron Cannan drills a nail into a wood pallet as Paul Adams of SBC Firemasters watches. - photo submitted

Volunteers prepare for Fair and bulls

Work on fairgrounds improvements continues, with the main focus now on preparations for the upcoming Princeton & District Agricultural Fall Fair which takes place September 6 and 7.

The new powerhouse is ready for interior finishing, the new ticket house needs only a few more finishing touches, and work on the heritage display area is being stepped up. Improvements will be made to the poultry display area.

Thanks to Genron Painting, the floor of Building #2 has been painted and Wayne is now working on new stain for the exterior. Numerous small tasks were done in a recent work party weekend, and there will be more volunteer work done as the fair nears.

The weekend after the Fall Fair, Princeton Rodeo Club and the Princeton Exhibition Association (PXA) host the BC Bullriding finals.

At the August 12 PXA meeting, President John Bey asked that volunteers turn out during the week after the fair to clean the grounds so the bullriding finals will have a good first impression.

The bullriding finals are expected to be a really exciting event, with cowboys for sale, and a barbecue on Saturday evening. The barbecue is open to the public, and tickets will be on sale during the bullriding events.

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SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE PRINCETON 2008 - 2009

OLD HEDLEY ROAD 58OHR		Highway 5A MERRITT Highway 58MH	
AM	PM	AM	PM
7:38	Davis	7:45	Round Lake
	2508 Old Hedley 4:04	7:49	Gravel Pit 3:50
7:41	2263 Bromley Cres 4:01	7:57	Peaker (#1290) 3:45
7:42	DeRossier 3:59	8:02	7 Mile 3:41
7:53	Thair 3:53	8:04	#1056 3:40
7:54	Lueke (#1126) 3:52	8:06	Summers Cr Rd 3:35
7:55	McInroy 3:51	8:09	Old Merritt/Belfort 3:37
7:56	Johnsen (#1092) 3:50	8:10	Cedar Creek Road 3:36
7:57	Hayes Cr (#1070) 3:49	8:12	Bruneau (#423)
7:58	Gubel (#1026) 3:48		Cook (#441) 3:33
8:05	Coyne (#556) 3:41	8:13	Sunflower Estates 3:31
8:06	Adams 3:40	8:15	Wilkinson (#103) 3:30
8:08	East Princeton 3:37	8:19	Airport Road
8:15	Martins Lake 3:29		Jalbert (#268) 3:25
8:18	Iron Mtn Road 3:26	8:24	P. S. S. 3:20
8:19	Rainbow Lake 3:25		
8:25	P. S. S. 3:20		
8:35	Vermilion Forks 3:05		

Highway 40 OSPREY LAKE 58OL		Highway 3 - EAST 58113E	
AM	PM	AM	PM
7:27	Link Lake Road 4:20	7:56	(old gravel pit)
7:28	Hunt 4:19		Turn Around 3:51
7:34	Crawford 4:13	7:58	Whites 3:50
7:35	Chain Lake 4:11	8:00	Robbins 3:49
7:37	Jellico Road 4:08	8:03	Mushroom Farm 3:47
7:44	Edwards/DaPonte 4:03	8:07	San Ang 3:44
7:45	Pinewood Cr. 4:01	8:10	Taylor's Mill 3:40
7:50	Wilson 3:55	8:15	Pine Trailer Park 3:34
7:51	Miller 3:54	8:20	P. S. S. 3:28
7:52	Kopola 3:53	8:24	Aspen St 3:20
7:53	Phillips 3:51	8:27	Auburn Playgrnd 3:23
7:54	Elmgren 3:50	8:35	Vermilion Forks, 3:15
7:56	Senger 3:48	8:47	John Allison 3:05
8:01	Cromarty/Sperling 3:44		
8:02	Buhler 3:43		
8:05	Baker Hill Road 3:35		
8:09	Crimmon 3:32		
8:11	Hilton 3:30		
8:20	P. S. S. 3:20		

Highway 3 - WEST 58113W		TULAMEEN - COALMONT 58TUL	
AM	PM	AM	PM
8:05	Black Mine Road 3:25	7:45	McEwen 3:50
8:10	Wright Road 3:30	7:50	Tulameen Store 3:55
8:17	Westridge Sub 3:35	8:00	Coalmont 3:45
8:20	Vermilion Forks 3:20	8:15	Lind Road 3:35
8:25	Tapton Avenue 3:15	8:20	Snowpatch 3:30
8:30	P. S. S. 3:10	8:25	PSS 3:25
8:35	John Allison 3:05	8:30	John Allison 3:15
		8:35	Tapton Avenue 3:10
		8:45	Vermilion Forks 3:05

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STUDENT REGISTRATION - 2008/09

REGISTRATION For students "NEW" to School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen), the schools are open for pre-registration August 25-29 from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM and 1:00 - 2:30 PM. Call ahead to confirm.

SCHOOL OPENING Tuesday, September 2, 2008 - Adjusted Hours: 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Wednesday, September 3, 2008 - Regular School Hours.

SCHOOLS - John Allison Elementary, K - 3 (295-6727), Vermilion Forks Elementary, 4 - 7 (295-6642), Princeton Secondary School, 8 - 12 (295-3218), The Bridge, Centre for Lifelong Learning (295-3180).

BUS STUDENTS Please check in the newspaper and with your school for bussing information.
Tuesday, September 2, 2008: Busses will pick up students one hour LATER in the morning, and return students beginning at 12 Noon. Wednesday, September 3, 2008: Busses begin the regular schedule.

KINDERGARTEN: To register, a child must be 5 years of age, on or before December 31, 2008. Upon registration, parents will need to bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record and Kindergarten starting dates will be arranged through the school.

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TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Families living beyond the regular school bus routes may be eligible for transportation assistance for the 2008/2009 school year and are asked to make application before **October 17, 2008** regardless of whether transportation assistance was received in the past. Applications after this date will be approved as of the date the application is received, and will not be retroactive. Please note that parents of kindergarten students who are required to pick their child up or bring them to the school at lunchtime may also qualify. Transportation Assistance forms are available at each school in Princeton.

Parents are reminded that road/weather conditions may cause delays/cancellations to the regular bus run(s). In extreme circumstances, notice of delays will be announced over the local radio station and the school will attempt to contact parents by phone, in order that children do not wait extended time periods at a bus stop.

REGISTRATION OF HOME SCHOOL LEARNERS PARENT INFORMATION

The School Act states:
"A parent of a child who is required to enroll in an educational program under section 3 (Division 4 - Home Education)
a) may educate the child at home or elsewhere in accordance with this Division, and
b) must provide that child with an educational program."
Registration
A parent of a child who is required under the above section to provide the child with an educational program must register the child on or before September 30 in each year with
a) a school of the parent's choice that is operating in the school district in which the parent resides,
b) a distance education school providing services to the school district in which the parent resides or with the Ministry of Education if no distance education school provides services to that district, or
c) an independent school operating in B. C."

To register or to obtain further information, telephone the school of your choice, or write to the Superintendent of Schools, School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen), Box 4100, Merritt, B. C., V1K 1B8.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen)

School Calendar for the 2008/2009 School Year
Days in Session 194 - Number of Instructional Days 187

September 2, 2008 - Tuesday	SCHOOL OPENING School Hours 10:00 AM - 12 Noon (Bus schedule to be adjusted for the first day of school)
October 13, 2008 - Monday	THANKSGIVING DAY
October 24, 2008 - Friday	Non-Instructional Day (District)
November 10, 2008 - Monday	Non-Instructional Day (District/in lieu)
November 11, 2008 - Tuesday	REMEMBRANCE DAY
November 18-19, 2008 - Tue/Wed	Princeton - Shortened Day for Parent/Teacher interviews (Schools closed 1 hour early)
November 20, 2008 - Thursday	Merritt - Shortened Day for Parent/Teacher interviews (Schools close 2 hours early each day)
December 19, 2008 - Friday	Last day of school before WINTER VACATION
December 22-January 2, 2009	WINTER BREAK
January 5, 2009 - Monday	SCHOOLS REOPEN
January 30, 2009 - Friday	Semester Change Day - Princeton Secondary AND Merritt Secondary
February 2, 2009 - Monday	Start of Semester 2 - Princeton Secondary AND Merritt Secondary
February 20, 2009 - Friday	Non-Instructional Day (District)
February 23-24, 2009 - Mon/Tue	Non-Instructional Days (District/in lieu)
March 10-11, 2009 - Tue/Wed	Princeton - Shortened day for Parent/Teacher interviews (Schools closed 1 hour early)
March 13, 2009 - Friday	Last day of school before Spring Break
March 16-20, 2009	SPRING BREAK
March 23, 2009 - Monday	SCHOOLS REOPEN
March 27, 2009 - Friday	Non-Instructional Day (District)
April 10, 2009 - Friday	School Improvement: Focus on Literacy
April 13, 2009 - Monday	Good Friday
April 16, 2009 - Thursday	Easter Monday
April 17, 2009 - Friday	Merritt - Shortened Day for Parent/Teacher interviews (Schools closed 2 hours early each day)
May 18, 2009 - Monday	Middle School Day - Coquihalla Middle School (Merritt)
June 26, 2009 - Friday	Victoria Day
	ADMINISTRATION DAY - SCHOOLS CLOSED

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Sara Harker, Assistant Wine Maker, and her husband, Troy, Cellar Hand/Farm Manager, stand next to two large wine vats. The pair will be running the wine tasting room at Harker's Fruit Ranch in Cawston, which will open soon. They will be serving a variety of fruit wines, including Apple Pear Dinner, Cherry Dinner, Iced Apple and Blackberry Fortified, produced on site as Rustic Roots Winery. *

It's time to get a little hot and spicy

The 7th annual Keremeos Pepperfest, Similkameen Sizzle, is a month away and the organizing committee is busy finalizing plans for the event.

At their August 13th meeting Chair Carroll MacLean announced that sponsorship funding was nearing the \$4,000.00 mark with contributions coming from The Pattison Group, FortisBC, Similkameen News Leader, Valu Plus Foods, Greg MacDonald, Terra Link, Pharmasave and Par-T Perfect.

While MacLean was pleased with the support, concern was expressed by committee members that the timing had been off to secure a major sponsor for the event.

A plan was devised to solicit major sponsorships shortly after

Sizzle takes place in September in hopes of attracting funding from corporate sponsors long before their annual budgets are finalized.

"I was under the impression the main focus of the sponsorship program was for the 2009 Sizzle," committee member George Elliott stated during the discussion.

MacLean says this year's event will go ahead as planned as there are still sponsorships to confirm and the committee has some 'seed money' from last year available.

The one-day pepper festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th in Memorial Park, Keremeos and will feature activities all day.

Chili plans change

The committee planning the 7th annual Similkameen Sizzle continues to fine tune events scheduled during the day long event.

One popular event is the Chili Cook Off, which is more accurately a Chili Taste Off.

"There was a lot of discussion related to the actual timing of the event," explains committee member George Elliott.

"We don't want the event to be used as a substitute or alternative to the food vendors on site, so in order to protect them we've made some changes to the Chili Cook Off."

The Chili Cook Off will be only an hour long activity running between 11:00 AM to 12 Noon during the Saturday, September 20th event.

The change will also ease up pressure on contestants to provide a lot of chili for tasters.

"This is an expensive event for participants," Mayor Walter Despot said during the meeting.

With the cost of ingredients, plus a twenty dollar entry fee, some contestants spend over fifty dol-

lars to participate, not including costs associated with decorations for their display booth.

The Sizzle Committee decided to not only cut back the length of time the event runs, but the entry fee has also been reduced to ten dollars. The prize money has not changed with a \$150.00 First Prize, \$100.00 Second Prize and \$50 Third Prize. The winners are chosen in a people's choice format where anyone on site during the event can taste the chili entries and cast a ballot.

The Best Decorated Booth prize remains at \$25.00.

For more information or to enter your chili in the annual Chili Cook Off, contact Similkameen Country at (250) 499-5225 or visit www.similkameencountry.org and click on 'events' to find the Similkameen Sizzle information page.

Chili Cook Off entry forms and rules will be available soon at that site for downloading.

Princeton area residents can contact Similkameen News Leader at (250) 295-4149 for details.

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**Saturday, September 20
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This will soon be transformed into the Rustic Roots Winery tasting room at Harker's Fruit Ranch. *

The bottle label says it all

Bruce and Kathy Harker of Harker's Fruit Ranch in Cawston are expanding their business to include an on-site winery complete with tasting room.

The wine label on their Rustic Roots Winery bottles explains: "Experience history, produce and

fine fruit wine from the Similkameen Valley - Canada's Organic Capital. A visit to Rustic Roots Winery and Harker's Organics will tantalize your taste-buds while you engage with families who are ensuring local sustainable farming. Our logo depicts a

Snow Apple or Femuse Tree, planted on the farm in 1914 symbolizing the stoic family history and our six generations, or roots. Rustic Roots is dedicated to family, history and sustainable farming which provides the backbone for our passion for producing fine fruit wine."

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The Museum Society would like to express their sincere thanks to everybody who made the Celebration Tea Party held on Saturday, August 9th such a success.

The participating groups and businesses would like to say a 'Thank You' for everyone's contribution - it was a great community effort by all. Special thanks are for the advertising from the Similkameen News Leader and Similkameen Spotlight, Heather Johnson (Century 21 Princeton Realty) for supplying the large birthday cakes, Randy McLean (Billy's Family Restaurant) for the extremely good and plentiful supply of cookies and Overwaitea Foods who ensured that the tea cups had plenty of the raw ingredients!

To the many individuals who went beyond the call of duty - Dawn Campbell, Cathy Orser, Maria Sadegur, Kailee Smith, Doug Rebagliati, Heather Johnson, Jon and Rika and all those who have been omitted in error - thank you all!

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news leader health and lifestyle page

Headaches clouding your judgment? It could be the weather

(NC)—Weather, or more specifically changes in weather and barometric pressure, is a common trigger for headaches and migraines.

In fact, a recent poll by Leger Marketing shows that one in four Canadians name weather as the most common cause of their headaches.

Here are a few tips on how to weather the storm when the pressure outside increases the pressure in your head:

- Keep a diary of changes in weather and the timing of your headache or migraine. By tracking these, you can get a better idea of any specific connection between the two. Once you identify your personal weather triggers, you can learn to take action before the pain even begins.
- Try meditation or deep breathing. Relaxation exercises can often be quite effective in relieving headaches.
- Over-the-counter medication, like

the Tylenol line of pain relievers, can help you get back to you and the life you enjoy.

• Apply a cold compress to your head. Cold has an anesthetic effect and can work to numb the pain you're feeling in your head. You can purchase reusable cold packs, or just go to your freezer and grab a bag of peas – both will work!

Remember, while you may not be able to control the weather, you can be prepared for it. - News Canada

Ask the expert: taking control of your arthritis

(NC)—Osteoarthritis (OA) is the most common form of arthritis and is a leading cause of pain and disability. Dr. Vivien Brown, family physician, answers one of the most common questions about OA.

Q: I just found out I have osteoarthritis in my knees. Does that mean that in a few years I'll be in too much pain to walk?

A: There are a lot of factors that come into play which can leave a person immobile due to arthritis. The good news is, there are steps you can take to help keep you mobile, active, and comfortable. Start by looking at your body weight. Excess body weight may put extra stress and pressure on your knee and hip joints, and can aggravate your arthritis, making it more painful.

Another helpful step is participating in activities like swimming, walking, and stretching to keep your joints moving. Exercise can improve your joint pain and stiffness.

If you are experiencing pain, there are things you can do to keep it to a minimum.

For example, I recommend that patients manage their day-to-day pain first with acetaminophen, the active ingredient in Tylenol Arthritis Pain, which is also recommended as a first-line treatment by the Canadian Rheumatology Association.

Many people also benefit from using heat to relieve pain and improve movement – like taking a warm bath or shower, or using a heating pad.

When people are first diagnosed with osteoarthritis, it can be over-

whelming and confusing. According to a new Leger Marketing survey, one in three Canadians with arthritis say that when diagnosed, they were confused about how to reduce their pain and prevent it from getting worse in the future.

So, The Arthritis Society has created a new tool called, The Just Diagnosed Toolkit. It is now available online at www.arthritis.ca/just-diagnosedkit, www.tylenol.ca, and www.livingwell.ca, and is designed to help patients recently diagnosed with OA learn how to manage their pain and get back to the life they enjoy. - News Canada

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They're just plum good

On every inhabited continent, plums are a favoured food. There is a huge variety of plums, ranging in colour from green to black. Prunes are a variety of plums with firmer flesh and a higher sugar content. All plums are good for you, and everybody knows they are loaded with fibre, which makes them a great fruit to combat constipation.

All soft fruits are healthy foods, but some contain more nutrients than others. Plums are not at the top of the list for nutrients, but they are good for you for other qualities.

There is a lot more to plums than laxative properties. If you suffer from sores in the mouth, or cold sores, eat plums. They will rid you of those nasty sores. Always use fresh plums for this purpose.

The red colour of plums has a special gift for you: it protects your eyes from degeneration. The red coloration of all fruits and vegetables will do this for you.

Plums are available for most of the summer, and most prune plums can be preserved at home at a reasonable price. These home preserves make an excellent morning fruit treat to help keep you regular at a lower cost than dried prunes, which are quite expensive. To preserve prune plums, wash, remove stems, poke with fork, put in jars with light syrup, and process in canner. Be sure to poke with a fork, or the plums may burst in the jar, as they swell when cooked.

Plums make excellent jelly and jam. Damson plums are prized for jam, but require a lot more effort than regular plums. Green gage plums are great for jam, and so are Pembina plums.

Prune plums may be juiced, and the juice can be frozen or bottled. Many shops carry bottled prune juice, as it is a favourite for people who want to keep bowels moving smoothly.

Be cautious about giving plums to children. They may love the sweet taste, but the laxative quality of the plums may be too strong for a child. Give one or two plums a day, no more.

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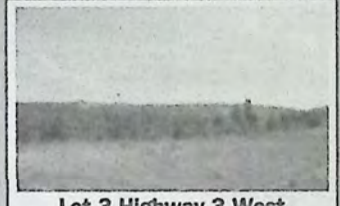
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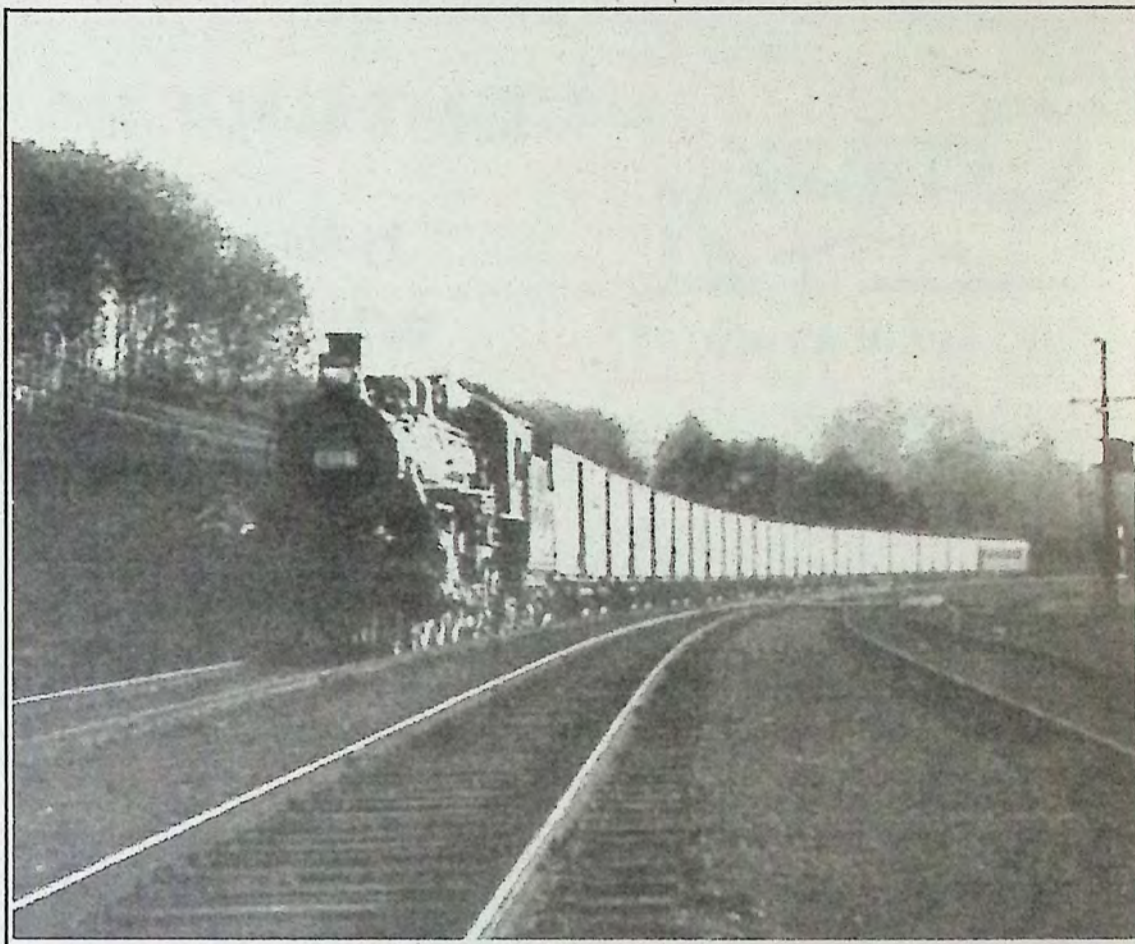
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Silk train freight cars were built shorter than regular freight cars to allow travel at higher speeds.



The Silk Trains
INSIGHTS INTO BC'S HISTORY

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by Nick Mills, Princeton Museum & Archives

Canadian silk trains are a fascinating piece of railway history and are certainly much more than myth, but the aura that surrounds them sometimes makes it difficult to tie down the facts.

Between 1890 and the 1940's the Canadian Pacific Railway transported silk from Vancouver, across BC, through the Rockies, across the Prairies, through the Canadian Shield to Montreal and Buffalo. The oriental cargoes were destined for the National Silk Exchange in New York and the mills of the Eastern seaboard, the perishable silk was given the utmost priority over all rail traffic, even express trains and, rumour has it, even Royal trains.

CPR had an early start in the lucrative trade after the opening of their regular transcontinental service in 1886. Early shipment was in baggage cars on normal service trains, but subsequently shipments grew to the size that special freight cars were constructed.

As speed was of the essence they were built shorter than normal box-cars to take the curves at higher speeds and they were mounted on passenger car trucks with enhanced suspension and wheel systems were solid so they could put up with prolonged high speed. At the dockside in Vancouver, well before a ship approached, eight to fifteen

of them would be coupled to a waiting engine already fired up to full steam.

After its creation in 1923 Canadian National entered the picture, but silk trains followed no regular schedule.

The first shipment of raw silk, 63 bales, arrived in Vancouver on the afternoon of June 13th, 1887, aboard the 3,600-ton Abyssinia from Hong Kong, along with mail and 80 Chinese passengers. On October 2nd, 1902 the Vancouver Daily Province reported that the steamship Tartar was due to arrive with 539 tons, or 2,156 bales, of raw silk - worth \$1,500,000. In 1919 a CPR news release stated "All records for silk handling were broken with the arrival from the Orient of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Empress of Asia...10,000 bales of raw silk...valued at \$8,500,000." Vancouver was certainly now the silk port of North America!

With two railroads, the pace out of Vancouver grew, but the Canadian Pacific with its fleet of trans-Pacific steamships maintained domination of the trade.

CN's first silk run was in July 1925, and they too made silk a priority, their best time from Vancouver to the East was 83 hours 56 minutes, but CN lacked the ocean shipping advantage, having

to rely on the British Blue Funnel Line or Japanese Ships to bring the raw product across the sea from the Orient.

The railroads put silk traffic ahead of every other shipment and the profits soared for all.

1929 was a year of extremes, first silk shipments peaked and then in October came Black Friday when stocks plummeted and the World surged into depression. The price of raw silk crashed - by 1934 it was just \$1.27 a pound, down from \$6.50 a decade earlier. Speed became less of a priority and soon Japan was shipping silk in their own vessels through the Panama Canal.

The change was rapid, in 1928, 94% of all silk from the Orient crossed from Vancouver to New York, but by 1931 this had reduced to 40% - ships passing through the Panama Canal accounting for the rest. In 1940 CN shipped only 504 bales through Vancouver, the writing was on the wall for the silk trains.

War with Japan was the final nail in the coffin that killed all trade between the countries. The US Government had ordered all silk futures trading and production to cease as the demand for silk changed from the fashion trade to put parachutes on the backs of air-crew.

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Princeton Court News

EXCLUSIVE TO THE NEWS LEADER

News Leader Court Reporter Dawn Johnson

Local man loses his license

Princeton resident Kelly Herrick appeared in Provincial Court in Princeton on August 14 to plead guilty to driving without due care and attention.

Herrick was apprehended on April 22 when a police officer saw a red pick-up turn erratically and then drive 60 kmph in a 30 kmph zone. When the officer pulled the vehicle over, he noted signs of impairment and arrested Herrick for impaired driving.

The impaired charge was dropped and Herrick pled guilty to driving

without due care and attention under section 144 of the provincial Motor Vehicle Act.

This charge carries a reduced penalty.

Due to the fact that Herrick con-

Joy ride brings penalty

A vehicle theft described as a "joy ride type" brought Ryan Patt to Provincial Court in Princeton on August 14. Patt entered a guilty plea to a charge of possession of stolen property. He was a passen-

ger in the vehicle and did not know it was stolen until the driver told him. The theft occurred in Hedley on April 6, when Patt and the driver took the vehicle on the road to Princeton. They were apprehended after a local resident helped remove the vehicle from an obstruction on which it was stuck. The 18 year old Chilliwack resident had no prior convictions, and was ordered to serve 12 months probation. He must pay the vehicle owner \$200 for damages. Patt must serve 24 hours of community service work and write a letter of apology to the vehicle owner.

Man pleads guilty

A 36 year old Ladysmith, B.C. resident, Larry Phillips, appeared in Provincial Court in Princeton on August 14 to plead guilty to a charge of driving without due care and attention under the provincial Motor Vehicle Act. The was a reduced penalty charge substituted for an impaired driving charge under the Canada Criminal Code.

Phillips was apprehended in September 2007 when a police officer saw a vehicle turn off the highway without signalling. The officer followed and pulled over the vehicle, and noted the driver had signs of impairment.

Phillips was ordered to pay a \$600 fine and is prohibited from driving for three months.

Mortician arraigned

After months of court proceedings and a change in lawyers, Frederick W. Netherton was arraigned in Provincial Court in Princeton on August 14.

Netherton elected trial by Supreme Court judge. On August 20, in Penticton, a date will be set for a

preliminary inquiry into the evidence supporting the 38 charges against Netherton, a former Princeton mortician.

He is charged with fraud, interference with a dead body, and neglecting to perform duties related to burial.

Crown fails to prove case

An interesting trial took place in Provincial Court in Princeton on August 15. Borna Ashari, of Vancouver, had been charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) when stopped in a routine road check in Princeton on August 2, 2007.

Two RCMP witnesses presented evidence for the Crown. The first officer described spotting a car at a

local gas station and running the licence number. He found there had been a level 2 vehicle inspection order with which the owner had not complied. The car left the gas station, and police followed and pulled it over.

When the officers went to the car to talk to the driver, both noted a strong odour of "green" marijuana continued on Page 24

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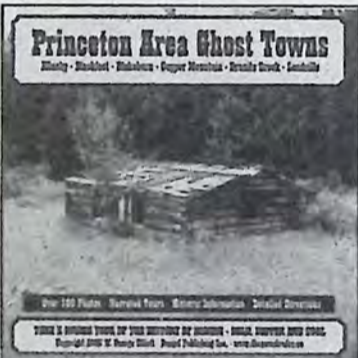
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Princeton's very own 'Celtic Spirit' performing on the Museum stage during the 1st annual Princeton Traditional Music Festival August 16th. There were two stages of entertainment during two days. *



Traditional music also means a lot of dancing and celebrating. Dance groups performed all weekend long in Cenotaph Park as part of the Traditional Music Festival. *



Glen Esdale explains the mechanics behind producing sound on bagpipes prior to his performance on the Billiter Street stage during the Traditional Music Festival. *

weekly entertainment guide

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2008 THROUGH MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008



Rod Dixon and John Henry of the China Ridge Cross Country Ski Association bike riding around the trails with Slovene Olympic Team Leader Marko Gracer, his son Matic and Nat Brown. The training course has been approved with the club having only minor trail improvements to do this fall. In January 2009, the Slovene Team will do their final training in Princeton in preparation for the World Cup Races. They will return in January 2010 to prepare for the Olympics. Photo: Kelley Cook

Park approves McLean tribute

The Kenny McLean Project Committee has received approval from Centennial Park in Okanagan Falls, south of Penticton, to install a life-size bronze sculpture of Okanagan Falls's very own rodeo champion, Kenny McLean.

The bronze sculpture is estimated to be 18-feet high once complete.

The Honourable Stockwell Day, Bill Barisoff, Senator Ross Fitzpatrick and Director Bill Schwarz together with Okanagan Falls Heritage & Museum Society and the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen invite the public to the Kenny McLean Miniature Statue Unveiling and Fundraising Campaign.

The ceremony is set to take place Tuesday, August 19th beginning at

2:00 PM in Centennial Park, Okanagan Falls, located at the corner of Highway 97 and Veterans Way.

To raise money for this project, the Committee will be selling 100 limited edition 18-inch replica bronzes for \$2,500 each.

Kenny McLean was born May 13, 1939 in Penticton and resided in Okanagan Falls.

He started breaking colts for his father when he was just 12-years old and went on to rodeo competitions at the age of 17.

He won 14 Canadian Championships and in 1962 was the World Saddle Bronc Champion. McLean was inducted into the Canadian Rodeo Hall of Fame and was the only rodeo cow-

boy to be inducted into the BC Hall of Fame.

He also received Canada's highest honour, the Order of Canada, again, the only cowboy to receive such an honour.

During McLean's life he sponsored and ran rodeo schools, particularly for the young, training many future champions and many champions returned again and again to improve their skills at the sport.

McLean moved to Princeton in the early 1980's where he lived with his wife, Paula, in a mobile home near the stables at Princeton Fairgrounds.

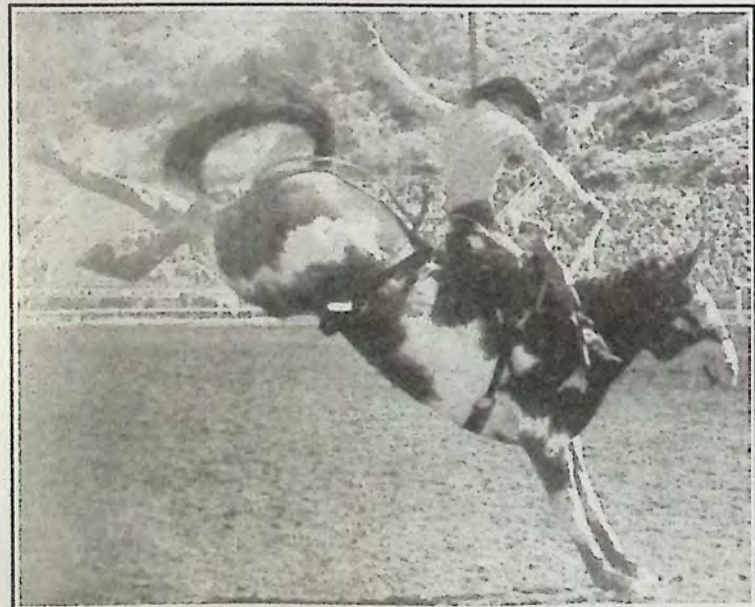
There, McLean used the large indoor arena and the outdoor rodeo grounds for many of his training programs.

After a few years the McLean's moved to Montana.

The large indoor arena he had used at Princeton Fairgrounds was dedicated the 'Kenny McLean Memorial Arena' this past May by the Princeton Rodeo Club to honour McLean and to recognize his contribution to local rodeo activities.

McLean never gave up his passion for rodeo and continued to encourage young competitors right up until he passed away on July 13, 2002.

The Kenny McLean Project Committee has received some support from Regal Ridge (Adrian Erickson), Greyback Construction (Larry Kenyon), Okanagan Electric and Community Futures.



Kenny McLean - doing what he did best. - photo submitted

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The 'Rattlebone Band' from Vancouver perform on the Billter Street stage prior to the opening ceremonies Saturday, August 16th at the Princeton Traditional Music Festival. *



Princeton Posse held a hot dog fundraiser in Cenotaph Park during the Traditional Music Festival. Princeton Museum manned an information and souvenir booth, also in Cenotaph Park. *



BC Southern Interior MP Alex Atamanenko spoke during the opening ceremonies of the Princeton Traditional Music Festival and later appeared as one of the performers on the Museum stage. *

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008

Table with 20 columns (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITV, CBC, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FAM, CITY, SPIKE, TROP) and 24 rows (6 AM to 11:30 PM) listing TV programs and channels.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2008

Table of TV schedules for Thursday, August 21, 2008. Columns include channel numbers (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) and program names like 'All-Family', 'News (N)', 'The Sopranos', 'The Price Is Right', etc.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2008

Table of TV schedules for Friday, August 22, 2008. Columns include channel numbers (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) and program names like 'All-Family', 'News (N)', 'The Sopranos', 'The Price Is Right', etc.

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THIS WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
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saturday movies

MORNING

- 9:30 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Buddy" (1997, Drama) Rene Russo. An animal lover raises a baby gorilla in 1920s Brooklyn, along with a slew of geese, dogs, horses and chimps. (E)
- 10:30 am A&E (9) ★★ "Entrapment" (1999, Action) Sean Connery. A woman pretends to be a burglar to catch a gentleman thief planning a big heist in Malaysia on the eve of the millennium. (E)
- 11:15 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Cats & Dogs" (2001, Comedy) Jeff Goldblum. An eager beagle joins undercover canines on a mission to foil a feline plot to make all people allergic to dogs. (E)

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 pm FAM (26) "Get a Clue" (2002, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan. A 13-year-old student enlists the aid of her friends in order to rescue her English teacher. (E)
- 1:00 pm A&E (9) ★★½ "Wyatt Earp" (1994, Biography) Kevin Costner. The portrait traces him from Southern boy to Western lawman defending boomtowns with his brothers and Doc Holliday. (E)
- 1:30 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Going to the Mat" (2004, Drama) Andrew Lawrence. A blind teenager becomes a high-school wrestler after his family moves from New York to the Midwest. (E)

- 5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Donnie Brasco" (1997, Crime Drama) Al Pacino. An undercover FBI agent uses the patronage of an unwitting mobster to infiltrate the New York Mafia. (E)
- A&E (9) ★★½ "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall. Cattle herdsman unite to battle a ruthless rancher and his henchmen in 1882. (E)

EVENING

- 6:00 pm CITY (29) ★★½ "Treed Murray" (2001, Drama) David Hewlett. A teenage mugger and his gang of thugs trap an adman in a tree in a Toronto park. (E) (DVS)
- 7:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Hard Rain" (1998, Action) Morgan Freeman. A thief, a sheriff and the nephew of an armored-truck driver seek money bags in a flooding Indiana town. (E)
- 8:00 pm CHBC (4) ★★½ "Still Small Voices" (2007, Suspense) Catherine Bell. A 911 operator uncovers a startling secret while investigating her visions of a missing girl. (E) (DVS)
- KXLY (10) ★★½ "Madagascar" (2005, Comedy) Voices of Ben Stiller. Animated. Zoo animals must learn to survive in the wild after they wash ashore on an exotic island. (In Stereo) (E)
- VTV (22) "Black Widow" (2006, Suspense) Kelly McGillis. Authorities become suspicious about a man

- whose wives have died under mysterious circumstances. (In Stereo) (E) (DVS)
- 9:00 pm A&E (9) ★★½ "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall. Cattle herdsman unite to battle a ruthless rancher and his henchmen in 1882. (E)
- FAM (26) ★★½ "Only You" (1994, Romance-Comedy) Marisa Tomei. Premiere. A Pittsburgh teacher leaves her fiancé for Italy in pursuit of a man with the name of her soul mate. (E)
- CITY (29) ★★½ "Men of Honor" (2000, Drama) Robert De Niro. The U.S. Navy's first black diver battles a salty chief, racial prejudice and a crippling setback. (E)
- 10:55 pm FAM (26) "You Wish!" (2003, Fantasy) A.J. Trauth. An exasperated teen makes a wish that he didn't have a younger brother, and awakens to find that it has come true. (E)
- 11:00 pm SPIKE (44) ★★½ "Shade" (2003, Suspense) Stuart Townsend. Two grifters join forces with two card-players to swindle a legendary gambler in a high-stakes poker game. (In Stereo) (E)
- 11:30 pm CITY (12) ★★½ "Scary Movie" (2000, Comedy) Shawn Wayans. Premiere. Keenen Ivory Wayans directed this sendup of slasher films in which a vengeful killer stalks a group of nubile teens. (E)
- CITY (29) ★★½ "Treed Murray" (2001, Drama) David Hewlett. A teenage mugger and his gang of thugs trap an adman in a tree in a Toronto park. (E) (DVS)

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sunday movies

MORNING

- 7:30 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Mimic" (1997, Horror) Mira Sorvino. Married scientists battle killer cockroaches with the ability to assume human form. (E)
- 9:00 am A&E (9) ★★½ "Sleeping With the Enemy" (1991, Suspense) Julia Roberts. The battered wife of a yuppie neat-freak fakes her death at sea and flees from Cape Cod to Iowa. (E)
- 9:30 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Outbreak" (1995, Suspense) Dustin Hoffman. An Army doctor fights the spread of a deadly virus brought into the United States by an African monkey. (E)

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" (2003, Action) Uma Thurman. Awakening from a coma, an assassin seeks vengeance against her former boss and his ruthless gang. (E)
- FAM (26) "The Cheetah Girls: One World" (2008, Comedy-Drama) Adrienne Bailon. The Cheetah Girls go to India to appear in a Bollywood musical, but the director can choose only one of them for the role.
- 1:00 pm CBC (13) ★★½ "The Pink Panther" (1964, Comedy) Peter Sellers. Clumsy Inspector Jacques Clouseau chases a jewel thief and

- his nephew. (E)
- 1:30 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Double Teamed" (2002, Docudrama) Poppi Monroe. Twins Heather and Heidi Burge develop a budding rivalry in high school and make it to the WNBA.
- 2:15 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (2004, Action) Uma Thurman. Before confronting her former boss, an assassin goes after the man's younger brother and her one-eyed counterpart. (E)
- 3:00 pm VTV (22) "Loving Evangeline" (1998, Romance) Nick Mancuso. The owner of a beautiful marina helps a magnate investigate his brother's suspicious boating death. (In Stereo) (E)
- 4:00 pm YTV (18) ★★½ "Babe: Pig in the City" (1998, Fantasy) Magda Szubanski. A farmer's wife and her young porker are detained in a city rooming house with a menagerie. Live action/animatronics. (In Stereo) (E)
- CITY (29) ★★½ "Never Been Kissed" (1999, Romance-Comedy) Drew Barrymore. A former high-school nerd, now a reporter, gets a second chance when she goes undercover for a story on cool teens. (E)
- 5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "A Knight's Tale" (2001, Adventure) Heath Ledger. An English commoner dons the armor of a dead jousting and, with the help of friends, com-

- petes against nobles in 14th-century France. (E)

EVENING

- 6:00 pm YTV (18) ★★½ "Racing Stripes" (2005, Comedy) Bruce Greenwood. A former horse trainer prepares his daughter to race a baby zebra against Thoroughbreds. (In Stereo) (E)
- CITY (29) ★★½ "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" (2003, Action) Antonio Banderas. A corrupt CIA agent recruits a tormented gunman to stop conspirators from assassinating the president of Mexico. (E)
- 7:00 pm SPIKE (44) "S.I.S." (2008, Crime Drama) Keith David. Premiere. A secret unit of the Los Angeles Police Department investigates crimes. (In Stereo) (E)
- 7:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "A Knight's Tale" (2001, Adventure) Heath Ledger. An English commoner dons the armor of a dead jousting and, with the help of friends, competes against nobles in 14th-century France. (E)
- 8:00 pm CBC (13) "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Silk Stocking" (2004, Mystery) Rupert Everett. The detective and Dr. Watson investigate the death of a young woman found in the Thames.
- 9:00 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Ernest Goes to Jail" (1990, Comedy) Jim Varney. A case of mistaken identity lands a bumbling bank janitor in the slammer and his criminal look-alike on the streets. (E)

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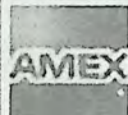
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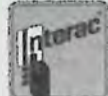
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my turn

I'm due for a rebate

While waiting for coffee to brew one morning I thought about a conversation I had earlier in the week.

I was talking to a client/friend in Cawston and when he asked how things were I told him the truth, which included the fact that both Brenda and I have family members who are or have been hospitalized and recovering from ailments.

He went on to tell me about at least one family death and a variety of health issues floating around in his family tree.

Then I mentioned that I rarely get sick. Maybe the sniffles every now and then and the odd headache but I honestly can't remember the last time I stayed home from work because I was sick.

He shared the same information with me about his health.

I made a joke about both of us being too busy or working too hard to get sick. We laughed, then moved on to business.

I hadn't thought about the conversation again until days later waiting for the coffee machine to catch up to my need for caffeine.

The more I thought about it, the more it made sense to me that I am probably due for a rebate of some kind for not feeding off the health care system due to my amazingly healthy body.

Sure, I'm easily 15 (or more) pounds heavier than I wish I was, and I don't always eat the healthiest food I can, nor do I exercise like I used to, but I don't get sick that often and that's got to be worth something.

Another conversation during the week revolved around healthy eating and my observation that all the food that's good for you costs the most. And I'm not just talking locally. Go to any 'healthy' place in the Okanagan and discover the real cost of eating healthy. No wonder most of us have cravings for the bad stuff - it's often all we can afford.

So there's my idea for a rebate.

I think instead of carbon tax rebates and GST rebates, those of us who don't get sick enough to access the health care system should receive a hefty rebate for use on healthy products.

It might be enough to make me consider buying the 12-dollar loaf of specialty bread made with chemical-free, organically-grown, hand picked in fair trade ya-ya beans in one of those fancy big city 'healthy' stores instead of the \$1.99 60% brown I normally buy.

I think there's a really strong argument here in promoting healthy lifestyles and eating habits by getting into our wallets and rewarding those of us who don't suck the life out of the health care system with our sniffles and headaches buy feeding us a little green so we can get a little greener at the kitchen table.

There's nothing wrong with existing healthy eating programs as they are a step in the right direction, only I think the driver of that bus should be someone other than locals.

By rewarding us for being healthy by keeping us healthy will benefit our society as a whole. And give the odd doctor a day off.

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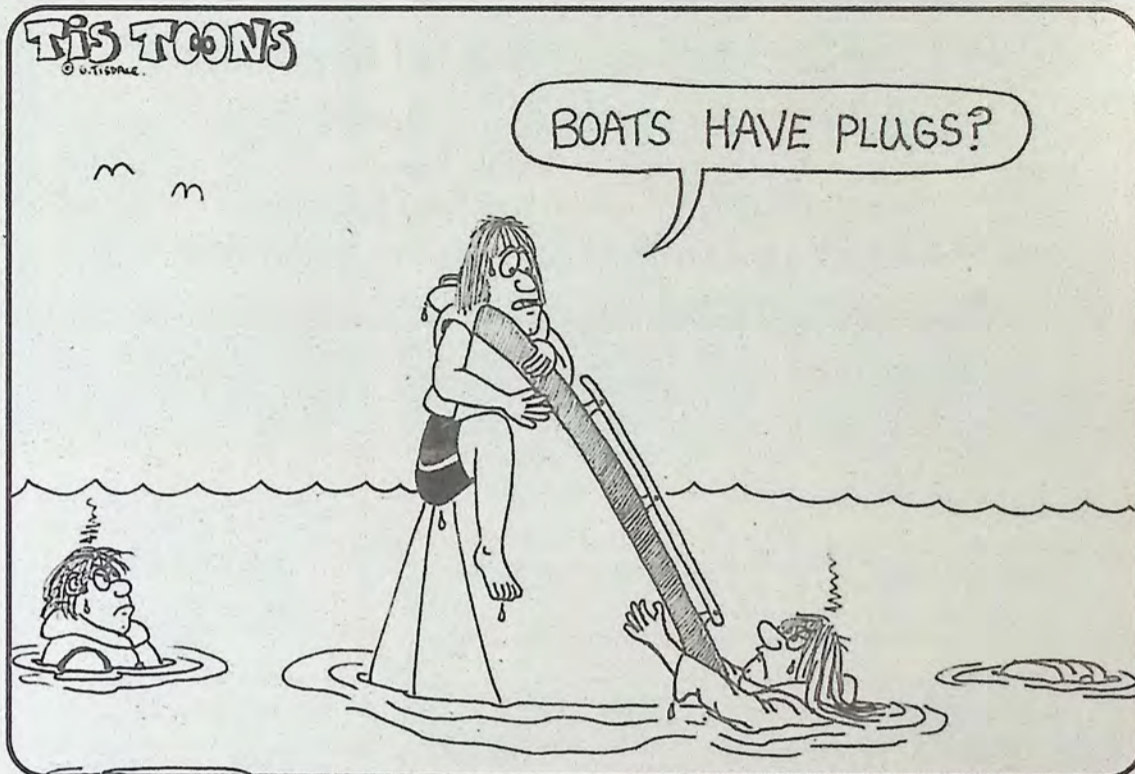
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your turn

Mayor Randy McLean speaks

To The Editor;

The week was a very rewarding one for me, as mayor, and up to this point it doesn't as yet, include my daughter's wedding.

The airport fuel system is up and running and this is in no small part due to 'Airport Dave' Woodruff and Jim Barnes. The small fires in our vicinity have resulted in fuel sales approaching 10,000 litres - this requires an enormous commitment from Dave until he is able to complete the automatic sale equipment.

The large truck that we acquired in the fuel equipment purchase will enable us, during large fires, to take the fuel nearer the fire. This is a huge savings for the Forestry Division and they are able to pay for this service which allows the aircraft to concentrate their time on the fire.

We were originally thinking of selling the truck as it was explained they are worth almost as much as we paid for all the equipment, however, forestry personnel explained we could make that back in one busy fire season and as well, the truck is valuable around the airport.

This facility should really be

viewed once it is completed as it is a real addition to our airport.

On Monday (August 11) I traveled to Hedley for the presentation by MP Ron Cannan of what should be the last of the funding for the 'Bridge of Dreams.' This is the all-wood structure to be built on the railroad bridge foundation beside the Merritt Highway bridge which will connect the Trans Canada Trail through our community.

Once completed, it will be an attraction in itself, and will add to our town square and museum expansion once they are complete. Judy Short and her trail committee are to be congratulated; they have accomplished a huge feat.

I was sorry to miss the museum tea party that honoured Evelyn McCallum for her many years of keeping the museum operating. I can't wait to see the look on her face when we expand and remodel that facility, she should be so proud.

On Wednesday (August 13) I attended the ceremony and had the pleasure of presenting the certificates to the paramedics at the ambulance station.

These paramedics have graduated to Primary Care Paramedics which greatly increases their capabilities and enables them to increase their administration of treatment. For some time we have been lobbying the province that we need the highest level of paramedic as a result of our highway and the advent of regional hospitalization.

This is a big step forward for many of these medical personnel

and it is an improvement in the care we receive. We have also been encouraging the authorities to increase their duties and responsibilities within the health care system as you have very highly qualified people available now that they have this level of training.

We will never quit lobbying government for some semblance of our original operating room, but in the meantime having these more highly qualified paramedics available is a definite improvement.

Greg Dunn, BC Ambulance Superintendent of the Thompson District was on hand to present certificates of appreciation and I accepted on behalf of the town and our South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation. Joanne Ferguson of Princeton and Greg deserve a lot of credit for bringing this opportunity forward and Interior Health's Lorraine Ferguson, Keremeos Mayor Walter Despot and South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation for finding the funding for the training.

So, as you can see, it was a great week. These victories are cases in point of dedicated volunteers of our community coming up with great ideas and taking the time and effort to follow them through. They are shining illustrations of that well-known quote by Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world, indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

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Let's stop the world right here



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Princeton is getting back to the way it was many years ago: we're celebrating!

Starting with the rodeo this year, and going on to golf tournaments, ball tournaments, Princeton Performing Arts play and gala, ATVBC poker run, Racing Days, the Show 'n' Shine, the museum tea, the Traditional Music Festival, we have been celebrating our community.

Next, we will enjoy our annual Fall Fair, which will be bigger and better this year. Then we host the BC bullriding finals.

That is a lot of celebrating, but that is what Princeton has done well through the years.

The entire valley has celebrated special days, whether it was Music Under the K, Tulameen Days, Kars Under the K, or the Elks Rodeo.

Similkameen Sizzle is coming in September.

This is a great valley for celebrating all kinds of things. We do it well.

In winter, we will celebrate a lot of hockey games for young and older folk, and we will see more arts and cultural activities. There

will be snowmobiling events and cross-country ski events.

Figure skaters will do their best to put on a show for us. The Highland dancers will have their special day, and we will have a ballet in the spring.

I often hear people complain there is nothing to do in Princeton (or Hedley, or Keremeos, or Tulameen) but in fact, these are busy communities.

I haven't mentioned the fishing derbies, the barbecues, the hunter's banquet and the small concerts, and I have said nothing about the many smaller events such as the Strawberry Tea and the Cawston plays.

One of the ways we fool ourselves into thinking there is nothing to do around here is our lack of advertising for everything that goes on. I often wonder why we don't have a lot of posters around for everything that happens.

I suspect we're so busy enjoying our celebrations we forget to tell the world what we're doing.

A lot of the events are well-advertised, but those are the really big events. What about the other stuff?

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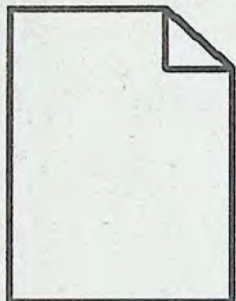
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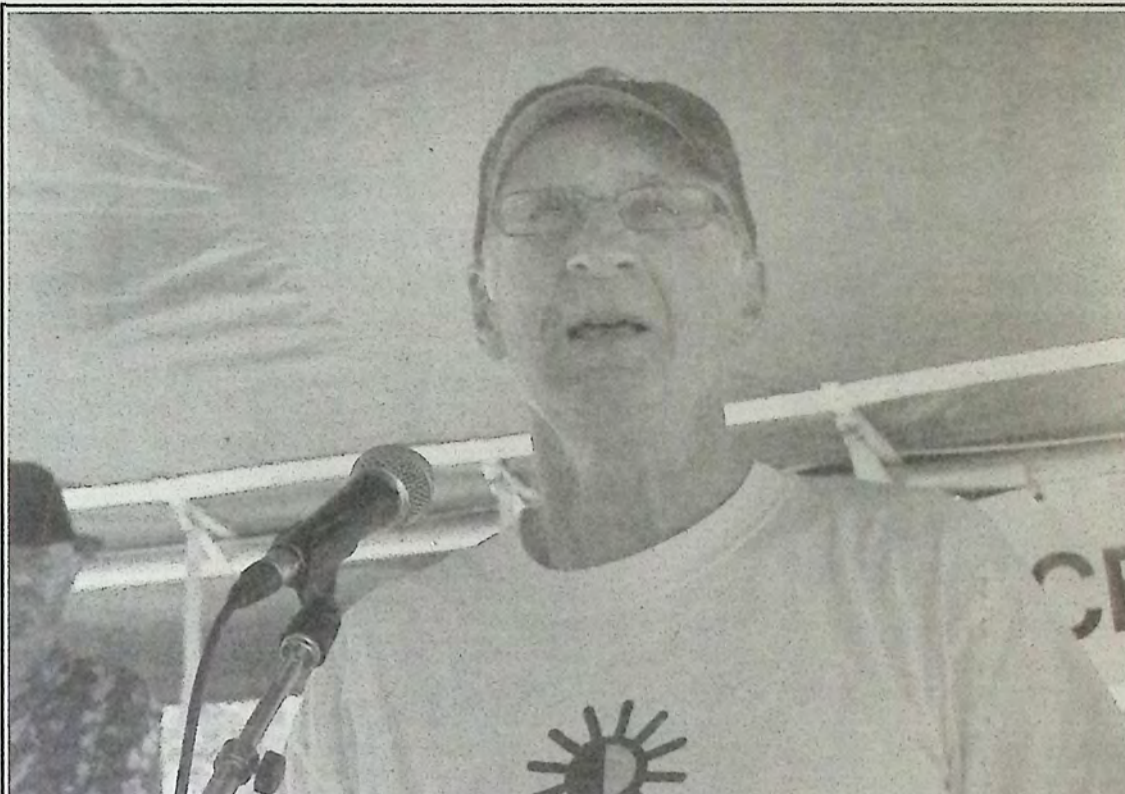


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CBC Radio Kelowna's Neil Gillon helped out during the Princeton Traditional Music Festival handling some MC duties. Similkameen News Leader Owner/Publisher George Elliott and Gillon worked together years ago when Gillon hired Elliott at a radio station he managed in Penticton in 1981. *

Princeton Court News

EXCLUSIVE TO THE NEWS LEADER

News Leader Court Reporter Dawn Johnson

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coming from the interior of the car. The four occupants were asked to leave the car and were arrested. The first officer dealt with the occupants, while the second officer conducted a search. The second officer found a baggie containing a substance he believed to be cocaine.

Ashari, the driver, said the cocaine was his for personal use. He asked for leniency, as he is a university student with hopes of becoming a lawyer.

The second officer testified he had taken the baggie with 1.5 grams of the substance to the RCMP station in Keremeos and placed it in an evidence locker. He related how it had been sent to a laboratory in New Westminster where an analyst filed a report that the substance was cocaine and returned the envelope and the report to Keremeos. He failed to give an identifying number of the evidence envelope nor produce the envelope as an exhibit in court.

To further complicate the evidence, the second officer testified he had

found an expired driver's licence with the baggie and had recorded the licence owner as "Eshari". Later, he changed it to "Ashari" in his notes, because he thought he had made a spelling error, but did not inform Crown Counsel of the change, nor any reason for it. As well, he had not retained the expired licence nor made a photocopy of it.

Judge Wilf Klinger stated the Crown had not proven continuity of the handing of the evidence, nor had provided the evidence. Judge Klinger further found the change of spelling in the officer's notes was not a "full and proper disclosure" to Crown.

Judge Klinger dismissed the charges.

Dorothy's Court Report

August will soon be over. So far we have not had too much heat to complain about. I wonder how the rest of this month and September will be? Let's hope we have good warm days!

It was so nice to have a brief visit from Dawn and Mel Reimer. As many oldtimers will remember Dawn (Faulkner then) was a nurse at our hospital.

By scooter I went to the birthday party (150th) at the museum. A lovely tent provided shade from the hot sun and for the few rain showers. A very nice celebration.

We were pleased to have Richard

and Dorothy come and play their guitar and sing for us. Most enjoyable. Many thanks!

Today we were privileged to have Melanie, Alexandra and Natalie to entertain us with their dancing. The three young ladies did very well. They had different costumes for each dance - they introduced each dance with no prompting. Their mother Lori was here as were her grandparents Ernie and Silica.

They must be proud of the girls. As I shall be away next week - a boat trip to Alaska - I hope to bring more news the following week.

- submitted by D. Stenvold

Letter To The Editor

Joe thanks some people

To The Editor;

After just having lost my wife to a seven year battle with breast cancer and multiple myeloma bone cancer including diabetes, shingles and two separate incidents of bone fractures I can truthfully say how grateful I am for our BC Health System.

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Thank you,
Joe Schwarz, Penticton

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Chris Corrigan and Brad Ovenell-Carter on the Billter Street stage. *



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Princeton Posse

KIJHL Junior 'B' Hockey Club

2008/09 Similkameen News Leader Clip 'n' Save Game Schedule

HOME

AWAY

Fri, Sep 5 - Summerland X
Wed, Sep 10 - Kamloops X
Sat, Sep 13 - Fernie
Fri, Sep 19 - Summerland
Sat, Sep 20 - Golden
Fri, Sep 26 - Col. Valley

Sun, Sep 7 - Summerland X
Mon, Sep 8 - Kamloops X
Fri, Sep 12 - Kamloops
Sat, Sep 27 - Chase

Wed, Oct 15 - Summerland
Sat, Oct 18 - Spokane
Fri, Oct 24 - Beaver Valley
Fri, Oct 31 - Revelstoke

Fri, Oct 3 - Castlegar
Sat, Oct 4 - Nelson
Fri, Oct 10 - Kamloops
Fri, Oct 17 - Sicamous
Sat, Oct 25 - Revelstoke

Sat, Nov 1 - Creston
Sun, Nov 2 - Sicamous
Sat, Nov 8 - Nelson
Fri, Nov 14 - Grand Forks
Sat, Nov 15 - Kamloops
Fri, Nov 28 - Castlegar
Sat, Nov 29 - Summerland

Fri, Nov 7 - Summerland
Fri, Nov 21 - Sicamous
Sat, Nov 22 - Col. Valley
Sun, Nov 23 - Golden

Fri, Dec 12 - Kamloops
Sat, Dec 13 - Chase

Fri, Dec 5 - Chase
Sat, Dec 6 - Kamloops
Fri, Dec 19 - Beaver Valley
Sat, Dec 20 - Spokane
Sun, Dec 21 - Grand Forks

Fri, Jan 2 - Sicamous
Sat, Jan 3 - Summerland
Wed, Jan 21 - Chase
Fri, Jan 30 - Revelstoke
Sat, Jan 31 - Kamloops

Sun, Jan 4 - Summerland
Fri, Jan 9 - Sicamous
Sat, Jan 10 - Revelstoke
Fri, Jan 23 - Fernie
Sat, Jan 24 - Kimberley
Sun, Jan 25 - Creston

Fri, Feb 6 - Kimberley
Sat, Feb 14 - Revelstoke
Sun, Feb 15 - Sicamous
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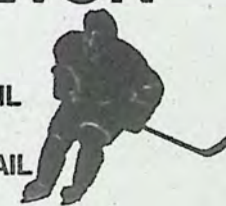
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